

Graduation Requirements – Classes of 2020 – 2023

Students who wish to graduate from Wilson Hill Academy (WHA) must meet all Minimum Credit and Residency Requirements.

Credit Requirements for WHA Diploma

Credit requirements are satisfied through School of Rhetoric (SOR) level coursework completed in grades 9-12, either via WHA courses or approved transfer credits. The Recommended Credits represent the academic rigor desired for colleges with more competitive admissions. Parents are encouraged to establish a graduation plan with the College Advisor upon entry to WHA School of Rhetoric and to review that plan with an advisor annually.

Subject Area	Minimum SOR Credits	Recommended Credits
English – Literature Includes 1 credit from each period—Classical, Medieval, Modern (as covered in The Great Conversation series courses shown in the recommended course of study) plus one additional Literature course. Ancient and one other course must be completed at WHA; Classical (either The Great Conversation 4 or The Great Conversation 1+4) and one other period from The Great Conversation 3, 5 or 6 courses must be taken at WHA.	4	4
English – Rhetoric Rhetoric 2 is required to be taken from WHA.	2	2
History Includes 1 credit from each period—Classical, Medieval, Modern (as covered in The Great Conversation series courses shown in the recommended course of study) plus one additional History course. Classical (either The Great Conversation 4 or The Great Conversation 1+4) and one other period from The Great Conversation 3, 5 or 6 courses must be taken at WHA.	4	4
Math Completion of Algebra 2 is required. Pre-Calculus/Trig and AP Calculus AB are recommended for students planning to pursue STEM or business programs in college.	3	4
Science Sciences shown in the recommended course of study are recommended but other laboratory sciences may be considered. AP Computer Science does not count toward science.	3	4
Language Credits must be earned in a single language sequence and taken in grades 9-12. May include Latin and Greek if taken in grades 9-12.	2	3-4
Classical Language (Latin or Greek proficiency through level 2) May be demonstrated by exam, completion of the WHA courses, or transfer from an approved school; will count for Language or Elective credit if taken in grades 9-12.	Proficiency through level 2.	Proficiency through level 2.
Logic (Proficiency through Logic 2 as a prerequisite to Rhetoric 1 and 2) Logic 1 and 2 will count for English Elective credit when taken in grades 9-12; the WHA Logic 2 course in grade 9 or 10 is ideal and recommended for success in Rhetoric 1 and 2 and the Senior Thesis.	Proficiency through Logic 2.	Proficiency through Logic 2.
Theology These credits are earned as part of the required courses in The Great Conversation series (TGC4 or TGC1+4 and one additional TGC course from levels 3, 5, & 6).	1	1
Fine Arts May be earned with AP Art History or approved transfer course; see Transfer Credit policies.	1	1
Electives Should be academic in nature.	3	3
PE Per accreditation, new for Class of 2020 and up; see Transfer Credit policies.	1	1
Total Credits	24	27 or more

Residency Requirements for WHA Diploma

Year Entering the School of Rhetoric at WHA	Number of WHA Courses Required by Graduation (Taken and passed in grades 9-12 only; number of courses, not credits)
Grade 9	12 or more
Grade 10	10 or more
Grade 11	7 or more
Grade 12	Four or more courses and approval Required by College Advisor.