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# 2019–2020 COLLEGE PROFILE

## ABOUT PACE

Pace Academy was established in 1958 as an independent college-preparatory coeducational day school. Pace is located on 35 wooded acres within the city of Atlanta. **Pace has an enrollment of 1,105 students in Pre-First through 12th grade.** The Upper School (ninth through 12th grades) has 475 students, and the Class of 2020 totals 115 students. Pace is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) and the Southern Association of Independent Schools (SAIS) and holds membership in the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS), the Cum Laude Society, the College Board, the Educational Records Bureau and the National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC). Pace Academy was one of 40 schools in the nation invited to be a Founding School Member of the Association of College Counselors in Independent Schools (ACCIS).

## MISSION

To create prepared, confident citizens of the world who honor the values and legacy of Pace Academy.

## CORE VALUES

- We create success through partnership with parents, students and faculty.
- We are dedicated to developing the whole child.
- We have respect for others and their unique ideas and beliefs.
- We have pride in our accomplishments and our heritage.

## HONOR CODE

Personal honor and integrity are the Pace community's most valued principles, and academic honesty is governed by a code of honor. Students pledge to observe the Honor Code on all tests, examinations and graded assignments. If a student is alleged to have violated the Honor Code, the matter is brought before the Honor Council, composed of students and faculty. Pace Academy reports all suspensions.

## FACULTY

Pace has 164 professional faculty. Of those, 76 are in the Upper School and 78 percent hold graduate degrees or higher (13 hold Ph.D.s). The average Upper School class size is 13 students, with the maximum enrollment of 21 in a class. Faculty also act as academic advisors, club sponsors and coaches.

## GLOBAL LEADERSHIP

At the heart of our mission is a commitment to create prepared, confident citizens of the world. The Isdell Center for Global Leadership (ICGL) spearheads this educational endeavor by providing students from Pre-First through 12th grade with wide-ranging curricular and co-curricular opportunities to explore, understand and engage in our globalized world. In addition to global study tours, available to students in all three divisions, every student explores an annual global theme—Climate, Conservation, Energy, etc.—through multiple disciplinary lenses: Science & Technology, Arts & Culture, Service & Sustainability, Business & Social Entrepreneurship and Public Policy & International Relations. This theme-based approach gives students the opportunity to tackle real-world issues while developing global-mindedness, cultural competence, international expertise and leadership skills—all essential components of global citizenship. Our students graduate with the ability to address national and international issues critically, as well as with a sense of visionary purpose to make a positive difference in our interdependent world. This year, study tours are traveling to Australia, Austria, Belize, Brazil, China, Columbia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Denmark, Dominican Republic, England, the Florida Keys, Fiji, France, Germany, Japan, Kenya, Poland, Portugal, Puerto Rico, Rwanda, South Africa and Vietnam. The Pace Parents Club's Citizens of the World Travel Grant covers the cost of airfare once for every student in the Middle School, and once for every student in the Upper School. Last year, 207 students traveled on 16 ICGL study tours.



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## ARTS

Pace offers an extensive program in visual arts, music and theatre. Beginning, intermediate, and advanced classes are offered in drawing, painting, digital illustration, video production, ceramics, photography, sculpture, chorus, band, orchestra, acting and stagecraft. A state-of-the-art Fine Arts Center includes a 600-seat theatre and Upper School studios.

## ATHLETICS

Upper School students choose from 32 competitive teams, and more than 80 percent of Pace students play at least one sport. Students enjoy outstanding athletic facilities, including the recent addition of athletic complexes for lacrosse, football, softball, baseball and soccer.

## DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

At Pace Academy, we believe that a diverse and inclusive learning environment is key to a quality education, and that cultural fluency and compassion are necessary components of creating prepared, confident citizens of the world. We are dedicated to developing the whole child. We respect others and their unique ideas and beliefs. Our commitment to a diverse and inclusive culture is reflected in a community in which our differences are embraced, and students, parents and faculty have a sense of belonging.

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Pace Academy offers 25 Honors classes and 24 Advanced Placement courses. [Students enrolled in Advanced Placement courses must take the AP exam.](#)

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT STUDENT SCORES

Eighty percent of our students score 3 or above on AP tests. Fifty-four percent of our students score a 4 or 5.

## APPLICATION STATISTICS

There were 119 graduates in the Class of 2019:

- Twenty-five percent of class received ACT/SAT scores of 34/1500 or greater; 47 percent of class received scores of 32/1400 or greater; and 68 percent of class received scores of 29/1300 or greater.
- The class submitted 691 college applications to 188 colleges and universities.
- The class received 408 offers of admission, a 59-percent admit rate.
- Forty-nine seniors applied early-decision; 35 were admitted.
- The class applied, on average, to six colleges.
- The class plans to attend 60 different colleges and universities in 25 states, the District of Columbia and Scotland. Thirty-one students are the sole matriculates to their college.

