



# SAINT LOUIS PRIORY SCHOOL

## DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS OF A PRIORY EDUCATION

For more than 60 years, the monks and lay faculty of Saint Louis Abbey, guided by the Rule of Saint Benedict, have taught young men the intellectual skills and disciplines inherent in a comprehensive liberal arts program of study. Centered in the spirit of Christian love and committed to service of all its members, Saint Louis Priory School welcomes students of all faith backgrounds from over 65 different zip codes. More than 40% of the student body receives financial aid.

## PROGRAM OF STUDY AND CURRICULUM

**Course of Study** – Students typically enroll in 8 courses each trimester in the freshman and sophomore years and 7 in the junior year. Courses meet from 2 to 5 class periods each week. Without exception, a student may enroll in no more than 4 AP courses in the junior year and 3 AP courses in the senior year. The senior year has 5 academic core disciplines in the first term, an intentional structuring that more closely resembles the first year of university studies, with an increase in instructional time in each discipline.

(\* Students may select only one elective course from the appropriate list; *Italicized courses are available in honors.*)

### Grade 9

Theology; English; *Latin III* or Latin for Transfer; *French II* or *Spanish II*; *Geometry*; *Biology*; World History I  
Electives\*: Greek I or Fine Arts (Medieval or Theatre Arts, Studio Art, or Vocal Music)

### Grade 10

Theology; English; *French III* or *Spanish III*; Pre-calculus or Algebra II; Chemistry; World History II; Seminar  
Elective One\*: *Latin IV* or Technology and Business, or  
Elective Two\*: Greek II or Fine Arts (Medieval Arts, Mass Media & Video Production, Studio Art, Vocal Music)

### Grade 11

Theology; English; *French IV* or *Spanish IV*; AP Calculus BC or AB or Pre-Calculus; AP Physics or Physics; AP U.S. History or U.S. History; Art History  
Electives\*: AP Latin, STEM Electives, Vocal Music, Visual and Performing Arts, or Study Hall

### Grade 12

Theology (two terms); English: Thesis I in first term and Electives in winter and spring terms; Thesis II (Honors) (winter term only); AP Statistics and Multivariable Calculus, AP Statistics and Probability, or AP Calculus AB  
Electives\* (students choose one class each from two of the categories below):  
• AP French, AP Spanish or Spanish V  
• AP Chemistry or AP Biology or Environmental Science  
• AP European History or Social Studies Seminar or AP Computer Science

**Thesis** – All seniors complete the senior thesis, a product of scholarly, scientific, or artistic work of high academic quality. The character of the work leading to the senior thesis is expected to be more advanced than normal course work and should involve an unusually high level of initiative, independence, organization, and effort. In the second term of the senior year, Thesis II (Honors) is an independent, honors level course.

Priory is the only high school in the country with a fully-functioning medieval arts guild and curricular medieval arts courses. All students learn the history and beauty of medieval arts, including calligraphy, stained glass and heraldry. Outside of class, interested students may progress through the Guild system, with those achieving Master status sealing his personal coat of arms onto the Craftsman Table.

## The Mission of Saint Louis Priory School

is to provide a Benedictine, Catholic, college preparatory education of the highest excellence so as to help talented and motivated young men develop their full potential as children of God.

### Administration

Rev. Cuthbert Elliott, O.S.B.  
*Headmaster*

Mrs. Judy P. Mohan  
*Assistant Head of School*

Mr. Michael J. Nickolai  
*Assistant Head of School*

### Accreditation

Independent Schools Association  
of the Central States

## GRADING POLICY AND HONORS

### Transcript, Grading, and Rank

– Courses are offered for either a single trimester or for the entire year. All courses, except Art History, have a final grade incorporating work from each of the three trimesters for students; some courses also include a comprehensive final exam.

Separate trimester grades are recorded in all subjects for seniors with no final grade.

**We do not rank our students.**

Our grading scale is:

A+ = 4.5	B+ = 3.5	C+ = 2.5	D = 1.0
A = 4.3	B = 3.3	C = 2.3	F = 0
A- = 4.0	B- = 3.0	C- = 2.0	

Passing Mark is a 60.

**Weighting** – Students who earn a B- or better in an honors course receive an additional .3 for that course. Students who earn a B- or better in an AP course receive an additional .5 for that course.

**Honor Roll** – At the end of each term, students who earn a 4.00 or better un-weighted cumulative GPA for the term with no grade below a B- are awarded First Honors.

Students who earn between a 3.50 and 3.99 un-weighted cumulative GPA for the term with no grade below a B- are awarded Second Honors.

**Discipline** – Saint Louis Priory School reports academic and behavioral infractions that result in a serious disciplinary response from the school.

### Distance Learning Program (DLP)

– Information about grading policy changes for the spring 2020 term is included on the transcript.

**Advanced Placement Exams**

Priory offers 13 AP courses in the junior and senior years. Junior and senior students may enroll in a maximum of three AP courses per year.

Based on faculty and Assistant Head approval, a limited number of juniors are allowed to enroll in 4 APs.

From 2018-2020, Priory students have scored a 3 or better on 83% of the tests taken.

In May 2021, 156 students (81% of all juniors and seniors) sat for 293 exams. A total of 100% of Priory students will complete an AP class before graduating.

