

COLLEGE ENROLLMENT, CLASSES OF 2016–2020

Four or more Marin Academy graduates in the past five years have enrolled at the following 48 colleges and universities; collectively, recent graduates have also attended an additional 87 institutions.

11+ ENROLLED STUDENTS:

University of Southern California (18)
Tulane University (14)
UC Berkeley (14)
Colorado College (12)
Stanford University (12)
Tufts University (12)
Brown University (11)
Chapman University (11)
New York University (11)
Scripps College (11)
University of Colorado Boulder (11)

6–10 ENROLLED STUDENTS:

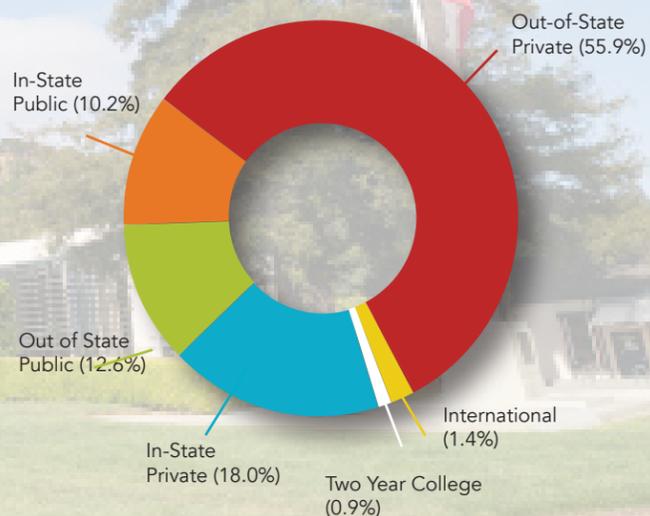
Santa Clara University (10)
UC Santa Cruz (10)
Boston College (9)
Middlebury College (9)
University of Wisconsin (9)
Barnard College (8)
Northeastern University (8)
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo (7)
Colgate University (7)
Dartmouth College (7)

Duke University (7)
Georgetown University (7)
University of Pennsylvania (7)
University of Washington (7)
Columbia University (6)
Kenyon College (6)
UC Los Angeles (6)

4–5 ENROLLED STUDENTS:

Bates College (5)
Bowdoin College (5)
Northwestern University (5)
Occidental College (5)
Vanderbilt University (5)
Vassar College (5)
Lehigh University (4)
Pitzer College (4)
Southern Methodist University (4)
Syracuse University (4)
University of Chicago (4)
University of Michigan (4)
University of San Diego (4)
University of Vermont (4)
University of Virginia (4)
Wake Forest University (4)
Washington University in St. Louis (4)
Yale University (4)

Enrollment by Type of Institution



MARIN
ACADEMY



2020-2021 COLLEGE ADMISSION PROFILE

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ABOUT MA

Marin Academy is a co-educational, independent, college preparatory day school located in San Rafael, California, north of San Francisco. Founded in 1971, MA enrolls 440 students in grades 9–12. MA offers a competitive college preparatory program that also emphasizes a strong appreciation of and involvement with the arts. MA incorporates an innovative curriculum that pushes past the boundaries of traditional education to prepare students for leadership roles of the future. There are 110 students in the senior class.

MISSION STATEMENT

Marin Academy asks every individual to think, question, and create in an environment of encouragement and compassion, and challenges each person to accept the responsibilities posed by education in a democratic society.

ADMISSION

Admission to MA is highly selective and students are admitted on the basis of previous academic work, recommendations, extracurricular talent, test scores, and personal interviews.

DEMOGRAPHY

Students of color make up approximately 33% of our student body, and 19% of the student body receives tuition assistance. 73% of students come from Marin County, 20% come from San Francisco, 6% come from the east bay, and 1% come from Sonoma.

DISCIPLINARY POLICY

When a student has been found responsible for a disciplinary violation which results in suspension, it is the expectation of the School that the student will address it honestly in his or her application, or in a letter if the violation occurs after applications are submitted. The college counseling office will also report the infraction and the School's response.

