ATLANTA GIRLS' SCHOOL

Winterim Catalog

2018 -2019

Inspiring Girls to Lead Lives of Purpose

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Registration Guidelines

A course planning worksheet can be found at the back of this catalog. Students, with their parents, are encouraged to use this to write down their course preferences prior to registration on October 29th-November 2nd. Registration will take place online, but students and advisors should keep a copy of their choices.

Students must sign up for two courses in each category. Students will receive official schedules before winter break.

Winterim at AGS

Winterim is a two-week long term beginning immediately after Winter Break and concluding the Friday before MLK weekend. Students take four 1.5-hour classes each day. At its inception, Winterim was designed as a way to allow students to encounter topics that they might not otherwise encounter in school, to spark a new passion or hone an existing one, and to try something "new" in a less stressful environment.

As we think about what it means to be purpose-built for girls and as we look to the strengths of character, competency, and reflection that we want to instill, we have the opportunity to build a very intentional curriculum for our students, with classes that, in many creative ways, build the qualities that we want to see in an AGS graduate.

COURSE PHILOSOPHY
Various course offerings reflect the collaborative design-thinking approach to STEAM that has been a core value in our interdisciplinary curriculum. Students are invited to take a deep dive into rigorous content, including exploring AP topics; look inward to find ways to care for themselves; and look out into the world to make global connections.

Experiential learning classes provide opportunities for community collaboration that cultivate new interests, performance, service, awareness of diversity, hands-on making, or design work, as well as fitness, wellness, and personal growth. We are excited about several new offerings this year and the opportunity to grow and strengthen the program.

2019 Expectations

DATES
Winterim 2019 runs from Monday, January 7th through Friday, January 18th. The Winterim school day runs from 8:00 am to 3:05 pm (Mondays –Thursdays) and 9:00 am to 3:00 pm on Fridays.

STANDARDS
During Winterim, the school will continue to expect, both on and off campus, the same conduct that is expected of AGS students throughout the school year. Please review the Community Handbook for details.

DRESS
Students are not required to wear their AGS uniforms but must follow guidelines for appropriate dress. Students will have time to change attire depending on their course activities.

ATTENDANCE
Students will attend all classes and activities. The policy for absences during Winterim is the same as during the regular school year, as defined in the Community Handbook.

COURSE SCHEDULING
Students will take a total of four blocks per day during Winterim. Students are expected to choose a variety and balance of courses.

For courses with additional fees, please submit a check to Sara Fisher, Registrar, by Friday, December 7, 2018.

Winterim classes are not formally graded; however, we encourage teachers to provide informal feedback during the two-week period.

2019 Course Offerings

Looking In: These classes provide girls with opportunities for fitness, wellness, or personal growth. They highlight these characteristics of our portrait:

- Self-Awareness—understand the power and responsibility of your own voice
- Adaptivity—persist and find success with flexibility
- Responsivity—advocate with an open mind and willingness to try
- Empathy—adopt the viewpoint of others
- Health—exercise good choices for mind, body, and relationships

Blogging, Vlogging, & Podcasting
In this course, students will learn how to share information about themselves and their passions in a variety of formats. Students will learn ways in which personal blogs, vlogs, and podcasts can be created and refined. We will also discuss ways in which you can increase your audience.

Open to Middle School Students
Instructor: Mr. Ric White

Conditioning
This course is for anyone who wants to take her fitness to the next level. This class uses Crossfit style training and is taught by a Crossfit Level 1 trainer. The girls will be introduced to a variety of exercises, including Olympic lifts such as the back squat, power clean, and clean and jerk. They will also be exposed to kettlebells, slam balls, and plyo boxes which may be used during that day's WOD (workout of the day). You should expect to push yourself physically out of your comfort zone. A good attitude is mandatory for this class!

Open to Upper School Students. Required for students currently enrolled in Conditioning
Instructor: Coach Stacy Floyd

Eye of the Hurricane: Finding Calm in the Storm
Grab a cup of herbal tea and a yoga mat and come explore a variety of meditation practices and benefits. This class will include guided meditation with Deepak Chopra, mindfulness, visualization, Kundalini/chakra, and theta/megahertz meditation. Students will reflect about their experiences, change, and growth in private journals and fishbowl conversations.

