



FRIENDS' CENTRAL SCHOOL

2020-2021 PROFILE FOR COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS

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Established in 1845 by the Religious Society of Friends, Friends' Central School is an independent, co-educational Quaker day school for grades nursery through 12. Total school enrollment is 728 students; 350 students are enrolled in the Upper School.

The campus is located just over Philadelphia's western border and draws students from the city and four surrounding counties. 40% of the student body self-identifies as students of color; 2% are Quaker. Need-based financial aid is granted to 43% of students. In the class of 2020, 97% of graduates chose to attend a four-year college and 3% chose to take a gap year. NAIS accredited.

CURRICULAR and PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

- All FCS courses are taught at the honors level. **Our Advanced courses equal or exceed the rigor of AP courses.**
- The English department does not offer an advanced track option. All students must complete the rigorous Literature curriculum.
- **American History** is a *required* document-based course. Each student completes a capstone, ten page, thesis-driven, primary source-based research project during the spring semester.
- **The standard course load is five major courses per year.**
- Friends' Central School **does not calculate a grade point average or class rank.** A junior year grade distribution is provided to assist colleges in assessing student academic performance.
- All students entering the Upper School as 9th graders complete a minimum of 115 hours of **community service** prior to graduation.
- **Discipline** at FCS is considered a part of the educational process and is normally an internal matter. However, when a student is or has been separated from FCS during his or her upper school years for any reason, colleges at which the student has active applications for admission or at which the student is holding an offer of admission will be notified. As their advocates, the college counselors will work closely with students in reporting disciplinary matters to colleges.

THE ACADEMIC PROGRAM CURRICULUM

For a complete course listing and details, please see our Curriculum Planner at
https://www.friendscentral.org/uploaded/Academics/Documents/US_Curriculum_Planner_2020-2021.pdf

ENGLISH 4 years required

English I*
 English II*
 English III, English III Seminar*
 English IV, English IV Seminar*
 Writer's Workshop

MATHEMATICS 3 years required

Algebra I
 Algebra II, Algebra II *Adv*
 Geometry, Geometry *Adv*
 Precalculus, Precalculus *Adv*
 Statistics, Statistics *Adv*
 Calculus I, Calculus I *Adv*
 Calculus II *Adv*
 Linear Algebra *Adv*
 Making Decisions: Intro to Economics

HISTORY 2 years required

American History*
 World History*
 20th Century Global History
 American Architectural History
 Capitalism & Consumption
 Creating Africa *Adv*
 History of World Architecture *Adv*
 International Relations
 Introduction to Philosophy
 Modern Africa *Adv*
 Modern Chinese History
 Modern European History *Adv*
 Women's History in the United States

SCIENCE 2 years required

Integrated Physics*
 Astronomy
 Atmospheric Science & Climate Change
 Biology I, Biology I *Adv*
 Biology II *Adv*: Biodiversity
 Biology II *Adv*: Genetic Super Lab
 Biology of Bodies
 Botany
 Chemistry I, Chemistry I *Adv*
 Chemistry II *Adv*: Chem. Equilibrium
 Chemistry II *Adv*: Chem. Kinetics & Electroch.
 Experiential Physics
 Physics I *Adv*
 Physics II *Adv*: Electricity and Circuits
 Physics II *Adv*: Magnetism, Waves & Optics

FOREIGN LANGUAGE 2 years required

French I, II, II *Adv*, III, III *Adv*
 The Contemporary French Experience
 Paris: Yesterday and Today
 Francophone Identities *Adv*
 French Literature *Adv*: Poetry/Novels
 French Literature *Adv*: Short Stories &/Theater
 Latin II, II *Adv*, III, III *Adv*
 Latin Literature *Adv*: Catullus & Ovid
 Latin Literature *Adv*: Vergil
 Spanish I, II, II *Adv*, III, III *Adv*, IV
 The Contemporary Latino Experience
 Spanish: History & Culture *Adv*
 Spanish Literature *Adv*: Marquez, *et al*
 Spanish Literature *Adv*: Borges, *et. Al*

