

# GERMANTOWN FRIENDS SCHOOL

## COLLEGE COUNSELING SCHOOL PROFILE 2021-22

### Our School

- Quaker, independent, coed day school for preschool through grade 12
- Founded in 1845 under the care of the Germantown Monthly Meeting and governed by the School Committee
- Located in historic Germantown neighborhood of Philadelphia
- 1,129 students; 425 in grades 9-12; 108 in senior class
- Student/teacher ratio: 6:1
- 75% of Upper School faculty hold advanced degrees
- 36.6% of student body are students of color
- \$5.77 million of financial assistance awarded to 28% of students
- 100% of senior class accepted to 4-year colleges or universities
- Accreditations & Memberships: Pennsylvania Association of Independent Schools (PAIS), Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools (MSACSS), National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS), Association of Delaware Valley Independent Schools (ADVIS), Friends Council on Education

### Our Mission

Germantown Friends School is dedicated to reaching that of God in every person. Our mission is to seek truth, challenge the intellect, honor differences, embrace the city, and nurture each student's mind, body and spirit.



### SCHOOL LEADERSHIP AND COLLEGE COUNSELING STAFF

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### Our Community and Neighborhood Engagement

GFS is committed to diversity, as is reflected by the broad spectrum of racial, ethnic, religious, and socioeconomic backgrounds of its student body, faculty, administration, and staff. Through neighborhood initiatives, environmental action projects, and institutional partnerships, we are deeply connected to Germantown and the city of Philadelphia. Our educational philosophy is rooted in the Quaker testimonies of Simplicity, Peace, Integrity, Community, Equality, and Stewardship (SPICES). Students in grades 9-12 participate in grade-wide community days as well as student-organized community programs, including tutoring in neighboring elementary schools, donation drives, fundraisers, and neighborhood clean-ups, as well as volunteer projects with shelters, community gardens, and food pantries.

### Statement of Class Rank

We do not compute class rank, nor calculate an official GPA at GFS. We believe our school's intellectual climate is enhanced by decreased competition, and we strive to teach our students to seek knowledge for its own sake.

### Minimum Graduation Requirements

Students in grades 9-11 are required to carry five major courses per year. Students in grade 12 are required to carry four major courses, but may elect to carry five.

<b>English:</b> 4 years	<b>Art or Theatre:</b> 1 year
<b>History:</b> 3 years	<b>Music:</b> 1 year
<b>Math:</b> 3 years	<b>Science:</b> 3 years
<b>January Term:</b> (grades 9, 10, 12)	<b>Junior Project:</b> (grade 11)
<b>Classical or Modern Language:</b> 3 levels	<b>Health:</b> 1 semester (grade 10), 1 year (grade 12)

### Athletics & Physical Education

Grade 9: 2 seasons athletics; 1 semester of PE

Grade 10: 3 seasons athletics or PE (one must be athletics)

Grade 11: 3 seasons athletics or PE

Grade 12: 2 seasons athletics or PE

### Colloquia Remote Learning

Our remote learning platform, Colloquia (named for the Latin word "conversations"), was established in March 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and offered students a place for connection and community, familiarity and consistency, discovery and expression, and ways to encourage and embrace their love of learning—virtually. GFS welcomed students back to campus in September 2020 with modified on-campus learning experiences and remote options for each grade. Recognizing the importance of in-person instruction and learning in community, age-appropriate

plans were created for each division to adapt to the pandemic during the 2020-21 school year.

### Grading Protocol & Transcripts for 2019-20

The official Upper School transcript report for the 2019-20 academic year includes a year-end grade for each course that is the higher of the two grades received from either the first semester or the second semester, contingent upon passing the second semester.

## ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT



### SAT Scores Class of 2020

- Overall Average: 1390
- Math Average: 700
- EBRW Average: 700
- Overall Middle 50%: 1320-1510
- Math Middle 50%: 640-770
- EBRW Middle 50%: 650-740

### ACT Scores Class of 2020

- Overall Composite Average: 31
- Overall Composite Middle 50%: 29-33

### SAT Scores Class of 2021

- Overall Average: 1330
- Math Average: 660
- EBRW Average: 680
- Overall Middle 50%: 1240-1450
- Math Middle 50%: 600-720
- EBRW Middle 50%: 640-730

### ACT Scores Class of 2021

- Overall Composite Average: 31
- Overall Composite Middle 50%: 29-34

### National Merit Scholarship Program 2019-2022

- 5 Scholars
- 27 Semifinalists
- 17 Finalists
- 72 Commended

## ADVANCED COURSEWORK

Students who do well in courses designated as “Advanced” are prepared for upper-level college courses in these and related subject areas. GFS does not offer an AP curriculum; however, many students who choose to take AP Exams score 4 or higher. Accelerated math courses prepare students for the two-course sequence of Differential Calculus and Integral Calculus and Series.

### ENGLISH

- Literature & Composition Part I: Advanced
- Literature & Composition Part II: Advanced

### CLASSICAL LANGUAGE

- Ancient Greek IV: Advanced
- Ancient Greek V: Advanced
- Latin IV: Advanced
- Latin V: Advanced

### HISTORY

- United States History: Advanced
- Advanced History Electives (*students choose two semester-long courses*):
  - African-American Studies
  - Europe: World War II and Beyond
  - Genocide and Human Rights
  - History of Science: Biology from Darwin to DNA
  - History of Science: Origins of Modern Science
  - Modern U.S. Political Ideologies and Issues
  - The Making of the Modern World
  - The Patriot Woman
  - U.S. Government and Civics
  - War and Peace: The Modern Middle East
  - World Revolutions

### MATHEMATICS

- Differential Calculus: Advanced
- Calculus: Advanced
- Integral Calculus and Series: Advanced
- Applications in Statistics: Advanced
- Accelerated Statistics: Advanced
- Topics in Advanced Mathematics

### MODERN LANGUAGE

- French IV: Advanced
- French V: Advanced
- Mandarin IV: Advanced
- Mandarin V: Advanced
- Spanish IV: Advanced
- Spanish V: Advanced

### SCIENCE

- Advanced Biology
- Advanced Chemistry
- Advanced Physics
- Principles of Engineering: Advanced

### ART

- Senior Studio: Advanced

### MUSIC

- Music Theory II: Advanced
- Music Composition I: Advanced
- Music Composition II: Advanced

### THEATRE

- Filmmaking: The Picture Is the Thing: Advanced

## SPECIAL ELECTIVE PROGRAMS

### Directed Independent Study (DIS)

The DIS program allows students in grades 9-12 to pursue interests outside the regular curriculum by studying individually or in small groups with a faculty member. Areas of study range from Arabic and International Current Affairs to Neuroscience, Jazz Theory, and Java Programming.

### Essentially English

During the spring term, students in grades 10-12 choose from a set of elective courses taught by GFS faculty and scholars from the surrounding community. These classes provide the opportunity to carefully examine the work of a particular author, to explore a specific genre of writing, or to consider how literature reflects certain

ideological and cultural patterns. The program also includes creative and non-fiction writing courses.

### Global Online Academy (GOA)

Germantown Friends School is a founding member of the GOA, a consortium of more than 70 leading independent schools from around the world committed to offering world-class online courses taught by teachers from its member schools. Its mission is to replicate in online classrooms the programs and teaching that are hallmarks of its member schools; to foster new, effective ways for students to learn; and to promote students’ global awareness by creating truly diverse, worldwide, online communities.

### January Term

This month-long program enables students in grades 9, 10, and 12 to explore learning opportunities outside the regular curriculum. They choose from more than 70 “mini-courses,” providing teachers and students space for experimentation and reflection.

### Junior Projects

During the month of January, all juniors research, secure, and complete a month-long independent study of their own design under the guidance of a faculty liaison. Students use this opportunity to gain insight into a potential career, pursue a passion, or do humanitarian work in the U.S. or overseas. A final paper and presentation complete the project.