Open to Upper School Students
Instructor: Ms. Dori Thurman

Teenage Driver Education
Taggart's Driving School will teach this driver education course consisting of 30 hours of classroom instruction. Additionally, each student will schedule six hours of private, individual, and behind-the-wheel training, with home pick-up, which must be completed within 60 days after Winterim ends. This course includes the state mandated four-hour alcohol and drug program (ADAP). This program meets the state requirements for Driver Education. **Payment is due Friday, December 7th**. Checks should be made payable to Taggart's Driving School and given to Sara Fisher. **Enrollment Cost: $495**
THIS IS A MORNING DOUBLE BLOCK COURSE. Friday morning course will begin at 8:45am.
Open to Upper School Students, Instructor: TBA

Fun with Fitness (Workout/Dance/Double Dutch)
Fitness doesn't have to be boring or repetitive. Let's make fitness fun by creating ways to burn calories through circuit training, double dutch, and dance. If you like to be creative and think outside of the box....then this is the class for you!

Open to Upper School Students
Instructor: Ms. Stephanie Jones

Girl 13
This class is all about 13 year old girls. We will determine how girls from other cultures and countries live and play. In addition, our curriculum for the two weeks covers everyday life skills that all middle school-aged girls should be exposed to as mature, capable young women in the community. Each girl will also undertake a "how to" demonstration of her choice.

Open to Middle School Students
Instructors: Ms. Gina Gordon &
Dr. Sylvia Rodríguez Vargas

Let's Step!
Stomp! Clap! Pat! Snap! Move! Where did it originate? What does it mean? Dive deep into the history of steppin' and what it means to step. During this time, you will learn moves from your instructor while creating some of your own.

Open to All Students
Instructor: Ms. Sara Fisher

Middle School Basketball
This class is for Middle School students who are on the Gold and Blue basketball teams. You will practice during one Winterim block each day throughout Winterim.

Required for Middle School Basketball Players
Instructor: Coach Jessica Forte-Paul

Middle School Mindfulness
Mindfulness is the focus on the present moment, and research shows that it can make us better students, friends, and family members. We will learn how to be mindful in our lives every day through meditation practices and physical activities (yoga, meditation walking, etc.) that can help us to focus and relax. Each student will create a different craft that will support this practice, including glitter jars, treasure maps, journals, collage, coloring, intention jars, and dream boxes.

Open to Middle School Students
Instructor: Ms. Billie Mears

Self-Defense – Anticipation and Preparation
As young women begin experiencing increased independence from their parents and begin to transition toward a college experience, it is essential that the fundamentals of self-defense are taught in an open, non-threatening, and practical environment. Participants will be taught the basics of a self-defense mindset, an understanding of predatory behaviors and "watch outs," as well as practical workouts that will build a base of both offensive and defensive techniques.

Open to 10^{th} – 12^{th} Grade Students
Instructor: Ms. Melissa Johnson

Soccer Skills
This class will be a review of some of the basics of soccer, as well as an introduction into some more

advanced skills. By the end of the course, you should have stronger, more accurate passes; quicker and more efficient dribbling; and better field awareness. This course is **strongly encouraged** for those students who wish to play varsity soccer.

Open to 8th – 12th Grade Students
Instructor: Mr. Ric White

Swim Team
This class will serve as swim team practice for the Middle School and varsity swim teams.

Required for Current Swim Team Members
Instructor: Coach Cat Stansbury

What's the +: A Study of LGBT+ Culture
An exploration into the LGBT movement, including a deep dive into the legacy of the trailblazers and the struggles within the community. We will look at landmark moments, advocacy groups, and current campaigns for equality.

Open to Upper School Students
Instructors: Ms. Dori Thurman, Mr. Nick Silvestri, & Coach Jessica Forte-Paul

I Am Woman, Hear Me Roar
The primary goals of this course are for students to develop an understanding of women's leadership and understand the ways in which women influence organizations. The course will rely heavily on the idea that one must know oneself first before exploring how she fits into the organization.

Open to Upper School Students
Instructor: Ms. Ayanna Hill-Gill

Looking Out: These experiential learning classes provide opportunities for community collaboration that cultivate new interests, performance, service, awareness of diversity, hands-on making, or design work. They highlight these portrait characteristics:

- Authenticity—present your true self
- Compassion—serve for the benefit of others
- Resilience—possess courage and lead with confidence
- Ethics—act with honor and integrity
- Generosity—practice giving with a gracious attitude

AGS Bake-Off
Baking brings people together to share in the sweetness that is created. You will work in teams to bake cakes and cookies to show off in a bake-off at the end of this course. Join us for a fun and delicious adventure.

