

Profile 2021-22

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Founded in 1799 by the Religious Society of Friends, Westtown School continues to be one of the nation's best-known Quaker schools. Situated on 600 acres in Chester County, Pennsylvania, Westtown is accredited by the Pennsylvania Association of Independent Schools.

Students at Westtown are challenged to realize their intellectual, physical, emotional, and spiritual potential. Truth, openness, and honesty are values which undergird the school community. A spirit of inquiry reigns in the classroom, and students are encouraged to think creatively, to feel the condition of others, and to listen

to their inner selves. Westtown expects students to be critical, independent thinkers who can work with a spirit of cooperation, understanding, and tolerance of the views of others.

The Westtown experience is defined by rigorous academic preparation for college, community living in a diverse environment, weekly Meeting for Worship, and participation in the school's unique Work Program (detailed below). These shared events reflect and teach the fundamental Quaker values of consensus, nonviolent resolution of conflict, and the dignity of physical work.

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ENROLLMENT

- Coeducational since the school's founding, Westtown's student body consists of 694 students in grades Pre-K through 12.
- Students come from 16 states and 13 countries.
- The Upper School (grades 9-12) enrolls 372 students (119 day students and 253 boarding).
- 7.3% are Quakers, 43.7% are American students of color, and 12.1% are international students.
- Need-based financial aid is received by 59% of students in the Upper School.
- All Westtown graduates enroll in college, some after taking a gap year.
- The 87 members of the class of 2021 enrolled in 66 colleges and universities in 22 states and four countries. The class of 2022 totals 91.

SPECIAL FEATURES OF THE CURRICULUM:

New in 2021: Engineering and computer science integrated study. Students who have interests in engineering, computer science, and designing for change can choose among a variety of courses focused on these areas. This program provides broad opportunities for students to learn and practice the skills needed to understand, use, and build new and future engineering and computer science technologies. Some students will build physical machines or devices; some students will design and craft integrated software solutions; some students will learn how to plan and organize initiatives to seek changes. The overall focus of the program is to provide technological and management skills to envision, design, create, and implement solutions to problems that matter. New courses include Introduction to Mechanical Engineering, Human Centered Design, and Design Engineering Solutions 1 (Adv) and 2 (Adv).

Service Learning: Through Westtown's Service Network, school trips, or other projects, students gain an understanding of the world around them, experience with human service institutions, appreciation for lifestyles that differ from their own, interpersonal skills, and the value of helping others. The service requirement was suspended for the class of 2021 and 2022.

Deep Dive Certificate Program: Students may choose to participate in one of five interdisciplinary programs of study: Social Entrepreneurship; Sustainability Leadership; Diversity, Inclusion, & Social Change; Global Citizenship; and Data-Driven Change. The programs include coursework, research projects, mentorship, experiential learning, and leadership on campus.

Work Program: In accordance with Quaker values, Work Program reaffirms the goodness of service to others and the dignity of all work. Students are exposed to a variety of working experiences through helping with service, janitorial, recycling, and harvesting efforts in the kitchen, library, dorms, and garden. By taking part in the daily working life of the school, students learn to respect what it means to be part of a community and to understand the impact of their behavior on others. This program was set aside in the 2020-21 school year and modified for 2021-22.

Independent Research: A junior or senior with a defined area of academic interest may propose and carry out a supervised semester or year-long advanced scholarly research project. Scientific Research (Advanced) is a course that brings together students focused on long-term scientific studies.

Discipline Council: When major school infractions arise, consequences are determined by a panel of nine students and five faculty members. Elected by their peers, students serving on Discipline Council are seen as moral and ethical leaders in the community; this group is committed to understanding discipline as an opportunity for learning and growth. Westtown reports to colleges disciplinary incidents resulting in dismissal or withdrawal.

CURRICULUM

Course levels: All courses are college preparatory. Academic departments identify their most rigorous (college level) courses as Advanced. There are 50+ Advanced courses offered; it is impossible to take all of them. A complete description of our curriculum is available in our [Curriculum Guide at westtown.edu](#).

