



**9th-10th Grade Course Catalogue
School Year 2021-2022**

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Graduation Requirements

Girls Global Academy Public Charter School Graduation Requirements

Girls Global Academy Public Charter School (“Girls Global Academy PCS”) will meet standard graduation requirements set by District of Columbia Public Schools. Girls Global Academy PCS offers IB, AP, and CTE courses in the student’s regular schedule. All Girls Global Academy students will have the same promotion requirements. If a student is recommended for retention, the Success team, led by the College and Career Readiness Counselor, will review and revise the Personalized Learning Plan, meet with the parent/guardian and student, and articulate the path forward for credit recovery which may include summer school sessions.

Students in Washington, D.C. are required to take at least 2.0 credits of their 24.0 credits in college level or career preparation approved courses to include AP, IB, and CTE courses. Girls Global Academy students will meet the community service requirement of 100 hours through service learning during LEADership academy and out of school service projects. Paid experiences **do not** count for service learning. Students at Girls Global Academy PCS will participate in a variety of service learning experiences each year they are enrolled.

Credits: A minimum of 25.5 credits must be obtained as a student at Girls Global Academy PCS. Please see the breakdown below.

Girls Global Academy PCS Graduation Requirements

English 4 credits	1 credit in English 9* 1 credit in English 10* 1 credit in English 11* 1 credit in English 12*
Mathematics 4 credits	1 credit in Algebra 1* 1 credit in Geometry* 1 credit in Algebra II* 1 credit in upper level course*
Social Studies 4 credits	1 credit in World History I* 1 credit in World History II* 1 credit in US History* .5 credit in US Government* .5 credit District of Columbia History* .5 credit Women’s Studies IB Psychology HL, AP World History, AP US History, AP US Government can replace same name non AP/IB course
Science 4 credits 3 credits in lab sciences and 1	1 credit in Biology* 1 credit in Chemistry 1 credit in Environmental Science 1 credit in Physics

additional science course	IB Environmental Systems and Societies SL, AP Biology can replace same name non AP/IB course
Physical Education and Health 1.5 credits	.5 credit Physical Education I* .5 credit Physical Education II* .5 credit in Health* Physical education credit can be earned through a school sanctioned sports program
Fine Arts 1 credit	.5 credit in Art A/B* .5 credit in Music* IB Art HL can replace same name non AP/IB course
Pathways and CTE options 2 credits 3 total credits for qualifying courses in the chosen engineering or business pathway for the Certificate	1 credit Engineering Design* 1 credit Leadership* & Wealth Management* - Principles of Engineering* (mandatory for Engineering pathway only), Environmental Sustainability, Civil Engineering, Aerospace Engineering, Engineering Design and Development - Principles of Business* & Business Economics*(mandatory for Business pathway only), Principles of Marketing & Principles of Finance, Principles of Management & Business Strategies
World Languages 2 credits	1 credit in World Language 1 1 credit in World Language 2
Electives 3 credits	Any elective course listed will count as an elective. Credits earned over the minimum requirements will count toward elective
Service Learning	100 hours
Total Credit Hours	25.5

*indicates required course for graduation

GGA will admit new grade 11 students; however, these students may not qualify for the pathways certificate as a result of their entry grade. The grade 9 pathway coursework (Engineering Essentials and Leadership & Wealth Management) will be waived for grade 11 transfer students. Girls Global Academy will provide students with the pathways course progression in order to qualify for the CTE certificate option as a transfer student. Students enrolled in grade 11 as a transfer student will choose a

Pathway, either Engineering or Business and be placed in the required course (Principles of Engineering or Principles of Business and Business Economics). Students will take as many courses as possible in the Engineering or Business pathway prior to graduation. The placement in multiple pathway courses during grade 12 is dependent on a student's unique scheduling needs. Grade 11 transfer students will also be given a world language placement exam if there are no transferring world language credits to determine scheduling needs. Students that enroll in grade 9 with advanced world language credits will be enrolled in advanced language courses.

GGA will **not** admit new grade 12 students, as they would not have the requisite Career Pathways and IB coursework needed for graduation. Transferring students must present their grade transcript at the time of enrollment. Upon review of transfer student transcripts, GGA will honor the credits that have been earned by students from other schools for the same course. Thereafter, the GGA grading policy and graduation requirements are followed. Credit recovery will be offered to students who have not received a credit in core subject areas of English, Math, Science, and Biology. Credit recovery will not be for first-attempt credits.