* Asterisk = Required Course

FINE ARTS 4 semesters required

Partial list of arts electives -
 Advanced Topics in Studio Art
 Concepts in Visual Arts
 The Contemporary Stage
 Ensemble Building, Improvisation &
 Play Making
 Foundations in 2D Art
 Instrumental Ensemble Orchestra
 Introduction to Drawing Studio Art
 Introduction to Stage Acting
 History of African American Music
 Mixed Media: Appropriation & Reinvention
 Mixed Media: Real World Connections
 Music: Intro to Theory & Composition
 Musical Theater
 Photography
 Shakespeare in Performance
 Woodworking I, II

GENERAL ELECTIVES

Intro to Computer Science –
 Python Part I & II
 Comp Sci: Interactive Installations
 Comp Sci: Data Visualizations
 Comp Sci: Models & Simulations
 Comp Science Principles *Adv*
 Sexuality & Society

STANDARDIZED TESTING

Middle 50%

SAT Results

Class of 2020	EWR 615-745	M 580-760
Class of 2019	EWR 580-700	M 550-700
Class of 2018	EWR 640-730	M 550-710
Class of 2017	EWR 600-690	M 570-710
Class of 2016	CR 580-710	M 570-700 W 530-720

ACT Results

Class of 2020	27-33
Class of 2019	26-32
Class of 2018	27-33
Class of 2017	25-32
Class of 2016	23-28

Class of 2020 - JUNIOR YEAR GRADE DISTRIBUTION

Subject	Course Name	A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	Total
ENGLISH	English III		15	20	19	26	11	2	4	1		98
	English Seminar	1	39	16	18	17	1	2	2			96
	Writers' Workshop	1	1		1							3
MATH	Geometry					1						1
	Algebra II		1	4	1		1					7
	Precalculus		8	9	5	3	2					27
	Precalculus Adv		4	3	5	5	3					22
	Calculus I		2	2		2						6
	Calculus I Adv		4	7		6	2					19
	Calculus II Adv	1	4	4	1	2						12
	Linear Algebra Adv		3									3
	Statistics Adv		3									3
	Making Decisions: Intro. to Economics		2									2
SCIENCE	Atmospheric Science and Climate	1	3	2								6
	Biology I			8	8	5	2		1	2		26
	Biology I Adv	1	11	13	15	12	2					54
	Biology II Adv (Biodiv. & Genetics Lab)		1	2								3
	Chemistry I			1			1					2
	Chemistry II Adv (Chem Equi. & Kinetics)	3	10	5	4	5						30
	Physics I Adv		5	1	1	3	2					12
	Physics II Adv (Electricity & Magnetism)		1	4	3	3						11
HISTORY	American History	1	28	25	14	18	8	2	1			97
	International Relations		1	2	1							4
	Introduction to Philosophy	1	3		1							5
	Women's History in the United States		3									3
FOREIGN LANGUAGE	Francophone Identities Adv			1								1
LANGUAGE	French I		1									1
	French II and French II Adv		1	1	1							3
	French III and French III Adv		3	3	3	1						10
	Paris: Yesterday and Today		7	1	1							9
	Latin III Adv	1										1
	Latin Literature I Adv: Vergil	4	5	3	1	1						14
	Spanish I		1									1
	Spanish II and Spanish II Adv		3			1	1			1		6
	Spanish III and Spanish III Adv	1	3	2		2	2	1	1	1		13
	Spanish IV	1	5	4	6	5		1		1		23
FINE ARTS	Spanish Literature Adv: Borges			1		1	1		1			4
	Spanish History and Culture Adv					3		1				4
	<i>Sample of 16 arts courses taken</i>	2	1	1								5
	Mixed Media (Approp. & Real World)		4	3	2	1						10
	Photography		3		2	5	1					11
	Shakespeare in Performance		8									8
ELECTIVES	Studio Art I: Foundations of Studio Art	2	4									6
	Intro. to Computer Science: Python Part 1		1	1								2
	Sexuality & Society		2									2

