

## *What do our students say about being in the Academy?*

*The Humanities Academy is a great program for students because it allows you to be around the same sea of faces, but you also get the opportunity to meet people outside the program. -Stina Lind*

*Humanities is one of the places where you can learn & thrive without compromising who you are. It is the smartest choice you will make in high school, because you will always be a person & never a number.*

*-Liz Simpson, Ryan Robertshaw*

*Coming from a small school I found the Humanities Program was such a great "in" to high school. It presents the opportunity to bond with your teachers and to make friends that will be there with you throughout your high school experience.*

*-Alexis Nicolai*

*I was really reluctant to try it. But it was a good choice because my four years in the Academy have been awesome.*

*-David Denniston*

*Humanities-where your teachers become your friends and your friends become your family.*

*-Amara Turzak*



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## HUMANITIES ACADEMY



The mission of the Humanities Academy is to promote the academic, social and ethical growth of all students within a small learning community. We strive to provide a supportive and collaborative environment that includes relevant curriculum emphasizing independence and self-direction.

We invite you to share  
in our vision!

## What is the Humanities Academy?

- ◇ A smaller learning environment that provides students with an educational opportunity that will prepare them for future academic, social, and career demands.
- ◇ Teaching that inspires learning.
- ◇ Learning that sparks a future career.
- ◇ A strong and unified support system of teachers.
- ◇ Teachers working collaboratively and utilizing a variety of instructional strategies that accommodate and engage individual learners.
- ◇ Teachers and students getting to know and care about each other.
- ◇ Opportunities to build relationships and develop a feeling of belonging.

The Humanities Academy is a school-within-a-school. Students who choose the Academy will take some classes with the same group of students and teachers for all four years. They may opt to return to the traditional NU program any time after their first year.

The Academy offers an interdisciplinary course of study integrating history, literature, math and foreign language. There is a focus on the great ideas which have shaped history and created contemporary civilization, exploring works from different historical eras and cultures, western and non-western.

Grades 11 and 12 are geared for self-directed students who want some flexibility in their daily schedules and course work.

## COURSES in the ACADEMY

Students must take English (and Social Studies when offered) to be in the Academy. Some math and language courses are offered, but not mandatory. However, we recommend students select courses within the Academy to get the full benefit of the Program. Academy students may avail themselves of the wealth of elective options offered at Nevada Union.

### 9th Grade

- English 1
- Math: Algebra 1 or Geometry (Other math courses available outside the Academy.)
- Elective option: Spanish 1 (Other languages available outside the Academy.)
- World Cultures/Health

### 10th Grade

- English 2\*
- World History
- Math
- Elective option: Spanish

### 11th Grade

- English 3\*
- United States History\*
- Math

### 12th Grade

- English 4\*
- American Government\*/Economics

\*Accelerated, Honors and AP classes available.



## How do I apply?

Applications can be obtained from a Counselor in the Student Services Center at Nevada Union High School.

For additional information regarding this smaller learning community, you can contact the Humanities Academy at the address and number listed below.



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