Students may apply for a waiver to these graduation requirements, particularly in the event that they are transferring from another school. Waivers will be granted at the administration's discretion, only with significant cause, and with an eye toward preserving as much of the full GGA graduation requirements for each student as possible.

In particular, transfer students may apply for a waiver from Pathways courses. Waivers for Pathways courses will be granted only if completion of the Pathways/CTE courses impedes a student's ability to complete other graduation requirements.

GGA will **not** grant waivers for 11th grade IB coursework, so any transferring 12th grader must be able to transfer sufficient IB course credits to meet these graduation requirements.

CORE COURSES

ENGLISH

Course Number: ELA01	Course Name: English Language Arts 9
Prerequisite Course (s): N/A	English Language Arts 9 is an exploration of genres through a diverse group of classic and contemporary writers represented from around the globe. Through novels, poems, stories, and plays, students learn more about their own personal identity and the identity of others. Critical reading/literary analysis is balanced with open-ended engaging projects which are both essential to supporting students in college and career readiness standards.
Credits:1 Credit	
Course Length: 1 Year	
Graduation Requirement: YES	

Course Number: ELA02	Course Name: English Language Arts 10
Prerequisite Course (s): ELA9	English Language Arts 9 is an exploration of genres through a diverse group of classic and contemporary writers represented from around the globe. Through novels, poems, stories, and plays, students learn more about their own personal identity and the identity of others. Critical reading/literary analysis is balanced with open-ended engaging projects which are both essential to supporting students in college and career readiness standards.
Credits:1 Credit	
Course Length: 1 Year	
Graduation Requirement: YES	

MATHEMATICS

Course Number: MAT01	Course Name: Algebra I
Prerequisite Course (s): N/A	<p>The Algebra I course begins with connections back to earlier work to review concepts that students have already studied while at the same time moving them forward into high school standards. Students contrast exponential and linear functions as they explore exponential models using the familiar tools of tables, graphs, and symbols to tackle and analyze real-world data and issues from around the world. Finally, they apply these same tools to a study of quadratic functions. Throughout, the course students are given multiple entry points to model and make sense of mathematical concepts.</p>
Credits:1 Credit	
Course Length: 1 Year	
Graduation Requirement: YES	

Course Number: MAT02	Course Name: Geometry
Prerequisite Course (s): Algebra I	<p>Students have learned how to use algebraic functions to describe various situations in addition to learning skills that help with the usage of algebraic expressions to solve problems. In Geometry, students will continue to use their algebraic skills and apply them to geometric problems. Geometry is the branch of mathematics that deals with the shape and size of objects that we find all around us. As students study geometry, they will discover and use relationships among geometric shapes.</p>
Credits:1 Credit	
Course Length: 1 Year	
Graduation Requirement: YES	

Course Number: MAT03	Course Name: Algebra II
Prerequisite Course (s): Algebra I	<p>Students have learned how to use algebraic functions to describe various situations in addition to learning skills that help with the usage of algebraic expressions to solve problems. In Geometry, students will continue to use</p>
Credits:1 Credit	
Course Length: 1 Year	

Graduation Requirement: YES

their algebraic skills and apply them to geometric problems. Geometry is the branch of mathematics that deals with the shape and size of objects that we find all around us. As students study geometry, they will discover and use relationships among geometric shapes.

SCIENCE

Course Number: SCI01	Course Name: Biology
Prerequisite Course (s): N/A	The Biology course focuses on scientific inquiry, engineering, and STEM practices through phenomena and problems that are presented in the form of an essential question to answer at the end of each unit. Students explore what this problem looks like in another part of the world while engaging a similar problem in the local context through science labs and case studies. Topics studied include the nature of life, ecology, cells, genetics, evolution, and biodiversity.
Credits:1 Credit	
Course Length: 1 Year	
Graduation Requirement: YES	

Course Number: SCI02	Course Name: Chemistry
Prerequisite Course (s): N/A	The Biology course focuses on scientific inquiry, engineering, and STEM practices through phenomena and problems that are presented in the form of an essential question to answer at the end of each unit. Students explore what this problem looks like in another part of the world while engaging a similar problem in the local context through science labs and case studies. Topics studied include the nature of life, ecology, cells, genetics, evolution, and biodiversity.
Credits:1 Credit	
Course Length: 1 Year	
Graduation Requirement: YES	

