



Germantown Academy inspires students to be Independent in Thought, Confident in Expression, Compassionate in Spirit, Collaborative in Action, and Honorable in Deed.

**2021 – 2022
School Profile**

**CEEB/ACT Code
393321**

**GERMANTOWN ACADEMY
FOUNDED 1759**

SCHOOL

Founded in 1759, Germantown Academy is a Pre-K through 12 nonsectarian co-educational independent day school located in Fort Washington, PA, drawing students from an hour radius. GA is accredited by PAIS and holds memberships in NAIS, College Board, ACCIS, PACAC, and NACAC. Total Upper School enrollment is 566 (senior class of 136 returning students) with 30% of students self-identifying as students of color. 40% of GA Upper School students receive financial aid. Among the 68 Upper School Faculty, 48 have advanced degrees with 9 holding the highest degree in their field. Admission is highly selective and determined by school record, standardized test scores, a personal interview, and teacher recommendations.

GA GRADUATES EXCEL IN COLLEGE

Typically, 100% of each graduating class attends a four-year college. While the national 6-year graduation rate at four-year colleges is 62%, **98% of GA’s Class of 2015 successfully completed their four-year undergraduate education in 5 years or fewer with 91% graduating in 4 years.**

ACADEMIC EXPECTATIONS

As a rigorous independent school, GA requires our students to carry at least 5 credits in grades 10-12 and 6 credits in grade 9 (5.5 if the half credit is a performing arts course). **All GA courses are college preparatory**; courses meet five out of seven days per rotation for 50 minutes. Minimum graduation requirements include 20 credits as delineated below plus 5 semesters of Physical Education:

English	4 Credits	Science	3 Credits
History	3 Credits	Math	3 Credits
Language	3 Credits	Health	.5 Credits
Arts	1 Credit	Electives	2.5 Credits

Other non-academic graduation requirements include a Senior Project, two significant extracurricular activities per year, and 45 hours of service-related activity either on or off campus.

HONOR CODE & REPORTING POLICY

As of the 2021-22 school year, GA only reports disciplinary offences if the college inquires. GA also reserves the right to inform colleges about a student’s disciplinary record if that student’s behavior leads the administrative team to feel that such disclosure is critical for reasons of student safety and well-being. A student is also expected to answer any questions about their disciplinary record fully and honestly on any college applications they submit. If GA discovered that a student has omitted a portion of their disciplinary record in responding to a question on an application, the school would be ethically and professionally obligated to make that omission known to the college in question.

GRADING SYSTEM

Germantown Academy includes all courses in which homework and outside work are required in its calculation of students’ weighted grade point averages. All Honors, Advanced, and AP courses receive 1 GPA point of weighting:

Letter Grade	Non Honors/Non AP	Advanced/Honors/AP
A+	4.33	5.33
A	4.00	5.00
A-	3.67	4.67
B+	3.33	4.33
B	3.00	4.00
B-	2.67	3.67
C+	2.33	3.33
C	2.00	3.00
C-	1.67	2.67
D	1.00	2.00
D-	0.67	1.67
F	0.00	0.00

Germantown Academy **does not rank** its students or select a Valedictorian, but does provide a weighted, cumulative GPA. **The Cum Laude Society** recognizes up to ten percent of seniors for academic excellence at the beginning of their senior year based on GPA calculation, rigor of curriculum, and a faculty selection committee.

GA’s Virtual Spring of 2020 and Hybrid to In-Person 2020-2021

GA implemented remote learning in mid-March of 2020 with students completing four forty-minute synchronous classes each day along with asynchronous work. In addition, students completed assignments and assessments, and they received traditional grades. In the fall of 2020, GA implemented a hybrid schedule with 9-10th grades virtual while 11th-12th grades were in-person, and vice versa. All classes met for 55 minutes for 5 of the 7 days of our rotating schedule. After Spring Break 2021, all grades returned for in-person learning. GA successfully pivoted maintaining our rigorous academic program, ensuring all students would be fully prepared for the next academic year.

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MOST RIGOROUS COURSE OFFERINGS

Opportunities to enroll in the majority of AP and Advanced courses occur in the junior and senior years.