AN UPDATE ON COVID-19

In late March of 2020, Marin Academy like many schools in northern California shifted our learning to an emergency remote learning program. All of our students continued with their same courses and we maintained our traditional grading practices. For the 2020-2021 academic year, Marin Academy adopted a new schedule. Our students take three courses during a quarter for .5 credit and then rotate through their six courses throughout the year. As a result, some of the course schedules for the class of 2020 had to be amended, but this schedule allows our students to maintain the typical learning experience at Marin Academy. Our grading practices will remain unchanged for this year. As of August 2020, 50% of MA students took an SAT/ACT once. After February, our students have not had any access to standardized testing in all of northern California.



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GRADE SCALE

A	4.0
A-	3.7
B+	3.3
B	3.0
B-	2.7
C+	2.3
C	2.0
C-	1.7
D+	1.3
D	1.0
F	0.0

TESTING PROFILE

ACT Composite	Mid-50%: 30-34 Mean: 31
SAT Composite	Mid-50%: ERW: 670-740 Math: 660-750 Mean: 1403 ERW: 703 Math: 699
GPA	Highest GPA: 4.0 Lowest GPA: 2.77

Due to the highly selective nature of our admissions process and the overall intellectual engagement in our community, Marin Academy uses unweighted GPA, does not calculate class rank, and does not provide any academic honors or distinctions.

ACCREDITATION & MEMBERSHIPS

Marin Academy is fully accredited by WASC/CAIS and is a member of NAIS (National Association of Independent Schools). Professional memberships are held in NACAC/WACAC (National and Western Associations of College Admission Counseling), College Board, ACCIS (Association of College Counselors in Independent Schools), CAIS (California Association of Independent Schools), and the Bay Area BlendEd consortium.

* Note: Since the Class of 2017, Marin Academy no longer awards A+

MARIN ACADEMY COURSE OFFERINGS 2020-21

Subject Requirements	Elective Courses		
English (Four years) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English I English II English III (H) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poetry (H) Frames, Metaphors, and Media (H) Image & Word (H) Truth & Power (H) Freedom, Choice, and Obligation (H) Narrative Non-fiction (H) African American Literature (H) Science Fiction (H) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Culture Shock: Migration, Exile, and Refugee Crisis (H) Limits of Scientific Imagination (H) Social History of Diseases (H) Writing for Performance (H) Magical Realism Post-Colonial Theory (H) The Future of Cities: Civic Tech and Data Science (H) 	
History (Three years) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Modern World History I Mod. World Hist. II US History (H) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intro to International Relations: Organizations & Development (H) Intro to International Relations: Theory & Conflict (H) Social History of Disease (H) Magical Realism: Post-Colonial Theory (H) History of Amer. Ed. (H) Constitutional Law (H) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Empires I (H) World Empires II (H) History, Culture, & Identity I (H) History, Culture, & Identity II (H) Culture Shock: Migration, Exile, and Refugee Crisis (H) Comparative Religion (H) Justice in America (H) 	
Science (Three years) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biology Chemistry Physics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advanced Biology (H) Human Anatomy & Physiology (H) Advanced Physics w/ Calculus (H) Neuroscience (H) Introduction to Psychology Physics (H) Physics: Astrophysics (H) MARC: Experimental Design 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Electrical Engineering & Computer Science (H) Environmental Science (H) MARC: Independent Research I MARC: Independent Research II Adv. Studies in Inorganic Chem. (H) Next: The Limits of Scientific Imagination (H) 	
Math (Three years) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advanced Algebra I Algebra II Geometry Geometry (H) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Precalculus Precalculus (H) Calculus (H) Advanced Calculus (H) Applied Math Statistics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Computer Science I Computer Science II Number Theory & Discrete Math The Future of Cities: Civic Tech and Data Science (H) 	
World Languages (Three years)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chinese I Chinese II Chinese III (H) Chinese IV (H) Chinese V (H) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> French I French II French III (H) French IV (H) French IV/V (H) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spanish I Spanish II Spanish III Spanish IV (H) Spanish V (H) Spanish V/VI (H)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hip-Hop Dance Dance I: Company Dance II: Company Dance III: Advanced Company Dance IV: Advanced Company Theater I Theater II Theater III 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Theater IV Stagecraft Visual Arts I Visual Arts II: Photography Visual Arts II: Ceramics Visual Arts II: Drawing & Painting Visual Arts III: Ceramics Visual Arts III: Photography Visual Arts III: Drawing & Painting Visual Arts IV: Drawing & Painting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visual Arts IV: Advanced Ceramics Visual Arts IV: Photography Foundations of Music Performance American Roots Rock & Blues Jazz & Soul World Music & Rhythm Three Dimensional Thinking Creative Braid
Bay Area BlendEd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial Literacy Public Health & Vulnerable Populations Introduction to Psychology American Politics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oaktown: A Multifaceted Deep Dive in an Era of Gentrification Laid to Rest 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bay Area & Cinema Multivariable Calculus (H) Medical Problem Solving Wilderness Studies
Wellness (One and a half years)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Human Development I Human Development II 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mind, Body, Brain 	