SOCIAL STUDIES

Course Number: WRH9	Course Name: World History
Prerequisite Course (s): N/A	The World History course engages students through stories and eventful times to conduct historical investigation and analysis of both primary and secondary sources. Students are challenged to think more deeply about personal, national, and global identity by assuming roles, participating in decision trees, and simulations to develop reading, writing, speaking, and listening proficiencies.
Credits:1 Credit	
Course Length: 1 Year	
Graduation Requirement: YES	

Course Number: WRH10	Course Name: World History
Prerequisite Course (s): N/A	The World History course explores multiple perspectives in history and their impact. Thematic concepts show students why history matters today. Writing, reading, and vocabulary, critical thinking, and note-taking instruction help students understand world history and ensure content mastery for all learners.
Prerequisite Course (s): WRH9	
Credits:1 Credit	
Course Length: 1 Year	
Graduation Requirement: YES	

Course Number: APWRH	Course Name: AP World History
Prerequisite Course (s): WRH9	In AP World History: Modern, students investigate significant events, individuals, developments, and processes from 1200 to the present. Students develop and use the same skills and methods employed by historians: analyzing primary and secondary sources; developing historical arguments; making historical connections; and utilizing reasoning about comparison, causation, and continuity and change. The course provides six themes that students explore throughout the course in order to make connections among historical developments in different times and places: humans and the environment,
Credits:1 Credit	
Course Length: 1 Year	
Graduation Requirement: NO	

	cultural developments and interactions, governance, economic systems, social interactions and organization, and technology and innovation.
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WORLD LANGUAGES

Girls Global will do its best to accommodate students and ensure continuity with world languages students may have started prior to their attendance at Girls Global.

Course Number: LAN01	Course Name: Spanish One
Prerequisite Course (s): N/A	The Spanish One course immerses students in authentic cultural experiences through engaging theme-based learning to include culture, health, technology, and travel. Reading, writing, listening and speaking proficiency are emphasized to support students in language proficiency to communicate about themselves and their world.
Credits:1 Credit	
Course Length: 1 Year	
Graduation Requirement: YES	

Course Number: LAN02	Course Name: Spanish Two
Prerequisite Course (s): Spanish One	The Spanish two course continues to immerse students in authentic cultural experiences through engaging theme-based learning on engaging topics. There is a continued emphasis on reading, writing, listening and speaking proficiency are emphasized to support students in language proficiency to communicate about themselves and their world.
Credits:1 Credit	
Course Length: 1 Year	
Graduation Requirement: NO	

Course Number: LAN03	Course Name: Spanish Three
Prerequisite Course (s): Spanish Two	The Spanish two course continues to immerse students in authentic cultural experiences through engaging theme-based learning on engaging topics. There is a continued emphasis on reading, writing, listening and speaking proficiency are emphasized to support students in language proficiency to communicate about themselves and their world.
Credits:1 Credit	
Course Length: 1 Year	
Graduation Requirement: Completer	

Course Number: CHI1	Course Name: Chinese One
Prerequisite Course (s): N/A	The Mandarin One course immerses students in authentic cultural experiences through engaging theme-based learning to include culture, health, technology, and travel. Reading, writing, listening and speaking proficiency are emphasized to support students in language proficiency to communicate about themselves and their world.
Credits:1 Credit	
Course Length: 1 Year	
Graduation Requirement: YES	

Course Number: CHI2	Course Name: Chinese Two
Prerequisite Course (s): Chinese One	The Chinese two course continues to immerse students in authentic cultural experiences through engaging theme-based learning on engaging topics. There is a continued emphasis on reading, writing, listening and speaking proficiency are emphasized to support students in language proficiency to communicate about themselves and their world.
Credits:1 Credit	
Course Length: 1 Year	
Graduation Requirement: NO	

Course Number: CHI3	Course Name: Chinese Three
Prerequisite Course (s): Chinese one & two	The Chinese three is designed for students who have had at least two years of Chinese study. Students use their knowledge base of words and phrases to start constructing more complex writings through the use of a variety of texts with the goal of successfully navigating daily life.
Credits:1 Credit	
Course Length: 1 Year	
Graduation Requirement: NO	