ADVANCED AND AP COURSES

Admission to AP and Advanced courses require departmental invitation and a qualifying exam. The grade at which a student may enroll in an AP or Advanced course is indicated in parentheses.

Advanced English (11/12)
Advanced World History II (10)
Advanced US History (11)
AP French Language and Culture (12)
AP Spanish Language and Culture (12)
AP Calculus AB (11 /12) & AB/BC (11/12)
AP Statistics (11)/Statistics Honors (12) – replacing AP Statistics in fall of 2021
AP Chemistry (11/12)
AP Computer Science Principles (10-12)
AP Biology (12)
AP Environmental Science (12)
AP Physics C (11/12)
Advanced Mathematical Methods in the Sciences Honors
(Requires completion of AP Calculus AB/BC and completion of or simultaneous enrollment in AP Physics C)

HONORS COURSES

GA offers Honors courses with limited seat availability and varied pre-requisites. The grade at which a student may enroll in an Honors course is indicated in parentheses.

Semester-long Honors Course Offerings

The Art of Debate Honors (11)
Advanced Topics in Neuropsychology Honors (12)
Advanced Topics in Social Psychology Honors (12)
Art and the State Honors (12)
China from Mao to Now Honors (12)
Power and Politics Honors (12)
Topics in Advanced Economics Honors (12)
Women in American History Honors (12)

Year-long Honors Course Offerings

Chinese 2 - 5 Honors
French 2 - 4 Honors
Latin 2 - 5 Honors
Spanish 2 - 4 Honors
Algebra 2 Honors
Geometry Honors
Precalculus Honors/Differential Calculus
Statistics Honors (replacing AP Statistics in fall of 2021)
Computer Science 1 Honors (10th – 12th)
Advanced Topics in Computer Science Honors (11th or 12th)
Physics Honors (9th)
Chemistry Honors (10th)
Biology Honors (11th)
Engineering Honors (11th/12th)
Organic Chemistry Honors (11th/12th)
Independent Science Research Honors (9th-12th)

PERFORMING ARTS HONORS OFFERINGS

Performing Arts Honors courses include: Advanced Acting, Advanced Technical Theater Production, Audition and Performance, Advanced Music Theory, Improvisation, String Orchestra, Singing Patriots Select, and Symphonic Band.

VISUAL ARTS HONORS OFFERINGS

All visual arts studios (drawing and painting, sculpture and 3D Design, silver and digital photography, digital media and filmmaking, song writing and audio production) are available at the Honors level upon submission of a portfolio and approval of the department. Honors students must commit to two years of study in one of the above areas, create a portfolio, attend critiques and visiting artist lectures, and exhibit their work.

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

GA offers students opportunities to learn and grow outside the classroom in the following signature programs.

ACADEMY SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Students with a passion for scholarship, creative writing, visual or performing arts, or research have the option of engaging in a multi-year independent project that results in a substantial piece of original work presented to the Academy Scholars Committee.

GA XP

The GA Experience Program provides learning opportunities in the form of educational trips. Students have canoed and camped in Maine, completed a musical tour of NYC, and visited the mural art of Philadelphia and created their own mural in the Upper School. Each year, students in grades 9-11 apply to be selected for one of these faculty-led free trips to foster the GA Mission.

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

Partnerships with North London Collegiate School in England; Jin Cai High School in Shanghai, China; Europa International School in Seville, Spain, the First High School of Krakow, Poland, and The Deutsch-Französisches Gymnasium/Lycée Franco-Allemand in Freiburg im Breisgau, Germany, provide students and faculty with reciprocal cultural and educational exchange opportunities. In addition, GA provides curricular guidance and college counseling to Capital Normal University High School through the Curriculum Partnership Program.

SCIENCE RESEARCH AND/OR PROJECT

Students in grades 9-12 may elect to spend time designing and carrying out a scientific investigation in an area of interest. Students spend the fall semester researching background information, creating a hypothesis, designing an experiment, and collecting data. Students spend the spring semester collecting and analyzing data, writing a scientific manuscript, and preparing a PowerPoint with presentation, and a poster board with presentation. Students will compete in the regional Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science (PJAS) science fair and the Montgomery County Science Research Competition, which could place them at the state PJAS science fair and the Delaware Valley Science Fair, respectively. Seniors can enter the Siemens Competition and/or the Regeneron Science Talent Search.

