

RENAISSANCE "STREAMS"

Subject Area	"Renaissance" Traditional Emphasis	"Michelangelo" Arts Emphasis	"da Vinci" Science/Arts Emphasis	NOTES
English	4	4	4	Four English credits required for all streams. Consistent with other schools.
History	4	4	4	Four history credits required for all streams. By comparison, most schools require three.
Science	4	3	4	While three science credits are standard at most schools, "Renaissance" and "da Vinci" streams at Renaissance School require four.
Mathematics	3	3	4	Comparable to other schools, three mathematics credits required for "Renaissance" and "Michelangelo" streams, whereas four are required for "da Vinci".
Foreign Language	3	2+1	3	"Michelangelo" offers some flexibility, allowing third credit to be completed via alternative course such as art history, Italian Renaissance, or a second language choice, subject to approval.
Physical Activity	2	2	2	Two credits required for all streams. Consistent with other schools.
Visual Arts	2	2	2	Two credits required for all streams, representing a distinct advantage over comparable schools that require minimum or no credits in visual arts.
Performance Arts	2	2	2	Two credits required for all streams, representing a distinct advantage over comparable schools that require minimum or no credits in performance arts.
Music	2	2	2	Two credits required for all streams, representing a distinct advantage over comparable schools that require minimum or no credits in music.
Independent Study	1	1	1	Independent study program for juniors is required for all streams. Most schools do not require a comparable independent study course.
College Counseling	2	2	2	Renaissance School may be the only area school that requires students to take two years of college counseling credit, a distinct advantage of our curriculum, and a factor in our extraordinary college admissions/scholarship record.

Senior Thesis	1	1	1	Senior Thesis is a unique program that is required for all streams. Most schools have no thesis requirement and this enriching and rigorous course likely contributes to our seniors' excellent preparation for college admissions.
Additional	NA	3 (Arts)	2	An additional three credits in the arts are required for the "Michelangelo" stream, including scheduled time for portfolio or audition preparation. "da Vinci" students are required to take two additional credits which may include dual enrollment at UVA or PVCC.
TOTAL	30	32	33	The Strength of a Renaissance School Diploma: Renaissance students emerge from all three streams as well-rounded and disciplined learners ready for college and life. With a minimum of thirty credits, our students earn significantly more than they would at other area schools (which range from nineteen to twenty-four required credits).