Course Number:	Course Name: Chinese Five
Prerequisite Course (s): Chinese Four	This course focuses on applying Chinese language and cultural skills in real-world situations, and exploring a variety of topics in Chinese history, geography, music and arts, literature, daily life, and national and global issues. Students use teamwork,
Credits:1 Credit	
Course Length: 1 Year	
Graduation Requirement: No	

	group online seminars, one-on-one conferences with the teacher, and a variety of engaging activities and experiential projects to meet individual needs. Students gain the high language proficiency and cultural competency to compare, examine, evaluate and solve conflicts successfully. (OneSchoolHouse)
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Course Number:	Course Name: AP French
Prerequisite Course (s): French Four	AP® French Language and Culture is designed to provide deeper understanding and broader application into French language. By the end of this course, students will be able to interpret and discuss historical and cultural topics, as well as current events pertaining to the various communities that exist in the Francophone world. Students explore six themes throughout the course: Personal and Public Identities, Families and Communities, Global Challenges, Science and Technology, Contemporary Life and Beauty and Aesthetics. Students use information from a wide range of sources to engage in learning, discussion, and analysis activities as they deepen their understanding and confidence in the grammatical structures of the language. (OneSchoolHouse)
Credits:1 Credit	
Course Length: 1 Year	
Graduation Requirement: No	

PATHWAYS

ENGINEERING

Course Number: ENG9	Course Name: Engineering Essentials
Prerequisite Course (s): N/A	Engineering Essentials is a brand new course designed as a first-exposure experience to inspire students of all backgrounds to explore the breadth of engineering-related career opportunities. Throughout the course, students explore global engineering challenges and sustainability goals, the impact of engineering, and the variety of career paths available to them.
Credits:1 Credit	
Course Length: 1 Year	
Graduation Requirement: YES	

Course Number: ENG10	Course Name: Intro to Engineering Design
Prerequisite Course (s): Engineering Essentials	PLTW: Students dig deep into the engineering design process, applying math, science, and engineering standards to hands-on projects like designing a new toy or improving an existing product.
Credits:1 Credit	
Course Length: 1 Year	
Graduation Requirement: YES <i>(if you have declared engineering as your pathway)</i>	

BUSINESS

Course Number: BUS9	Course Name: Wealth Management
Prerequisite Course (s): N/A	This project-based financial literacy and investment course develops student understanding and skills in such areas as personal finance, types of investment, the stock market, and stock valuation. Students acquire an understanding and appreciation of the need for personal financial management and investing. To encourage immediate implementation of financial literacy and investment skills, Wealth Management utilizes an on-going
Credits:1 Credit	
Course Length: 1 Year	
Graduation Requirement: YES	

	<p>investment project for course delivery and reinforcement. The course content is sequenced for students to develop a diversified, balanced investment portfolio based both on their interest in products and companies and on fundamental analysis. Throughout the course, students are presented with problem-solving situations for which they must apply academic and critical-thinking skills.</p>
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<p>Course Number: BUS10</p>	<p>Course Name: Accounting & Economics</p>
<p>Prerequisite Course (s): Wealth Management</p>	<p>Principles of Business and Economics, a project-based business course, develops student understanding and skills in such areas as business law, economics, financial analysis, human resources management, information management, marketing, operations, entrepreneurship, operations, professional development and strategic management. Students engage projects like analysis reports, investigations in the local business community, and decision matrices.</p>
<p>Credits:1 Credit</p>	
<p>Course Length: 1 Year</p>	
<p>Graduation Requirement: YES <i>(if you have declared business as your pathway)</i></p>	

ELECTIVES

FINE ARTS

Course Name: Art	
Prerequisite Course (s): N/A	Art will follow a historical timeline that studies the progression and application of the visual arts from ancient era to present day. Course content will introduce and develop skills and knowledge in the areas of art history, art criticism, design concepts, art production, and art careers. Experimentation with materials, understanding the principles and elements of art through research, and designing original artwork will be an integral part of this course.
Credits: N/A	
Course Length: 1 year	
Graduation Requirement:	

Course Name: Music	
Prerequisite Course (s): N/A	Music will follow a historical timeline that studies the progression and application of the music from ancient era to present day. Course content will introduce and develop skills and knowledge in the areas of music history, music theory and criticism, design and music production, and music careers. Experimentation with materials, understanding the principles and elements of music through research, and designing original music will be an integral part of this course.
Credits: N/A	
Course Length: 1 year	
Graduation Requirement:	