ACADEMIC PHILOSOPHY & SPECIAL PROGRAMS

At Marin Academy, we empower students by putting them at the center of their education and requiring them to play an active role in their quest for meaning and purpose. The curriculum focuses on problems, projects, and questions that cultivate our school-wide competencies: Demonstrated Empathy, Imaginative Curiosity, Intellectual Flexibility, Compelling Expression, Strategic Boldness. **We have not had AP courses for over a decade nor are most of our courses aligned with SAT Subject Tests.** As a result, our inclusive curriculum and assessments can focus on transferable and enduring skills. Below are a few examples of distinctive programs at Marin Academy:

BlendEd Consortium	Marin Academy Research Collaborative	Identity & Equity (IDEQ) Leaders	Transdisciplinary Leadership Program
<p>Founded in 2013 by Marin Academy and four other Bay Area independent schools, the BlendED consortium is now made of up of seven BAIS schools and combines face-to-face and online instruction to bring a new dimension of engaging curriculum to our students. Classes are taught by full-time faculty at one of the consortium schools and include regular virtual meetings in addition to 3-5 in-person experiences. Note: Multivariable Calculus was only offered to MA students through BlendED for the 2018-19 school year.</p>	<p>Specifically designed to engage a diverse group of students in cutting-edge science and engineering research, MARC partners MA students with the larger scientific community to pursue a research question of their own design. Enrollment requires an application and is a two year commitment. Visit the MARC website at marcprogram.wixsite.com/blogs to gain further understanding of this highly selective program where students ultimately publish their work in a peer-reviewed journal.</p>	<p>As part of our diversity, equity, and inclusion programs, MA offers a variety of affinity and open groups for our students. To become an Identity and Equity Leader, students must undergo extensive training on cultural sensitivity, leadership, and facilitation techniques throughout the year, including but not limited to retreats, weekly feedback meetings, and weekend commitments. Then, leaders apply these skills in developing a comprehensive curriculum for affinity and open meetings throughout the year.</p>	<p>In response to a growing need for our students to address complicated issues that transcend traditional disciplines, Marin Academy created an innovative, application-based program for students in their senior year. The heart of the program is a two-block course, which meets every-other-day for almost a full day, fulfilling both English and History for a semester. In it, students explore the nuances and perspectives of a social issue and then respond to it in partnership with outside organizations. Students are focusing on studying migration and are working with a subdivision of the nonprofit organization Kiva to help answer questions regarding their pursuit to fund refugees with microloans.</p>
Human Development TA	End of Year Projects		
<p>MA's Human Development curriculum includes discussions centered on contemporary issues affecting our students. Juniors and seniors are selected to act as TA's and actively lead discussions with their younger peers providing a space for students to question themselves and each other about developmental aspects of identity formation, adolescence, relationships, values, equity, and personal safety. The TA's also help in creating and delivering curriculum and are trained through weekly, one hour sessions with the teachers.</p>	<p>In place of traditional finals, MA engages each class in a week-long, transdisciplinary exploration. Freshmen are exposed to local issues of social justice and service learning, sophomores learn about solution generation to a proposed global problem, juniors work in teams to learn about and create solutions to real-world issues. Finally, seniors take three weeks and tackle a project individually that can take the form of internships, service learning, or design/creation.</p>		