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## COLLEGE MATRICULATION 2017-2021

*Paranthetical numbers denote graduate enrollment of two or more.*

Albright College  
American University (5)  
Arizona State University  
Babson College  
Bard College (4)  
Barnard College (13)  
Bates College (2)  
Bennington College  
Bentley University  
Berklee College of Music  
Boston College (2)  
Boston Conservatory  
Boston University (5)  
Bowdoin College (3)  
Brown University (4)  
Bryn Mawr College  
Bucknell University (2)  
California Institute of Technology  
Canisius College  
Carnegie Mellon University (5)  
Case Western Reserve University (2)  
Champlain College  
Chapman University  
Claremont-McKenna College  
Clarkson University  
Colby College  
Colgate University  
College of William & Mary  
Columbia University (10)  
Connecticut College (4)  
Cornell University (5)  
Dartmouth College  
DePaul University  
Dickinson College  
Drexel University (13)  
Drexel University, BS/MD Program  
Duke University (2)  
Earlham College  
Eindhoven University of Technology  
Elon University  
Emerson College (2)  
Emory University (4)  
Fordham University (2)  
Franklin and Marshall College (4)  
Georgetown University (7)  
Georgia Institute of Technology (6)  
Goucher College (2)  
Hamilton College (5)  
Harvard University  
Haverford College (17)  
High Point University  
Howard University  
Johns Hopkins University (3)  
Kenyon College (5)  
Lafayette College  
Lehigh University (2)  
Loyola Marymount University  
Loyola University New Orleans  
Macalester College (6)  
Manhattan School of Music  
Maryland Institute College of Art  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
Massachusetts Bay Community College  
McDaniel College  
McGill University (4)  
Michigan State University  
Middlebury College (7)  
Mount Holyoke College  
Mount St. Mary's University  
New England Conservatory of Music  
New York University (16)  
Northeastern University (3)  
Northwestern University (4)  
Oberlin College (2)  
Pace University  
Pennsylvania State University (2)  
Pitzer College (3)  
Pomona College  
Pratt Institute (2)  
Princeton University (7)  
Reed College (2)  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
Rhode Island School of Design  
Rice University (3)  
Rochester Institute of Technology (3)  
Ryerson University  
Saint Joseph's University (2)  
Sarah Lawrence College (3)  
Savannah College of Art and Design  
School of the Art Institute of Chicago  
Scripps College (2)  
Skidmore College (3)  
Smith College (4)  
Soka University of America  
Stanford University (4)  
Stony Brook University, SUNY (2)  
Swarthmore College (3)  
Syracuse University (4)  
Temple University (15)  
Texas State University  
The George Washington University (4)  
The New School (3)  
Towson University  
Trinity College Dublin  
Tufts University (9)  
Tulane University (5)  
United States Naval Academy  
University College London  
University of California, Berkeley  
University of California, Davis  
University of California, Los Angeles (3)  
University of Chicago (7)  
University of Colorado, Boulder (2)  
University of Delaware  
University of Edinburgh  
University of London, The Courtauld Institute of Art  
University of Maryland (3)  
University of Miami  
University of Michigan (5)  
University of North Carolina, Charlotte  
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill (3)  
University of Notre Dame  
University of Pennsylvania (49)  
University of Pittsburgh (6)  
University of Pittsburgh, BS/MD Program  
University of Rochester  
University of Southern California (3)  
University of St. Andrews (2)  
University of Vermont (3)  
University of Virginia (2)  
University of Washington  
University of Wisconsin, Madison (4)  
Vanderbilt University (2)  
Vassar College (7)  
Virginia Polytechnic Institute  
Washington University in St. Louis  
Wellesley College (2)  
Wesleyan University (13)  
West Chester University  
Whittier College (2)  
Widener University (2)  
Williams College (3)  
Worcester Polytechnic Institute  
Yale University (4)