THIS IS A DOUBLE BLOCK COURSE
Open to All Students
Instructors: Ms. Porsha Denson & Ms. Marilyn Rodgers

ART or Vandalism: The Role of Art in Public Spaces
Is it art or graffiti? And what is the difference? Who owns the spaces we all share? Who gets to decide what goes into those spaces? In this course, students will explore these questions to better understand the role and value of art in public spaces. Field trips and visits with local public artists will inform student discussions. Collaborating with a local public artist, students will identity potential spaces on campus for murals and work to design a mural for the AGS campus.

Open to Middle School Students

Instructors: Mr. Jonathan Grainger & Ms. Lauren Stumberg

Atlanta Comes to AGS
This course will consist of a series of guest speakers and workshops. Students will experience a variety of hands-on workshops and hear from members of the Atlanta community. If you are not afraid of variety, if you like being hands-on, and if you love learning from different people, this is the experience for you.

Open to All Students
Instructor: Mr. James Campbell

Cooking Essentials
Cooking Essentials will primarily teach kitchen basics. We will cover food safety and proper handling techniques. We will discuss spice and herb pairings as well as basic food combinations. The class will learn to prepare several dishes that can be used for any occasion. We will also discuss making one-pot meals that can be prepared in a dorm room or small apartment.

THIS IS A DOUBLE BLOCK COURSE.
Open to 10th – 12th Grade Students
Instructors: Chef Bob Brinson & Sous Chef Jerry Moore

Craftivism: Handmade Change
This class will allow students to explore the worldwide movement of craftivism—when crafting and activism collide. In this course, students will learn about the craftivism movement and create and discuss a handmade craft that advocates a social cause of their choosing. Students with basic crafting experience are welcome to take the course, as they will enhance their skills to promote positive change in our world.

Open to 8th – 10th Grade Students
Instructors: Ms. Shetal Shah, Ms. Lisa Ríos, & Mr. Jonathan Grainger

Design/Build: Woodworking
In this class, students will design and build functional objects from wood. Students will learn to safely use various power tools including a table saw, circular saw, jigsaw, drill, driver, router, and laser cutter. Emphasis will be placed on selecting appropriate materials for each project and the efficient use of chosen materials.

Open to Upper School Students
Instructor: Mr. Jonathan Grainger

Dying to Understand
Have you ever slowed down to look at a car accident? Do you enjoy watching horror movies? Have you ever researched serial killers or watched *Criminal Minds* for fun? That's okay, we do too. This class will delve into the human fixation on death and what we think happens when we die. We will explore the psychology of the human mind and why we are intrigued by violence, disaster, and death. Join us in interesting conversations, movie days, virtual reality fear factor, and more!

Open to Upper School Students
Instructors: Alex Levine & Libby Mitchell
Faculty Sponsor: Ms. Jaime Saunders

Explorations in Fiber Arts
Let's play with yarn! Students will learn to create textiles using skills in knitting, crocheting, and felting. They will explore the history of these crafts, as well as some mythology and literature that relate to them. They will also explore the concept of handiwork as a form of meditation and use it as a means to relax and "unwind." They will learn the basics of knitting, crocheting, or felting and will then undertake one larger project in the medium of their choice.

Open to All Students
Instructors: Ms. Jennifer Halicki & Ms. Jaime Saunders

G3 Drones for Good
Want to fly high with the best in Atlanta? Want to learn the ways of the future and how drones work? Come learn what it takes to get off the ground with Ms. Rios and Ms. Michalak. G3 Drones for Good is an introductory course to an exciting drone competition that we will join in the spring at Grady High School. By the end of the course, you will know how to build and fly the drones through an exciting obstacle course of balloons, towers, and soccer goals.

Open to Middle School Students
Instructors: Ms. Kate Michalak & Ms. Lisa Ríos

Get on Board: Board and Card Games
Do you get bored? Why not get “board”? Board games and card games can provide hours of fun (and, more importantly, time to connect with friends and family). Students will work in teams to create and test original games, and we'll even meet creators and publishers of games that you've seen on shelves to get valuable information about the creation process.