## NATIONAL SCHOLARS

The Class of 2019 included two National Merit Scholars, and four National Merit Semifinalists.

## THE GRADING SYSTEM

The Pace transcript uses an unweighted numeric grading scale for academic courses. Grade Point Average is reported on a 100-point scale with a weight of 7 for Advanced Placement courses and post-AP honors courses, 5 for Honors courses and 2 for all other college-preparatory courses. A year-by-year and a cumulative weighted GPA are provided on the transcript for each student. Due to the small size of our senior classes, *Pace does not provide a class rank.*

## PHILOSOPHY AND PROFESSIONAL ETHICS

- We provide a comprehensive college counseling program that focuses on finding the right college fit for each student.
- We support early-decision applications once students have carefully researched their options.
- We advise students of their ethical obligations in the admissions process regarding disciplinary issues, withdrawing applications and submitting enrollment deposits.
- Pace complies with NACAC's Code of Ethics and Professional Practices.

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Pace Academy requires 46 total units of credit for its diploma—42 of which must be academic, four of which may be satisfied with academic or non-academic electives. In addition, students must satisfy a non-unit physical education requirement (either by participating in an interscholastic athletic team or in an after-school P.E. class), as well as a non-unit service requirement of 40 hours of community service. A normal schedule consists of six classes per semester. Students receive one unit of credit for each semester of study.

## COURSE REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS (SEMESTER MINIMUM):	
ENGLISH	8 units
MATHEMATICS	8 units <i>(minimum of algebra II)</i>
SOCIAL SCIENCE	6 units <i>(minimum of two units of U.S. history and a minimum of four units of non-U.S. history)</i>
SCIENCE	6 units <i>(two units each—physics, chemistry and biology)</i>
WORLD LANGUAGE	4 units <i>(minimum through third level)</i>
FINE ARTS	3 units
ACADEMIC ELECTIVES	4 units

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## TESTING PROFILE: CLASSES OF 2016–2019

	ACT MID 50%	ACT MEAN	SAT MID 50%	SAT MEAN
CLASS OF 2019	27–33	30	1170–1320	1305
CLASS OF 2018	27–33	29	1210–1435	1330
CLASS OF 2017	28–33	31	1210–1430	1308
CLASS OF 2016	27–32	29	1170–1390	1282

## UPPER SCHOOL COURSE OFFERINGS

	NINTH GRADE	10TH GRADE	11TH GRADE	12TH GRADE
<b>ENGLISH</b>	Literary Heroes Literary Heroes Honors	Literary Genres Literary Genres Honors	American Literature American Literature Honors AP English Literature & Composition	World Literature Creative Writing I, II Comparative Women's Literature Honors AP English Language & Composition World Literature Honors
<b>MATHEMATICS</b>	Geometry Geometry Honors	Algebra II Algebra II Honors	Pre-Calculus Pre-Calculus Honors Analysis Honors	Discrete Math Statistics & Probability Finance Calculus Honors AP Statistics AP Calculus AB AP Calculus BC Multivariate Calculus Honors* Advanced Topics in Math Honors*
<b>SCIENCE</b>	Conceptual Physics Mathematical Physics Honors	Computational Chemistry Analytical Chemistry Honors	Environmental Biology Molecular & Genetic Biology Honors AP Biology	Anatomy & Physiology I, II AP Chemistry AP Environmental Science AP Physics 1 AP Physics C: Mechanics AP Psychology Advanced Science Research*
<b>HISTORY</b>	Ancient World Civilizations Ancient World Civilizations Honors	Europe & the World AP Modern European History	American History AP U.S. History	Business Ethics Contemporary Political Issues Economics AP Art History AP Comparative Government & Politics African American Saga AP Microeconomics AP Macroeconomics AP World History
<b>WORLD LANGUAGES</b>	French II French II Honors  Latin II Honors  Spanish II Spanish II Honors	French III French III Honors  Latin III Honors  Spanish III Spanish III Honors	French IV AP French Language  AP Latin  Spanish IV AP Spanish Language	French V French V World Literature Honors* Advanced Latin Poetry Honors* Spanish V Spanish V World Literature Honors*
<b>OTHER NOTABLE COURSES</b>				Robotics Advanced Studio Art AP Computer Science A AP Computer Science Principles Applied Psychology & Leadership AP Music Theory Data Structures & Algorithms Honors* Advanced Application Development**

\*post-AP course, \*\*post, post-AP course



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## COLLEGE ENROLLMENTS

The 443 graduates of the Classes of 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 attend the following colleges and universities:

