

GERMANTOWN FRIENDS SCHOOL

COLLEGE COUNSELING SCHOOL PROFILE 2019-20

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
- 1,064 students; 411 in grades 9-12; 102 in senior class
- Student/teacher ratio: 7:1
- 75% of Upper School faculty hold advanced degrees
- 35.8% of student body are students of color
- \$4.8 million of financial assistance awarded to 33% 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.

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.

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

SCHOOL LEADERSHIP AND COLLEGE COUNSELING STAFF

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ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

CLASS OF
2020

SAT Scores (Class of 2020)

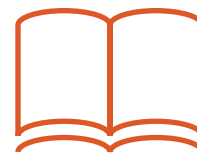
- Overall Average: 1383
- Math Average: 689
- EBRW Average: 694
- Overall Middle 50%: 1300-1510
- Math Middle 50%: 615-770
- EBRW Middle 50%: 650-740

ACT Scores (Class of 2020)

- Overall Composite Average: 30.8
- Overall Composite Middle 50%: 29-33

National Merit Scholars 2014-19

- 11 Scholars
- 53 Finalists
- 60 Semifinalists
- 85 Commended



CLASS OF
2019

SAT Scores (Class of 2019)

- Overall Average: 1391
- Math Average: 690
- EBRW Average: 701
- Overall Middle 50%: 1305-1495
- Math Middle 50%: 630-770
- EBRW Middle 50%: 655-750

ACT Scores (Class of 2019)

- Overall Composite Average: 30
- Overall Composite Middle 50%: 28-33

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.

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.

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.

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

- Literary Analysis, Poetics, and Composition I: Advanced
- Literary Analysis, Poetics, and Composition II: Advanced

CLASSICAL LANGUAGE

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

HISTORY

- United States History: Advanced
- Advanced Topics in History (*students choose 2 semester-long courses*)
 - African-American Studies
 - Europe: World War II and Beyond
 - Genocide and Human Rights
 - History of Science: From Darwin to DNA
 - Modern U.S. Political Ideologies and Issues
 - The Making of the Modern World
 - U.S. Government and Civics
 - War and Peace: The Modern Middle East

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

ART

- Senior Studio: Advanced

MUSIC

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

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COLLEGE MATRICULATION 2015-19

Parenthetical numbers denote graduate enrollment of two or more.

Albright College	La Salle University	University of Miami (2)
American University (5)	Lafayette College	University of Michigan
Amherst College (2)	Lehigh University	University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Arizona State University	Macalester College (4)	University of Notre Dame
Babson College	Maryland Institute College of Art	University of Pennsylvania (45)
Bard College	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	University of Pittsburgh (9)
Barnard College (10)	McGill University (3)	University of Redlands
Berklee College of Music	Middlebury College (4)	University of Rochester
Boston College	New York University (15)	University of San Francisco
Boston Conservatory at Berklee	Northeastern University (5)	University of Southern California (2)
Boston University (7)	Northwestern University (3)	University of St. Andrews
Bowdoin College (4)	Oberlin College (2)	University of Texas, Austin
Brandeis University	Ohio Wesleyan University	University of the Arts
Brown University (10)	Pace University, NYC	University of Vermont (6)
Bryn Mawr College	Pennsylvania State University	University of Virginia
Bucknell University	Pitzer College (3)	University of Washington
Canisius College	Pratt Institute	University of Wisconsin, Madison (4)
Carleton College	Princeton University (7)	Ursinus College (2)
Carnegie Mellon University (2)	Reed College	Vanderbilt University
Case Western Reserve University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	Vassar College (6)
Champlain College	Rhode Island School of Art & Design	Virginia Tech
Chestnut Hill College	Rice University (3)	Wake Forest University
Colgate University	Ryerson University	Washington University in St. Louis (2)
College of William and Mary (2)	Saint Joseph's University (2)	Wellesley College (3)
College of Wooster (2)	Sarah Lawrence College (4)	Wesleyan University (11)
Colorado College (2)	Savannah College Art and Design	West Chester University
Columbia University (6)	Sciences Po/Columbia University	Whittier College (2)
Connecticut College (2)	Scripps College	Widener University (2)
Cornell University (3)	Skidmore College (9)	Williams College (2)
Dartmouth College (2)	Smith College	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Dickinson College (2)	Soka University of America	Yale University (9)
Drexel University (15)	Stanford University (5)	
Duke University	SUNY Stony Brook	
Earlham College (2)	Swarthmore College (3)	
Eckerd College	Syracuse University (3)	
Elizabethtown College (2)	Temple University (18)	
Emerson College (2)	The New School (All Divisions) (2)	
Emory University (5)	Trinity College	
Fordham University (2)	Tufts University (5)	
Franklin & Marshall College (4)	Tulane University (7)	
George Washington University (4)	United States Naval Academy	
Georgetown University (5)	University College London	
Georgia Institute of Technology (4)	University of California, Los Angeles (4)	
Hamilton College (5)	University of California, Santa Barbara	
Hampshire College (5)	University of Cambridge	
Harvard University (3)	University of Chicago (2)	
Haverford College (11)	University of Colorado, Boulder (2)	
Howard University	University of Delaware	
Ithaca College	University of Edinburgh (2)	
Johns Hopkins University (2)		
Kenyon College (8)		