Course load: A typical course load for freshmen and sophomores consists of five year-long courses and one or more semester-long courses. The minimum requirement for juniors and seniors is five courses per semester. The academic program offers students both breadth and depth of study across the curriculum; the faculty emphasizes the quality of study over quantity, especially in the junior and senior years. Summer courses for credit show the course, credit, and grade on the transcript.

GRADING

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Upper School was in distance learning for the last quarter of the 2019-20 school year. Students chose pass or numeric grades for their transcripts during the spring semester 2020. During the 2020-21 school year, the Upper School used hybrid learning, with some students fully remote the entire year. Students attended online or hybrid classes daily, with adjusted assessments. Students earned numeric grades for all semesters after spring 2020.

GPA: The GPA is calculated on a 100 point scale at the end of each school year. Only Westtown credit-bearing classes are included in the GPA. We include all graded courses and do not weight any class more heavily than another.

Highest in Class of 2022	Lowest GPA	Mean GPA
96.76	75.29	90.58

Reflecting the Quaker testimony of equality, comparative statistics (class rank, checkboxes) are not calculated. When students repeat a course, both grades appear on the transcript. Credit is awarded for the most recent course.

ELEVENTH AND TWELFTH GRADE COURSES

ENGLISH

20th Century Dramatic Literature 1, 2 (Adv)
20th Century Literature 1, 2
American Literature 2 (Adv)
Classical Connections (Adv)
Contemporary Fiction 1, 2
Contemporary World Literature (English 11)
Creative Writing (Adv)
Dystopian Literature
English Literature/Language Seminar: Int'l Stud
Harlem Renaissance (Adv)
Nonfiction Writing 1, 2
The Essay (English 12)
World Mythology
Writing with Power*

HISTORY

African American Experience*
Ancient World 1: Egypt, India, China*
Ancient World 2: Western Africa, Europe*
Asian American Experience*
Contemporary Affairs*
Genocide Studies*
Hiroshima to 9/11: Part 1*
Hiroshima to 9/11: Part 2*
Latin American Experience*
Microeconomics/Macroeconomics
Modern Africa*
Modern Asia*
Modern Europe: 20th Century Russia*
Modern Latin America*
World History*
World History: 1300-1800* & 1800-2000*

MATHEMATICS

Calculus 1*
Calculus 2 (Adv)
Computer Aided Design 2
Differential Equations (Adv)
Linear Algebra (Adv)
Multivariable Calculus (Adv)
Statistics

ENGINEERING & COMPUTER SCIENCE

Computer Science 1, 2 (Adv)
Design Engineering
Design Engineering Solutions 1, 2 (Adv)
Dynamic Application Development
Web Development
Studio Art Forum
Computer Science Research

WORLD & CLASSICAL LANGUAGES

Chinese 3, 4 (Adv), 5 (Adv), 6 (Adv), 7 (Adv)
French 3, 4 (Adv), 5 (Adv), 6 (Adv)
Latin 3, 4 (Adv), 5 (Adv)
Spanish 3, 4 (Adv), 5 (Adv), 6 (Adv), 7 (Adv)

SCIENCE

Anatomy & Physiology (Adv)
Applied Chemistry
Astrophysics
Biology of Disease
Biology of Sexuality and Drugs
Chemical Bonding/Equilibrium (Adv)
Chemical Reactions (Adv)
Electricity & Magnetism (Adv)
Environmental Science 1, 2*
Environmental Research (Adv)
Evolution (Adv)
Modern Physics (Adv)
Scientific Research (Adv)

RELIGION

Business and the Good Society (Adv)
Environmental Justice*
Religion, Gender, and Sexuality*
Religion, Resistance, and Revolution*
World Religions 1:
 Judaism and Christianity
World Religions 2:
 Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam

*The classes with an asterisk * can be taken with an advanced option.*

Graduation requirements include the following:

4 English	3 Mathematics	2 Lab Science	1.75 Religion
2 History (including US)	2 Language	1.5 Art	(World Religions 1, World Religions 2, & 1 elective)