Open to Middle School Students
Instructors: Ms. Amber Player & Mr. Ric White

Inside ATL 4.0: The Unconventional ATL Experience
We are fortunate to live in a vibrant metropolis where there is so much to explore. Step outside your comfort zone and see our city in a whole new way. This year Inside ATL will go back to its roots: exploring the unconventional spots of Atlanta. Transportation and entrance fees will be provided. Students will have the opportunity to purchase food, souvenirs, etc. with their own money.

THIS IS A DOUBLE BLOCK COURSE.
Open to 8th– 12th Grade Students
Instructors: Ms. Roz Byrne & Ms. Susan Joss

Practical Magic
Yes, it’s true—there will come a time when you will be on your own. “Adulting” can be hard, but the skills you need are easy to acquire. This course will give you practical skills for taking care of yourself and your needs. Participants in this course will learn how to grocery shop (with coupons!), cook healthy meals in the microwave, dress for different occasions, do simple sewing, and much more.

Open to Upper School Students
Instructors: Ms. Amber Player & Ms. Jaime Saunders

Project Runway AGS
"Fashion is not something that exists in dresses only. Fashion is in the sky, in the street; fashion has to do with ideas, the way we live, what is happening." - Coco Chanel. In this course, you'll learn about how fashion is more than just fabric. We'll be focusing on the ethics of the industry, its effect on the world around us, and the different careers it offers such as design, styling, blogging, and branding. Welcome to Project Runway AGS. Make it work.

Open to 8th – 12th Grade Students
Instructor: Ms. Christine López Menéndez

Sisters Scream for Ice Cream: Big & Lil Sister Ice Cream Collaborative
If you love ice cream, collaboration, and spending time with your Big/Lil Sister, then this is the collaborative class for you. Sign up WITH your Big or Little Sister to collaborate, research, create, and celebrate the wonderful world of making ice cream. I scream, you scream, sisters scream for ice cream!

Open to 6th – 11th Grade Students
Instructors: Ms. Kerry Smith, Skyler Edwards & Harper Mays

Social Justice: Issues and Activism
Have you watched current events involving racism, sexism, or homophobia in shock? This class will tackle issues of race, class, gender, and religion and explore how our differences sometimes create tension in society. Students will explore their own identities, share stories, research different points of view, and think creatively about ways they can bring about social change. Each student will leave the class with ideas about positive steps that she can take to help overcome these obstacles.

Open to 8th – 12th Grade Students
Instructors: Ms. Jennifer Halicki & Ms. Shetal Shah

STEAM Dressed for Extraordinary Success Tour!
Students will complete a STEAM learning roadmap. This will inspire them to:
- Think like company leaders or entrepreneurs
- Build their own careers and life plans
- Meet executives on or off campus

Open to Upper School Students
Instructor: Ms. Cynthia A. Jenkins

The Coil Academy: Confidence Course
This course will entail a daily lesson plan which will map out hair education, hair etiquette, and healthy hair maintenance for young ladies transitioning into independent strong women. This program was designed to enlighten and encourage young ladies on how healthy hair is an extreme force of overall confidence.

Open to All Students
Instructor: Ms. Akia Logan

The Great Escape
Are you good at deciphering codes? Do you enjoy playing with puzzles and riddles? Do you think you would be able to solve a game before time runs out? Good news—a great way to test these skills is with escape room games. These are cultural phenomena that involve problem solving, teamwork, and creativity. If you're up for the

challenge, join us to learn about these escape games, solve puzzles and riddles, visit an escape room ourselves, and create our own "room" for others to escape.

Open to Middle School Students
Instructors: Ms. Annie Jestus & Ms. Joy Gray Prince

Zine-ology
Today's media is inundated with opinions on the #metoo movement, Title IX legislation, and workplace sexism. These discussions have been decades in the making by women of generations before us. Definitive tenets of third-wave feminism, such as the riot grrrl movement, have shaped our understanding of intersectional feminism as well as our modern media space. In this class, we will explore the influences of '90s feminist ideology on the current political climate and alternative journalism.

