

## Can I count MAFA for school credit?

Absolutely! At the end of each year, certificates are given to the students who have participated in the program stating how many hours they have had in arts education for that year. For high school transcripts you may count the total for history, fine arts, or an elective. For students enrolled in our high school Artios program, there are even more credits available.

### High School Credit Guidelines - Calculating Hours for Credit

Students who wish to use their classes at Master's Academy for one high school credit must do the equivalent of 2.4 hours of related outside study for each of the 25 weeks that classes meet. This is based on the Carnegie Method.

For instance, a year of course work (one credit) is roughly 36 weeks at 45 minutes per school day, or 135 hours. Students in the Master's Academy classes complete a minimum of 75 hours in class (this does not count the hours for related field trips, rehearsals or performances). That leaves 60 hours of extra study time to be done outside of class (less if you count the field trips, rehearsals, and performance hours). If that is divided over the 25 weeks that the classes meet, that means an additional 2.4 hours of study time per week for 25 weeks.

These extra hours are easily accomplished when the students do outside work on the projects that are assigned, attend the field trips that are scheduled, and read the corresponding chapters in the Streams of Civilization textbook and suggested reading list. In fact, if they do all of these activities, they will exceed the minimum requirements for a high school credit.

### What Types of Credits Can I Count Through Master's Academy?

The classroom hours at Master's Academy can be applied toward several types of credit, depending on the student's needs and interests.

#### History

All of the classroom hours at Master's Academy can be applied toward a history credit. Each student could choose to use those hours toward World History, Geography, Government and Economics, or Church History depending where they focus their outside work.

#### Literature

The Ancient Civilization period has books rich in classic literature. Students may apply their hours at Master's Academy toward a literature credit if they choose to do their outside work in this area. All of the classes contribute to the historical and cultural context within which the literature was produced. Depending on the needs of the student, this study could be done as an overview of many works, or by delving deeply into one or two.

#### Electives

Students can apply their hours at Master's Academy toward a general Fine Arts elective or focus their outside time toward a specific elective in Art, Music, or Drama. Again, the classroom time at Master's Academy provides the historical and cultural context for all of these.