THE BEARD CENTER FOR INNOVATION

The Beard Center is comprised of an innovation lab for idea development and a state-of-the-art makerspace fully stocked with prototyping materials and manufacturing technologies. Providing a hub for innovative teaching and learning initiatives, this dynamic space encourages students to explore project-based learning and a collaborative, creative, problem-solving process.

THE PRESERVE AND NATURE CURRICULUM

Committed to environmental education and stewardship, GA restored six acres surrounding the Wissahickon Creek to wetlands and meadow and designed Middle and Upper School buildings with a green roof, courtyard gardens, and an apiary. A certified Audubon Society Bird Habitat, the Preserve is home to a wide range of wildlife and plant species that provide ample hands-on opportunities to our students in disciplines from the sciences to the visual arts.

SENIOR PROJECTS

During the last three weeks of senior year, students explore an occupation, a foreign land, or a volunteer opportunity at a non-profit to broaden their GA education. Upon completing their projects, seniors return to campus to share their experiences with faculty and members of the junior class, inspiring discussion and forging new connections to the community.

GRADE DISTRIBUTION FOR COURSES COMPLETED BY THE CLASS OF 2022 DURING THE 2020-2021 ACADEMIC YEAR

ENGLISH	A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	Total	LANGUAGES (CONT.)	A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	Total
Advanced English: Beyond the Binary		1	4										5	Latin 3			1					1				2	
Advanced English: Crazy Love		1	7	2									10	Latin 3 (H)			1	3	1		1					6	
Advanced English: First-Person Narratives		4	5	2									11	Latin 4		2	2	1	2							7	
Advanced English: Imaginary Worlds		5	3	1									9	Latin 4 (H)	4	6	2	1								13	
Advanced English: Madmen and Geniuses		1	1	5	3								10	Spanish 2				1								1	
Advanced English: Writing Ourselves		1	1	3									5	Spanish 2 Accelerated					1							1	
English: Fairy Tales		1	4	2	2		1						10	Spanish 2 (H)		1										1	
English: Families in Literature		2	5	4									11	Spanish 3		2	1	2	1		1					7	
English: Fiction Writing		1	3	5									9	Spanish 3 Accelerated		10	4	5	4	2	1					26	
English: Real Talk: Race and Literature		1		2	4								7	Spanish 4	2				1							3	
English: Reclaiming the Black Body			2	1	1		1						5	Spanish 4 Accelerated		11	3	1	2							17	
English: What You Want to Be		5	6	1	1								13	Spanish 4 (H)		2	4	3	1							10	
English: Wild Justice: Revenge Across Ages		2	1	3	5	1							12	COMPUTER SCIENCE	A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	Total
English: World Mythology		4	6	3	2		1	1					17	Introduction to Computer Science	1	3	1	1									6
English: A Tale of Three Cities		7	6	9		2				1			25	AP Computer Science Principles	7	1	3						1				12
English: American Jewish Literature		2	2	4	4	2	1						15	Mathematics	A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	Total
English: Behind Bars		8	5	4	3								20	Algebra 2		1	1	1			1						4
English: Historical Fiction		3	6	2	2	3	1	1					18	Algebra 2 Accelerated			1	1				1					3
English: The Art of Persuasion		2	3	2	1	2	1	1					12	Algebra 3 and Trigonometry		1											1
English: The World Turned Upside Down		3	8			1	1				1		14	Calculus		2											2
English: Time Travel in Literature		10	2	4	2	2							20	Precalculus	8	24	15	9	5	3	3	2	1				70
English: Victorian Gothic Lit		2	4	2	4	3	1						16	Precalculus (H)/Differential Calculus	17	16	5	3	3	1							45
HISTORY	A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	Total	AP Calculus AB	2	3	2										7
U.S. History - Modern America		11	21	29	18	3	4			1			88	AP Calculus AB/BC		2	2										4
U.S. History Advanced		20	20	9	1								50	AP Statistics	1	2	3	1	1								10
History - The World Since 9/11			1										1	Advanced Mathematics for Science (H)		1											1
History: The Art of Debate (H)			1										1	SCIENCE	A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	Total
LANGUAGES	A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	Total	Biology 1	16	11	16	11	6	3	2						65
Chinese 3 (H)					1								1	Biology (H)	6	8	15	18	12	5				1		65	
Chinese 4 (H)		2	2	2	1								7	Chemistry 1			2	2									4
Chinese 4 Accelerated		1	1	2	1								5	Chemistry (H)	1					1							2
French 2 (H)		1											1	AP Chemistry		2	4										6
French 3 (H)		1											1	Engineering (H)		1	1		1								3
French 3 Accelerated			2										2	Environmental Science & Natural History							1						1
French 4 (H)		1	8	3									12	Organic Chemistry (H)	1	1											2
French 4 Accelerated			5	1	1								7	Robotics		6	1										7
AP French Language and Culture			1										1														1