Open to 8th – 12th Grade Students
Instructors: Avery Hopkins & Olivia Santos
Faculty Sponsors: Mr. Will Linares & Sra. Aury Bravaldo

Deep Dive: These intellectually rigorous, deep-dive classes offer robust interdisciplinary, design, maker, or STEAM elements. They highlight these portrait characteristics:

- Logic and Creativity—solve problems thoughtfully
- Communication—speak publicly with confidence; express yourself through writing
- Cultural Intelligence—understand global perspectives and values
- Collaborative Solutions—work effectively with others of diverse viewpoints
- Discernment and Prioritization—make good decisions, personally and academically

Accelerating Pre-Algebra
Do you want to get a leg up when it comes to your math class for next year? Take this Winterim course and learn the basic elements of pre-algebra. We will explore some of the ideas behind solving equations with variables, as well as make connections to work that we are already doing in Math 6.

Open to 6th Grade Students
Students preparing for Algebra I are required to take this Winterim course in order to receive credit for their pre-algebra work.

Instructor: Ms. Annie Jestus

AIDA: Spring Musical
Aida is a beautiful retelling of the classic story of a Nubian princess taken as a slave. While serving an Egyptian princess, Aida falls for an Egyptian soldier. As their forbidden love blossoms, Aida is forced to weigh her heart against the responsibility that she faces as the leader of her people. It is all bound by music from award-winning Elton John and Tim Rice.

THIS IS A DOUBLE BLOCK COURSE.
Required for Musical Production Students
Instructors: Mr. Nick Silvestri and Ms. Barbara Uterhardt

AP BIO LABS
The AP BIO Winterim course will focus entirely on lab work.

Required for current AP Biology students
Instructor: Ms. Cybele Londoño

AP Chemistry
AP Chemistry students will use the Winterim schedule to investigate chemical principles and apply them to industrial and commercial applications.

Required for current AP Chemistry Students
Instructor: Ms. Julie Hall

Careers and Leadership in Geography
Are you interested in public health? Epidemiology and disease? Immigration? Girl power on a global scale? In this course, you will have the opportunity to listen to and engage with specialists in these fields. Build your understanding of these issues and become part of the global problem-solving efforts to create a safe, sustainable, and equitable future.

Open to Upper School Students
Highly recommended for students enrolled in AP Human Geography
Instructor: Ms. Kerry Smith

Circuits
Students will learn how battery-powered electric circuits work. They will use light bulbs, batteries, resistors, and more to investigate the factors that affect current, resistance, and voltage. They will learn to use meters to measure voltage, current, and resistance and learn how they are related to each other.

Open to 10^{th} – 12^{th} Grade Students
Prior physics knowledge is not required. Strongly recommended for students currently taking AP Physics. Contains AP content.
Instructor: Dr. Suzy Beckham

Creative Writing Poetry
This class is for those who love to test their creative writing ability in poetry. Primarily, we will focus on poetic forms including found poetry, visual patterns, song/lyric writing, free verse, and rhythm. Students will create a journal for their poems. Many of the poems written in this class can be submitted to NONANON, the AGS literary and arts journal published in the spring. There will be a Coffee House event on the last Wednesday or Thursday of Winterim.

Open to Middle School Students
Instructor: Ms. Billie Mears

Design Thinking 101
Students will learn and implement the Design Thinking Process (human-centered design):

1. Empathize with others
2. Define a problem
3. Generate possible solutions
4. Prototype and test solutions
5. Receive and give feedback

If you would like to learn skills that can help you see life through a variety of lenses, this is the course for you.

Open to Middle School Students
Instructor: Mr. James Campbell

Foundations of Story
From new works to adaptations of old favorites, fairy tales and myths dominate the literary (and film) scene today. In this hands-on workshop, you'll learn how to create original myths and fairy tales, as well as how to take a classic story and reimagine it for a modern audience.

Open to 6th – 9th Grade Students
Instructor: Ms. Catherine Ramsdell

Infinite Series
Students will learn about infinite series and how to determine if the sum of a particular series converges to a number. Students will learn how to write familiar functions as infinite series. They will discover the power of infinite series in estimating solutions in calculus that are otherwise impossible to determine.

Open to students currently enrolled in calculus or higher. Strongly encouraged for those in AP Calculus BC. Contains AP content.
Instructor: Dr. Suzy Beckham

Informed Decision Making
This **required course** for 9th grade students provides information that promotes AGS Strong decision making about reproductive health, drugs, and alcohol. Students will study the science of reproductive health and drugs, while thoughtfully exploring their parents' and their own attitudes about the responsibilities that come with freedom. Girls will learn how to keep themselves and their friends safe by using knowledge to prevent pregnancy, the contraction of sexually-transmitted diseases, alcohol-related death, destruction of reputations and self-respect, and drug addiction.