**National Merit Scholarship Program**

On average, the National Merit Scholarship Corporation has recognized approximately 21% of our seniors as a National Merit Finalist, Semi-Finalist, or Commended Student, or as a National Hispanic Scholar.

**Testing Results: Three-Year Profile**

**Total Students, Classes of 2019-2021: 205**  
(2019: 67, 2020: 64, 2021: 74)

**ACT Composite Data**  
# Tested: 196; Mean: 31;  
Middle 50%: 28-33

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## COLLEGE ADMISSION

Graduates from the classes of 2019-2021 were admitted into at least one of the following colleges and universities. Bold indicates at least one student matriculated.

**University of Alabama**  
**Arizona State University-Tempe**  
University of Arizona  
**University of Arkansas**  
**Auburn University**  
Augustana College  
Ave Maria University  
**Baylor University**  
Bellarmine University  
**Belmont University**  
**Benedictine College**  
Bentley University  
Berry College  
**Boston College**  
**Boston University**  
**Bradley University**  
Bucknell University  
Butler University  
California Institute of Technology  
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo  
**University of California-Davis**  
University of California-Irvine  
**University of California-Los Angeles**  
University of California-Riverside  
University of California-Santa Barbara  
University of California-Santa Cruz  
University of California, San Diego  
**Case Western Reserve University**  
Catholic University of America  
Chapman University  
**University of Chicago**  
Christendom College  
**University of Cincinnati-Main Campus**  
**Clemson University**  
Colgate University  
Colorado School of Mines  
**University of Colorado Boulder**  
University of Connecticut  
Creighton University  
**University of Dallas**

**Dartmouth College**  
**University of Dayton**  
Denison University  
**University of Denver**  
DePaul University  
DePauw University  
Dominican University  
**Drake University**  
Drexel University  
**Drury University**  
**Elon University**  
Emory University  
**University of Evansville**  
Fairfield University  
**University of Florida**  
Fordham University  
Franciscan University of Steubenville  
Furman University  
George Washington University  
**Georgetown University**  
Georgia Institute of Technology  
Gettysburg College  
**Gonzaga University**  
**Grinnell College**  
Gustavus Adolphus College  
Hamilton College  
**Harvard College**  
Haverford College  
**High Point University**  
Hillsdale College  
College of the Holy Cross  
Hope College  
University of Houston  
Illinois Institute of Technology  
**Illinois Wesleyan University**  
**University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**  
**Indiana University-Bloomington**  
**Iowa State University**  
**Kansas City Art Institute**  
Kansas State University  
**University of Kansas**  
University of Kentucky  
**Kenyon College**  
Kettering University  
**Knox College**  
Lafayette College  
Lehigh University  
**Loyola Marymount University**  
**Loyola University Chicago**  
**Loyola University New Orleans**  
**Marian University - Indianapolis**  
**Marquette University**  
University of Maryland-College Park

**Maryville University of Saint Louis**  
**McPherson College**  
**Miami University-Oxford**  
**University of Miami**  
**University of Michigan-Ann Arbor**  
University of Minnesota-Twin Cities  
**University of Mississippi**  
**Missouri University of Science and Technology**  
**University of Missouri-Columbia**  
University of Missouri-Kansas City  
**University of Missouri-Kansas City (School of Medicine)**  
University of Missouri-St Louis  
Murray State University  
**New York University**  
North Carolina State University at Raleigh  
**Northeastern University**  
**Northwestern University**  
**Norwich University**  
**University of Notre Dame**  
**Nova Southeastern University**  
**Oberlin College**  
Ohio Wesleyan University  
**University of Oklahoma**  
Oxford College of Emory University  
University of Pennsylvania  
Pitzer College  
University of Portland  
Presbyterian College  
Princeton University  
Providence College  
**Purdue University**  
**Regis University**  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
**Rhodes College**  
**Rice University**  
University of Richmond  
Ripon College  
Rochester Institute of Technology  
University of Rochester  
**Rockhurst University**  
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology  
Saint Ambrose University  
Saint Anselm College  
Saint Joseph's University  
**Saint Louis University**  
Saint Mary's College of California  
Samford University  
**University of San Diego**  
**University of San Francisco**  
**Santa Clara University**

**Sewanee: The University of the South**  
University of South Carolina-Columbia  
University of Southern California  
**South Dakota School of Mines and Technology**  
**Southern Methodist University**  
**Spring Hill College**  
St Olaf College  
St. Louis Community College  
St. Mary's University  
Stanford University  
**Syracuse University**  
University of Tampa  
Temple University  
**Texas A&M University**  
**Texas Christian University**  
University of Texas at Austin  
**The Ohio State University**  
Trinity College  
**Truman State University**  
**Tufts University**  
**Tulane University of Louisiana**  
**University of Tulsa**  
**United States Merchant Marine Academy**  
**United States Naval Academy**  
University of Utah  
**Vanderbilt University**  
**Villanova University**  
University of Virginia  
Wabash College  
**Wake Forest University**  
Washington and Lee University  
**Washington University in St Louis**  
**Webster University**  
Wesleyan University  
Westminster College - MO  
Wheaton College  
**William and Mary**  
**University of Wisconsin-Madison**  
Wittenberg University  
College of Wooster  
Worcester Polytechnic Institute  
University of Wyoming  
Xavier University  
**Yale University**