COLLEGE MATRICULATIONS 2017-2021

American University	9	Johns Hopkins University	4	The College of Wooster	
Babson College		Juniata College		The George Washington University	3
Bard College	2	Kenyon College	3	The New School - All Divisions	4
Barnard College	3	La Roche College		The University of Alabama	
Bates College		Lafayette College	9	The University of Arizona	3
Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania		Lehigh University	2	The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	2
Boston College	3	Lewis & Clark College		The University of Tampa	
Boston University	2	Limestone College		The University of Tennessee-Knoxville	
Bowdoin College	2	Long Island University		The University of Texas, Austin	3
Brown University	2	Loughborough University		The University of the Arts	2
Bryn Mawr College	8	Loyola University Maryland		Tufts University	3
Bucknell University	3	Loyola University New Orleans		Tulane University	3
Caldwell University		Macalester College	3	United States Military Academy	
Carleton College	2	Manhattan College		University of California, Berkeley	3
California Institute of the Arts		Massachusetts Institute of Technology		University of California, Irvine	2
Carnegie Mellon University	3	Middlebury College	3	University of California, Los Angeles	4
Case Western Reserve University	2	Montana State University, Bozeman		University of California, San Diego	
Chatham University		Mount Holyoke College	2	University of Chicago	3
Coastal Carolina University		New York University	7	University of Colorado at Boulder	3
Colgate University	4	Northeastern University	6	University of Connecticut	
College of William & Mary	3	Northwestern University	3	University of Delaware	
Colorado College		Oberlin College of Arts and Sciences		University of Denver	
Connecticut College		Ohio Wesleyan University		University of Lynchburg	2
Cornell University	4	Olin College of Engineering		University of Maryland, College Park	3
Dartmouth College	2	Oxford College of Emory University		University of Massachusetts-Amherst	
Davidson College	3	Pace University		University of Miami	5
Dickinson College	4	Pennsylvania State University	13	University of Michigan	
DigiPen Institute of Technology		Pitzer College	2	University of Minnesota, Twin Cities	
Drexel University	15	Pomona College	2	University of Mississippi	
Duke University		Prescott College		University of North Carolina at Asheville	2
Durham University		Princeton University		University of Pennsylvania	11
Duquesne University		Purdue University	3	University of Pittsburgh	13
Earlham College	2	Quinnipiac University		University of Richmond	7
Elizabethtown College		Reed College	2	University of Southern California	2
Elon University	5	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute		University of St Andrews	
Emerson College		Rhodes College	2	University of Toronto	
Emory University	2	Roanoke College		University of Vermont	3
Fairfield University		Rochester Institute of Technology	3	University of Virginia	3
Fordham University	2	Rosemont College		University of Washington	
Franklin & Marshall College	8	Rutgers University		University of Wisconsin-Madison	2
George Mason University		Salisbury University		Ursinus College	5
Georgetown University	2	San Jose State University		Vanderbilt University	2
Gettysburg College	2	Santa Clara University		Vassar College	
Goucher College	2	Sarah Lawrence College		Villanova University	4
Grinnell College		School of the Art Institute of Chicago		Virginia Military Academy	
Guilford College	2	School of Visual Arts		Virginia Tech	
Hamilton College (NY)	3	Scripps College	2	Wake Forest University	
Hampshire College		Skidmore College	9	Washington and Lee University	2
Hampton University	2	Smith College		Washington College	
Harvard College		St. Edward's University		Washington University in St. Louis	4
Haverford College	13	St. John's College (NM)		Wellesley College	4
High Point University		St. Mary's College of Maryland		Wesleyan University	
Hofstra University	2	Stetson University		West Chester University of Pennsylvania	2
Illinois Wesleyan University		Stony Brook University		Westminster College	
Immaculata University		SUNY Albany	2	Wheaton College MA	2
Indiana University at Bloomington		Swarthmore College	6	Whittier College	
Iona College		Syracuse University	5	Williams College	3
Jefferson (Philadelphia University + Thomas Jefferson University)	3	Temple University	2	Xavier University	
		The College of New Jersey			