PHYSICAL EDUCATION and HEALTH

Course Number: PHE9	Course Name: Physical Education
Prerequisite Course (s): N/A	Curriculum is designed to engage high school students specifically using conceptual knowledge and high
Credits: ½ Credit	

Course Length: ½ Year	engagement activities that connect to the real world. Role-playing, decision-making, leadership, creation, and communication are embedded through character education to develop transferable personal and professional skills with the option to become Spark Fitness Instructor Certification.
Graduation Requirement: YES	

Course Number: HED9	Course Name: Health Education
Prerequisite Course (s): N/A	The Health Education course is designed to assist students in developing lifelong positive attitudes and behaviors to make wise decisions related to their personal health. Students study a variety of health topics to include community health, mental and emotional wellness, safety, nutrition, injury prevention, and sexual health. Students will have a clear understanding of how overall wellness is a part of their personal right and responsibility.
Credits: ½ Credit	
Course Length: ½ Year	
Graduation Requirement: YES	

ADVANCEMENT

Course Name: Learning Lab	
Prerequisite Course (s): N/A	Learning Lab is an opportunity for students to get targeted support and instruction with self-management, organizational and executive functioning skills, review of assignments and concepts, and work completion. Students are coached on goal-setting, tracking their progress, and study strategies for academic success.
Credits: N/A	
Course Length: 1 Year	
Graduation Requirement: N/A	

Course Name: Independent Study Academic Success	
Prerequisite Course (s): N/A	Academic Success Center is an opportunity for students to work independently on self-management, organizational and executive functioning skills, review of assignments and concepts, and work completion. Students practice applying the skills and strategies learned from academic courses.
Credits: ½ credit	
Course Length: 1 Year	
Graduation Requirement: N/A	

Course Name: Advisory Year One	
Prerequisite Course (s): N/A	Advisory is an opportunity for students to explore academic, social, and college/career topics in safe and brave spaces with a smaller cohort of students. Facilitated by an instructional staff member, the focus is on positive student to student and student to adult relationships developed through discussions, activities, and mini-projects.
Credits: ½ credit	
Course Length: 1 Year	
Graduation Requirement: YES	

Course Name: Advisory Year Two	
Prerequisite Course (s): Advisory One	Advisory is an opportunity for students to explore academic, social, and college/career topics in safe and brave spaces with a smaller cohort of students. Facilitated by an instructional staff
Credits: ½ credit	
Course Length: 1 Year	

Graduation Requirement: YES	member, the focus is on positive student to student and student to adult relationships developed through discussions, activities, and mini-projects. Year two's focus is on preparation for external opportunities like observationships.
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Course Name: LEADership Academy	
Prerequisite Course (s): N/A	LEADership Academy is the experiential learning component on Wednesdays at Girls Global Academy where students learn about important community issues, engage with people around the community issues, take action through awareness, service, advocacy, and/or philanthropy, and demonstrate impact through student-driven service-learning projects.
Credits: Earn Service Hours	
Course Length: 1 Year	
Graduation Requirement: YES	

Course Name: Community Meeting	
Prerequisite Course (s): N/A	At Girls Global Academy, we believe that voice and choice happens in a variety of settings. Community Meetings at Girls Global Academy are student-led and provide an opportunity for all stakeholders (students, staff, parents, and community members) to come together to greet and get to know each other better, participate in team-building activities that develop academic and social emotional learning, and disseminate important announcements. Student groups take turns in their advisory cohorts leading the meetings with the support of their advisor as a facilitator and guide.
Credits: N/A	
Course Length: 1 Year	
Graduation Requirement: NO	

Course Name: Student Leadership	
Prerequisite Course (s): N/A	<p>Student leadership combines experiential and project-based learning to empower students to make a difference at their school, in the community, and world. Student leadership supports the Girls Global Academy mission and vision of schools through the development of creative programming that contribute to a positive school climate and foster both academic and social-emotional growth.</p>
Credits: N/A	
Course Length: 1 year	
Graduation Requirement: NO	

Course Name: Yearbook	
Prerequisite Course (s): N/A	<p>This course is designed to develop students' skills in yearbook production by providing experiences in graphic design, photography, writing, and editing. Students learn basic principles of yearbook production and develop skills to include writing a copy, captions and headlines; digital photography; desktop publishing and using appropriate technology tools for media production.</p>
Credits: 1	
Course Length: 1 year	
Graduation Requirement: NO	