

HUMANITIES AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES PROGRAM (HISP)



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There are no boundaries for HISP students!

The Humanities and International Studies Program (HISP), founded in 1985, is a rigorous honors program located at C.K. McClatchy High School. The curriculum, a unique global perspective on learning and understanding, prepares HISP students for success at any college or university in the country. The program is structured in a four-year sequence that includes a literature and composition course and a complementary social science course in each year. Outside the classroom, HISP student learning continues through attendance at a variety of live performances and cultural events, visits to museums, and via world travel. Additionally, HISP students annually provide more than 10,000 hours of service to the community through hospitals, food closets, nursing homes and other worthwhile community-based organizations.



WHAT I LIKE
ABOUT **my**
program



HISP Student Outcomes

College success is where HISP students shine the brightest. Here are a few examples:

- HISP students have a distinguished record of admission, attendance and graduation from the top private colleges and universities in the country including Stanford, Princeton, Harvard, Yale, MIT, NYU and the Claremont Colleges.
- Many of these same students have gone on to do post-graduate work at Cambridge and Oxford.
- Our students have gained admittance to the U.S. Military Academy at WestPoint and the U.S. Naval Academy.
- HISP is proud to claim five Buck Scholars and one Gates Millennium Scholar, as well as a second place student in the prestigious National Intel Science Competition.

“The Humanities and International Studies Program at McClatchy did a **great job of preparing me for the rigors of college life because it taught me a great deal about balance and time management.**

At McClatchy, I was the student body president for a year, swam, and played water polo, so the demands on my time were many, but

the HISP teachers did a great job of promoting organization and challenging us to become better writers and global citizens.

Coming into Yale, I saw many around me struggling with classes because they didn't yet have the work ethic to juggle everything, but **HISP taught me those skills early**, and I was **able to be successful in my coursework.**”

– Kweku Djan, Yale '2016



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	FOCUS	COURSES
9th Grade	In the 9 th grade, HISP students explore the history and literature of Western civilization, examining the heritage of ideas that spread to Europe and the Americas, and which remain central to the culture of these regions. The core curriculum also emphasizes the development of study habits and writing skills to set the foundation for future academic work and success over the four years in HISP.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English 9 – Literature and Composition • Mathematics • Physical Science, Biology, or Molecular Biology • Western Civilization • World Language • Physical Education
10th Grade	Building upon the foundation of Western history and philosophy, the second year of HISP expands the students' worldview to encompass the cultural richness of all nations and all continents. The 10 th grade includes four nine-week blocks on Africa, Latin America, the Middle East and Asia. Emphasis is placed on geography, comparative cultures and religion. The HISP curriculum in 10 th grade has an additional requirement – one semester of Writers' Workshop and one semester of Critical Thinking.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Critical Thinking /Writer's Workshop (one semester each) • World Literature • World Cultures • Mathematics • Biology or Chemistry • World Language • Physical Education
11th Grade	The 11 th grade courses in American Studies are honors blocks designed to complement each other in structure and contents. Materials include the complete text of classic and contemporary literature that is often only excerpted in other college preparatory classes. Issues of local, national and international concern are analyzed and discussed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • American Studies: U.S. Literature HP • American Studies: U.S. History HP • Mathematics • Chemistry P, HP, AP or Physics P, AP • World Language • Fine Arts or Other Elective
12th Grade	The 12 th grade HISP courses are the culmination of a four-year study providing students with the necessary information and skills for further study in the fields of international relations, political science, philosophy, law, economics, public service, foreign language, Foreign Service, teaching, writing and advanced study in liberal arts. The program also provides scientific and technically oriented students the grounding in humanities so imperative for all decision makers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Literature and Composition AP • U.S. Government AP • Comparative World Governments HP • Modern Economics • Mathematics (or other elective) • Science (or other elective) • World Language (or other elective)

PROGRAM ADMISSION CRITERIA

- **Grades (35%)** 7th grade and first reporting period of 8th grade in the following four subjects: English, Social Studies/ History, Math and Science. The English and Social Studies/ History grades will be weighted at twice those of Math and Science.
- **Test Scores (25%)** 7th Grade SBAC/CASSPP Scores. Students should score in the top quartile (75% or above) in each of Reading, Language Arts and Math, each equally weighted.
- **Essay (40%)** Minimum score of 11/15 is generally the threshold.
- **Letters of Recommendation** Two letters are required – one from a current English teacher and one from any additional 8th grade teacher.

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