Required for 9th Grade Students
Instructor: Nurse Robin Newberg

Intro to Anatomy & Physiology
Intro to A&P will provide insight into the systems of the human body and how those systems work individually and collaboratively.
Open to 10th – 12th Grade Students
Instructor: Carisa Hines Moore, MD

Learn the Basics of Auto Mechanics
It can be difficult to make your own auto repairs if you don't know the basics. Mechanics have their own lingo, tools, and specifications that anyone can learn. Topics covered include oil changes, tire changes, replacing headlight bulbs and spark plugs, and even topping off your windshield washer fluid. Whether it's an emergency or routine maintenance, this class will give you some hands-on exploration about some car repairs that you can easily do yourself with just a few tips.

Open to 10th – 12th Students
Instructors: Mr. Will Linares & Mr. Francis Saint-Hilaire

Literacy Through Drama: The Crucible
Did you love *The Crucible* or the films *The Witch, Blair Witch Project, and Mean Girls*? In this course, students will collaborate as writers, performers (actors, dancers and/or musicians), and designers to create their own performance of a brand-new interpretation of Arthur Miller's classic play. Bring your ELA studies from off the page and onto the stage with this unique opportunity to work with ASC professionals who will help you create and perform your own script.

Open to Upper School Students
Instructors: Ms. Kati Grace Brown & Mr. Sean Kelley

Literacy Through Drama: Young Adult Dystopian Fiction

Do you love *The Maze Runner*, *The Hunger Games*, and *Divergent* series? In this course, students will collaborate as writers, performers (actors, dancers and/or musicians), and designers to create your own performance of a brand-new work of dystopian, young adult fiction! Bring your ELA studies from off the page and onto the stage with this unique opportunity to work with a professional playwright, director, and actors who will help you create and perform your own script.

Open to Middle School Students
Instructors: Ms. Kati Grace Brown & Mr. Sean Kelley

Math Modeling Competition Preparation

This class is intended (and highly encouraged) for those who will be participating in the MathWorks Math Modeling Challenge in 2019. During this class, we will continue our exploration into the math modeling process and investigate different mathematical and analytical skills we can use during the challenge.

Open to 10th – 12th Grade Students
Instructor: Mr. Ric White

Middle School Creative Writing

Are you a bookworm? Are you a storyteller? If you answered yes, then I've got news for you—you're a writer! In this course, we will be exploring different mediums of creative writing through exercises in improv, poetry, lyrics, short stories, scripts, and comics! Get your pens, pencils, and keyboards ready—we've got stories to tell!

Open to Middle School Students
Instructor: Ms. Christine López Menéndez

Open Eyes, Open Hearts, Open Brains: Anatomy and Dissection

In keeping with this year's theme of open eyes, open hearts, and open minds, this class will focus on developing a significant understanding of the anatomy of the sheep's eye, a sheep's heart, and a sheep's brain (in conjunction with developing an understanding of the corresponding organ systems). Students will have the opportunity to dissect mammal eyes, hearts, and brains. This class is not for the squeamish!

Open to Upper School Students
Instructor: Ms. Cybele Londoño

Poetry Writing Workshop

In the Poetry Writing Workshop, students will develop their writing skills and knowledge/understanding of poetry. We'll read a lot of great poetry, much of it funny and entertaining. Students will write several poems in the course, but writing prompts will be provided. No writing or poetry experience needed. You'll surprise yourself, and it'll be fun.

Open to Upper School Students
Instructor: Ms. Danielle Hanson

Ruth Bader Ginsberg

"I'm sometimes asked when will there be enough [women on the Supreme Court]? And I say 'When there are nine.'" -- RBG

When a diminutive octogenarian becomes a cultural icon and feminist hero, there is reason for hope. In this class, we will examine the life and work of Ruth Bader Ginsburg. We will watch the 2018 documentary *RBG* and read excerpts from her book *My Own Words*, as well as from her judicial opinions, with some emphasis on her dissents. Taught by a recovering lawyer with snacks.

