

READING LIST OF ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE

Freshman Year

Homer: Iliad, Odyssey
Aeschylus: Agamemnon, Libation Bearers, Eumenides, Prometheus Bound
Sophocles: Oedipus Rex, Oedipus at Colonus, Antigone, Philoctetes
Thucydides: History of the Peloponnesian War
Euripides: Hippolytus, Bacchae
Herodotus: Histories
Aristophanes: Clouds
Plato: Meno, Gorgias, Republic, Apology, Crito, Phaedo, Symposium, Parmenides,
Theaetetus, Sophists, Timaeus, Phaedrus
Aristotle: Poetics, Physics, Metaphysics, Nicomachean, Ethics, On Generation and
Corruption, Politics, Parts of Animals, Generation of Animals
Euclid: Elements
Lucretius: On the Nature of Things
Plutarch: "Lycurgus," "Solon"
Nicomachus: Arithmetic
Lavoisier: Elements of Chemistry
Harvey: Motion of the Heart and Blood
Essays by: Archimedes, Fahrenheit, Avogadro, Dalton, Cannizzaro, Virchow, Mariotte,
Driesch, Gay-Lussac, Spemann, Stears, J. J. Thomson, Mendeleev, Berthollet, J. L.
Proust

Sophomore Year

The Bible
 Aristotle: De Anima, On Interpretation, Prior Analytics, Categories
 Apollonius: Conics
 Virgil: Aeneid
 Plutarch: "Caesar," "Cato the Younger"
 Epictetus: Discourses, Manual
 Tacitus: Annals
 Ptolemy: Almagest
 Plotinus: The Enneads
 Augustine: Confessions
 St. Anselm: Proslogium
 Aquinas: Summa Theologica, Summa Contra Gentiles
 Dante: Divine Comedy
 Chaucer: Canterbury Tales
 Des Prez: Mass
 Machiavelli: The Prince, Discourses
 Copernicus: On the Revolution of the Spheres
 Luther: The Freedom of a Christian
 Rabelais: Gargantua and Pantagruel
 Palestrina: Missa Papae Marcelli
 Montaigne: Essays
 Viète: "Introduction on the Analytical Art"
 Bacon: Novum Organum
 Shakespeare: Richard II, Henry IV, Henry V, The Tempest, As You Like It, Hamlet,
 Othello, Macbeth, King Lear, Coriolanus, Sonnets
 Poems by: Marvell, Donne, and other sixteenth- and seventeenth-century poets
 Descartes: Geometry, Discourse on Method
 Pascal: Generation of Conic Sections
 Bach: St. Matthew Passion, Inventions
 Haydn: Quartets
 Mozart: Operas
 Beethoven: Sonatas
 Schubert: Songs
 Stravinsky: Symphony of Psalms

Junior Year

Cervantes: *Don Quixote*
 Galileo: Two New Sciences
 Hobbes: Leviathan
 Descartes: Meditations, Rules for the Direction of the Mind

Milton: *Paradise Lost*
 La Rochefoucauld: *Maxims*
 La Fontaine: *Fables*
 Pascal: *Pensées*
 Huygens: *Treatise on Light, On the Movement of Bodies by Impact*
 Eliot: *Middlemarch*
 Spinoza: *Theological-Political Treatise*
 Locke: *Second Treatise on Government*
 Racine: *Phaedra*
 Newton: *Principia Mathematica*
 Kepler: *Epitome IV*
 Leibniz: *Monadology, Discourse on Metaphysics, Essay on Dynamics, Philosophical Essays, Principles of Nature and Grace*
 Swift: *Gulliver's Travels*
 Hume: *Treatise on Human Nature*
 Rousseau: *The Social Contract, On the Origin of Inequality*
 Molière: *The Misanthrope*
 Adam Smith: *Wealth of Nations*
 Kant: *Critique of Pure Reason, Foundations of the Metaphysics of Morals*
 Mozart: *Don Giovanni*
 Jane Austen: *Pride and Prejudice*
 Dedekind: *Essays on the Theory of Numbers*
 Essays by: Young, Maxwell, Taylor, Euler, D. Bernoulli

Senior Year

Articles of Confederation
 Declaration of Independence
 Constitution of the United States
 Supreme Court Opinions
 Hamilton, Jay, and Madison: *The Federalist Papers*
 Darwin: *Origin of Species*
 Hegel: *Phenomenology of Mind*, "Logic" (from the *Encyclopedia*)
 Lobachevsky: *Theory of Parallels*
 De Tocqueville: *Democracy in America*
 Kierkegaard: *Philosophical Fragments, Fear and Trembling*
 Wagner: *Tristan and Isolde*
 Marx: *Capital, Political and Economic Manuscripts of 1844, The German Ideology*
 Dostoyevsky: *Brothers Karamazov*
 Tolstoy: *War and Peace*
 Melville: *Benito Cereno*
 Twain: *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*
 O'Connor: *Selected Stories*

William James: *Psychology: Briefer Course*
 Nietzsche: *Birth of Tragedy, Thus Spake Zarathustra, Beyond Good and Evil*
 Freud: *General Introduction to Psychoanalysis*
 Valery: *Poems*
 Booker T. Washington: *Selected Writings*
 Du Bois: *The Souls of Black Folk*
 Heidegger: *What Is Philosophy?*
 Heisenberg: *The Physical Principles of the Quantum Theory*
 Einstein: *Selected Papers*
 Millikan: *The Electron*
 Conrad: *Heart of Darkness*
 Faulkner: *The Bear*
 Poems by: Yeats, T. S. Eliot, Wallace Stevens, Baudelaire, Rimbaud
 Essays by: Faraday, J. J. Thomson, Mendel, Minkowski, Rutherford, Davisson, Schrodinger, Bohr, Maxwell, de Broglie, Dreisch, Ørsted, Ampère, Boveri, Sutton, Morgan, Beadle and Tatum, Sussman, Watson and Crick, Jacob and Monod, Hardy