Courses are not included in which there was only one student from the Class of 2021

FRIENDS' CENTRAL SCHOOL - COLLEGE CHOICES 2016-2020

Albright College (2)	Franklin & Marshall College (9)	University of Richmond (2)
Allegheny College	George Mason University	Roberts Wesleyan College
American University (5)	George Washington University (11)	Rochester Inst. of Technology
Amherst College	Georgia Institute of Technology	University of Rochester (4)
Arcadia University	Gettysburg College (2)	Rowan University
University of Arizona (2)	Goucher College	Saint Joseph's University (3)
Auburn University	Guilford College	San Diego State University
Bard College	Hamilton College (3)	University of San Diego
Barnard College (4)	Harvard University (2)	Sarah Lawrence College (2)
Baruch College of the CUNY	Haverford College (5)	Scripps College
Bates College	College of the Holy Cross	Shippensburg University of PA
Bennington College	Hofstra University	Skidmore College
Berklee College of Music	Howard University (4)	University of South Carolina (2)
Boston College (5)	Univ. of Illinois Urbana-Champaign	Southeast Missouri State University
Boston University (9)	Indiana University Bloomington (2)	University of Southern California (3)
Brandeis University (2)	Indiana University of PA	Spelman College
Brown University (4)	Ithaca College	University of St. Andrews Scotland
Bryn Mawr College (5)	Jefferson (3)	St. Olaf College
Bucknell University (3)	Johns Hopkins University	Stanford University
University of California Davis	Lafayette College (4)	Stevens Institute of Technology
University of California Irvine	Lehigh University (3)	Stony Brook University
Univ. of California Los Angeles (3)	Lewis and Clark College	Swarthmore College
Univ. of California San Diego (2)	Loyola Marymount University	University of Sydney Australia
Carleton College	Loyola University Chicago	Syracuse University (4)
Carleton University	Loyola University of Maryland (2)	The University of Tampa
Carnegie Mellon University	Macalester College (3)	Temple University (9)
University of Chicago (7)	Maryland Institute College of Art	The University of Texas Austin
Claremont McKenna College	University of Maryland (3)	Towson University
Clark Atlanta University	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Trinity College (CT) (2)
Clark University (2)	University of Massachusetts	Tufts University (2)
Colby College	Massachusetts Maritime Academy	Tulane University (10)
Colgate University (2)	McGill University (2)	Tyler School of Art
University of Colorado Boulder	Miami University Ohio	Union College (2)
Colorado College (3)	University of Miami (6)	United States Air Force Academy
Colorado School of Mines	University of Michigan (3)	University of Oregon
Community College of Beaver Co.	Middlebury College (4)	Ursinus College (3)
Connecticut College	Mississippi State University	Vanderbilt University
Cornell University (6)	Morehouse College	Vassar College (3)
Dartmouth College	Mount Holyoke College (3)	University of Vermont (3)
University of Delaware (5)	Muhlenberg College (4)	Villanova University (2)
Denison University	New York University (13)	University of Virginia (2)
University of Denver	Univ. of No. Carolina Chapel Hill	Wake Forest University (3)
DeSales University	Univ. of No. Carolina Wilmington	Washington Univ. in St. Louis (13)
Dickinson College (8)	Northeastern University (7)	University of Seattle Washington
Drew University	Northwestern University (2)	Wellesley College
Drexel University (14)	Oberlin College (7)	Wesleyan University (8)
Duke University (2)	Pace University	West Chester University (3)
Duquesne University (3)	Penn State University (10)	West Virginia University
Earlham College	University of Pennsylvania (33)	Wheaton College
Elizabethtown College	University of Pittsburgh (22)	Widener University
Elon University (5)	Point Park University	William and Mary
Emerson College	Pomona College	Williams College
Emory University (3)	Pratt Institute	University of Wisconsin Madison (4)
Endicott College	Princeton University (2)	Xavier University of Louisiana (2)
Florida International University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	Yale University
University of Florida	Rhode Island School of Design	York College of PA (2)
	Rice University (2)	