Open to Upper School Students
Instructor: Mr. Jim Pettit

SAT/ACT Prep

Whether you choose to take the ACT or SAT, your standardized test scores will be a crucial element of your college application. In this course, you'll learn the concepts and strategies you need to know to begin your prep process and achieve your best score. We will study the ACT and the SAT, paying special attention to the areas in which the tests differ. The class will conclude with a mock ACT exam given at AGS on Saturday, January 19th from 7:30am to 12:30pm. You will receive both ACT and SAT prep books to continue your studies. **Payment is due Friday, December 7th.** Checks should be made payable to Atlanta Girls' School and given to Ms. Sara Fisher.
Enrollment Cost: $395

Open to 9th – 11th Grade Students
Instructor: Mr. Scott Shepherd

Science, Engineering, and You!

In this course, you will do hands-on activities to experience how science and engineering affect the world around you. Guest speakers from Georgia Tech's Graduate School of Material Science and Engineering will talk about their research and why they chose to work toward higher degrees after completing their BS degrees. Industry speakers will talk about the opportunities to innovate creative solutions to real-world problems in an interactive forum.

Open to Upper School Students
Instructor: Ms. Monica Marks

Spanish in Action

Habla español, learn, create, collaborate, dance, go places virtually, and eat authentic Spanish food in Plaza Fiesta Mall, while enjoying the most dynamic and fun Spanish lessons led by Sra. Bravaldo and Sr. Linares.

Open to 8th – 11th Grade Students
Instructors: Sra. Aury Bravaldo & Sr. Will Linares

The Science of Photography

In this course, students will dig into the physics and chemistry that make photography possible. From experimenting with lenses and light, mixing their own light-sensitive compounds, and building their own cameras, students will understand the how and why images are captured and made visible.

Open to Middle School Students
Instructors: Mr. Jonathan Grainger & Ms. Julie Hall

The True Cost of Fast Fashion

Pull back the curtain on the fashion industry. Participants will watch the 2015 documentary *The True Cost* and deepen their understanding of the industry with research of clothing factories and environmental effects of the growing industry of inexpensive clothing. Participants will learn how their decisions affect our global community and ways to help foster change through upcycling and thrift store shopping.

Open to Upper School Students
Instructors: Ms. Jenny Cockrill & Colette Blackmon

Water!

Join AP Environmental Science students for a journey exploring water. We will see first-hand how Atlanta treats its wastewater and cleans its drinking water. We will learn about local and global efforts to ensure drinking water quality. The class will culminate in an overnight trip to the Okefenokee Swamp and Sapelo Island, where we will explore some of Georgia's most distinctive aquatic habitats.

Open to 11th – 12th Grade Students
Instructor: Ms. Melissa Hankinson

Yearbook

The yearbook staff is responsible for planning and executing the AGS yearbook. Interests and skills that come into play involve all elements of design, layout, fonts, cropping, photography, writing, and proofing. We will be creating a wonderful yearbook for all to enjoy at the end of the school year.

Restricted & required: Upper School Yearbook Staff
Instructor: Stephanie Selman

Community Leader Biographies

Bob Brinson is a chef and catering manager of Peachtree Road United Methodist Church. He has been in business for over 13 years serving the greater Atlanta area.

Kati Grace Brown is an actor, director, and choreographer for the Atlanta Shakespeare Company at the Shakespeare Tavern Playhouse. Previous directing credits include Much Ado: 60, Caesar: 60, Twelfth Night, and The Canterbury Tales. Previous educational directing experience includes Narnia, Matilda, Honk! Jr, Alice in Wonderland, The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe, and James and the Giant Peach. Previous roles include Juliet, Beatrice, Helena, Emilia and Miranda. She also serves as the ASC Educational Programs Producer and has taught AGS Winterim courses since 2010.

Danielle Hanson is the author of the poetry collections *Fraying Edge of Sky* (Codhill Press Poetry Prize, 2018) and *Ambushing Water* (Brick Road Poetry Press, 2017). She is the poetry editor for Doubleback Books and a senior reader for the *Atlanta Review*. *Ambushing Water* was a finalist for the 2018 Georgia Author of the Year Award. She is the mom of 9th graders Olivia and Annika Egerstedt.

Carisa Hines Moore, MD is a practicing emergency room physician. A native of Norfolk, VA, Dr. Hines Moore attended the University of Virginia and then Meharry Medical College. She currently lives in Atlanta with her husband, William, and their daughter, Spencer.