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|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| American University                                    | Indiana University<br>at Bloomington (2)    | Southeast Missouri State University               |
| Amherst College                                        | Kennesaw State University                   | Southern Methodist University (12)                |
| Auburn University (23)                                 | Lafayette College                           | Spelman College                                   |
| Ball State University                                  | Louisiana State University                  | Stanford University (2)                           |
| Belmont University                                     | Loyola Marymount University                 | Stetson University (2)                            |
| Berry College                                          | Loyola University New Orleans               | Syracuse University                               |
| Birmingham-Southern College                            | Macalester College (2)                      | Texas Christian University (7)                    |
| Boston College (3)                                     | Massachusetts Institute<br>of Technology    | Trinity College                                   |
| Brown University (5)                                   | Mercer University (2)                       | Tufts University (2)                              |
| Bucknell University (2)                                | Miami University, Oxford (3)                | Tulane University (12)                            |
| Case Western Reserve University                        | Middlebury College                          | Tusculum College                                  |
| Chapman University                                     | Morehouse College (2)                       | University of Alabama (17)                        |
| Clemson University (3)                                 | Mount Holyoke College                       | University of Arizona (2)                         |
| Colgate University                                     | New York University (3)                     | University of California, Davis                   |
| College of Charleston (3)                              | Northeastern University (4)                 | University of California,<br>Los Angeles (2)      |
| College of William and Mary                            | Northwestern University (5)                 | University of Chicago (4)                         |
| The College of Wooster (2)                             | Oberlin College & Conservatory              | University of Colorado, Boulder (5)               |
| Cornell University (2)                                 | Oglethorpe University                       | University of Denver                              |
| Dartmouth College (3)                                  | Pennsylvania State University (2)           | University of Edinburgh                           |
| Davidson College (5)                                   | Athens Campus                               | University of Florida                             |
| Denison University (2)                                 | Point Park University                       | University of Georgia (40)                        |
| Duke University (5)                                    | Pepperdine University                       | University of Kentucky                            |
| Elon University (6)                                    | Pomona College (3)                          | University of Miami (7)                           |
| Embry-Riddle Aeronautical<br>University, Daytona Beach | Pratt Institute                             | University of Michigan (12)                       |
| Emory University (6)                                   | Princeton University (4)                    | University of Mississippi (7)                     |
| Florida State University                               | Purdue University                           | University of Missouri                            |
| Fordham University (2)                                 | Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute            | University of New Hampshire                       |
| Furman University (6)                                  | Rhodes College (7)                          | University of North Carolina,<br>Chapel Hill (10) |
| George Washington University (2)                       | Rice University                             | University of North Georgia                       |
| Georgetown University (3)                              | Rollins College (2)                         | University of Notre Dame (3)                      |
| Georgia College                                        | Santa Clara University                      | University of Pennsylvania (13)                   |
| Georgia Institute<br>of Technology (26)                | Sarah Lawrence College                      | University of Redlands                            |
| Georgia State University (2)                           | Scripps College                             | University of Richmond (2)                        |
| Harvard University                                     | Sewanee: The University<br>of the South (5) | University of South Carolina (4)                  |
| High Point University                                  | Skidmore College                            | University of Southern California (6)             |
| Howard University (5)                                  |                                             | University of St Andrews (3)                      |
|                                                        |                                             | University of Tennessee,<br>Knoxville (4)         |
|                                                        |                                             | University of Texas, Austin (8)                   |
|                                                        |                                             | University of Vermont                             |
|                                                        |                                             | University of Virginia (8)                        |
|                                                        |                                             | University of Wisconsin (3)                       |
|                                                        |                                             | Vanderbilt University (10)                        |
|                                                        |                                             | Vassar College                                    |
|                                                        |                                             | Wake Forest University (11)                       |
|                                                        |                                             | Washington and Lee University (3)                 |
|                                                        |                                             | Washington University<br>in St. Louis (8)         |
|                                                        |                                             | Wofford College                                   |
|                                                        |                                             | Yale University                                   |

## 2016–2019 COLLEGE ENROLLMENTS BY REGION

CLASSES OF 2016–2019				
	2019	2018	2017	2016
GEORGIA	12%	19%	27%	17%
SOUTH (including Ga.)	43%	59%	62%	55%
NORTHEAST	18%	4%	4%	6%
MID ATLANTIC	3%	11%	6%	10%
MIDWEST	10%	13%	11%	14%
WEST (including Texas)	13%	11%	13%	14%
UK or CANADA	0%	2%	1%	1%
GAP YEAR	1%	1%	2%	0%
PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS	40%	51%	47%	49%
PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS	60%	49%	53%	51%