Avery Hopkins & Olivia Santos are two AGS seniors passionate about feminism, creative expression, and arts magazines!

Cynthia A. Jenkins, MBA/PA, at heart is a developer. She is inspired to look for potential, develop opportunities, and create events that inspire students to engage and connect. In addition, she maintains a collective 15+ years in business development, competency training, marketing, and teaching to help students and business leaders position themselves for growth. During her tenure, she managed business relationships for Fortune 500 STEM companies such as Cox Enterprises, EarthLink, Hitachi Data Systems, Oracle, etc. and successfully delivered win-win outcomes. Lastly, she maintains a keen understanding of successful engagement to inspire and retain the Millennial and GEN Z generations (new book, fall 2017).

Melissa Johnson is a 4th degree black belt in the Korean self-defense-based art of Hapkido and has been an instructor of women's self-defense courses for over a decade. Melissa has practical experience teaching teens in age-appropriate self-defense classes, as she is the primary instructor for the Hapkido Teens program at Black Knight Martial Arts. Melissa has been teaching this course at AGS since 2014.

Stephanie Jones started her professional fitness journey in 2004. She graduated from the University of Maryland with a degree in accounting, but decided to trade in her briefcase for weights. She became an IFA certified personal trainer and opened up her business, Boom Shock Fitness. In 2015, she received an AFAA group fitness certification to add to her growing list of accomplishments. Stephanie provides her signature cardio dance aerobics and body sculpting session called Book Shock N Lock at events such as the FireFly Run, Women's Health and Fitness Expo, Black Celebrity Giving, and the Annual Ice Cream Festival.

Akia Logan has over ten years of experience in both hair styling in the salon and on set for movies and photo shoots. She has upheld a great standard in the hair industry. She has always had a natural talent for hair styling from the young age of 11. She continued school and pursued a Bachelor of Science degree from Hampton University. After completion

of college, she relocated to Atlanta, where she began to seek out her professional licensing in cosmetology. She then opened her own salon, where she has currently been in business for over six years, still continuing to do video shoots, photo shoots, and high fashion shows. She is currently in the process of opening an academy for young girls, where she will be teaching the importance of hair etiquette.

Monica Marks was born and raised in San Diego, California. She graduated from the University of California, Riverside with a B.S. in materials science and engineering. There she worked on plasmonic gold nanostructures. In 2015, she interned at Solvay Specialty Polymers in Alpharetta, where she worked on polymer nanocomposites. She is currently a Graduate Partner for W.S.T. (Women in Science and Technology), where she runs the outreach program GEMS (girls excelling in math and science) at Inman Middle School. She is co-advised by Dr. Kalaitzidou and Dr. Gutekunst and working on antimicrobial silicone.

Jim Pettit (parent of an AGS grad) was an attorney with Legal Aid offices in Ohio and Georgia prior to becoming a parent and at-home dad. He has a B.A. in English from Williams College and a J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School.

Catherine Ramsdell is a professor of writing at SCAD Atlanta. As an undergraduate, she majored in creative writing and marketing and then earned an M.A. and a Ph.D. in English. Ms. Ramsdell has more than a decade of college teaching experience. Her areas of specialization include writing for new media and writing for the web. She also writes for Popmatters.com, an online magazine of cultural criticism.

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Advisory 8:00-8:10	Advisory 8:00-8:10	Advisory 8:00-8:10	Advisory 8:00-8:10	A 9:00-10:20
A 8:15-9:40	A 8:15-9:40	A 8:15-9:40	A 8:15-9:40	
B 9:45-11:10	B 9:45-11:10	B 9:45-11:10	B 9:45-11:10	B 10:25-11:45
Lunch 11:15-12:00	Lunch 11:15-12:00	Lunch 11:15-12:00	Lunch 11:15-12:00	Advisory/Lunch 11:50-12:20
C 12:05-1:30	C 12:05-1:30	C 12:05-1:30	C 12:05-1:30	C 12:25-1:45
D 1:35-3:05	D 1:35-3:05	D 1:35-3:05	D 1:35-3:05	D 1:50-3:00

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Advisor: _____ Date: _____

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Category	First Choice	Second Choice
Looking In		
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Deep Dive		
Any Category		