Grade Distribution for Select Courses Completed by the Class of 2022 in Grades 9 -10

COURSE	A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	Total
Chemistry (H)	14	56	39	44	30	16							199
English 10	5	111	154	132	104	44	10	13	1	1			575
English 9	5	71	106	101	95	39	12	4	1	1	1		436
Physics (H)	10	23	21	19	19	5	3						100
Physics 1	6	33	47	63	77	31	12	5	2				276
Precalculus (H)/Differential Calculus	54	75	38	18	11	8	1	2	1				208
World History I	2	55	70	108	103	53	30	12	3				436
World History II	1	42	93	98	98	54	37	12	2			1	439
World History II Advanced		26	54	33	18	3	1	1					136
Grand Total	97	492	622	616	555	253	106	49	10	1	2	1	2805

CLASS OF 2022 TESTING PROFILE

The Class of 2022 is comprised of 136 students. The test results reported below are through June of 2021 ACT and SAT administrations and do not include final test results for many students.

SAT SCORES (110 Students Tested)

Middle 50% of Evidenced Based Reading & Writing – 560-690

Middle 50% of Math - 580-700

ACT COMPOSITE SCORES (33 Students Tested)

Middle 50% - 26-33

ADVANCED PLACEMENT SCORES

The Class of 2022 had 40 students complete 61 exams (in 2019, 2020, & 2021) with 85% scoring a 3 or higher.

NATIONAL MERIT RECOGNITION

National Merit recognized 8 students from the Class of 2020 as commended students and 3 as semi-finalists.

MATRICULATIONS FOR THE CLASSES OF 2017-2021

664 Graduates from the Classes of 2017-2021 are attending 183 colleges and universities throughout the US and abroad. If multiple students are attending the same college, the number is noted in parentheses after the college name.

American University (3)	James Madison University (2)	Tufts University (9)
Amherst College	Jefferson University	Tulane University (8)
Arcadia University (2)	Johns Hopkins University (2)	Union College
Arizona State University-Tempe (5)	La Salle University (4)	United States Military Academy (2)
Auburn University	Lafayette College (5)	United States Naval Academy
Babson College	Lebanon Valley College	University of Alabama (2)
Bates College	Lehigh University (17)	University of Arizona (2)
Baylor University	Lincoln University	University of California-Berkeley (2)
Bentley University	Loyola University Maryland (6)	University of California-Los Angeles
Bloomsburg University of PA (3)	Lycoming College	University of California-San Diego
Boston College (9)	Marist College	University of California-Santa Cruz
Boston University (3)	Marquette University	University of Chicago (7)
Brown University (2)	Massachusetts College of Art and Design	University of Cincinnati
Bryn Mawr College	Mercer University	University of Colorado-Boulder (4)
Bucknell University (19)	Middlebury College (2)	University of Delaware (7)
Cabrini University	Monmouth University	University of Florida
California University of Pennsylvania	Montana State University	University of Georgia (2)
Carleton College	Montgomery County Comm. College	University of Hartford
Case Western Reserve University	Moore College of Art and Design	University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign
Catholic University of America	Muhlenberg College (4)	University of Kentucky
Chapman University	New York University (12)	University of Maryland (3)
Clemson University (5)	Northeastern University (10)	University of Massachusetts-Amherst (2)
Coastal Carolina University	Norwich University of the Arts	University of Miami (7)
Colby College (2)	Occidental College	University of Michigan-Ann Arbor (12)
Colgate University (4)	Pace University	University of New Hampshire
College of Charleston (6)	Pennsylvania State University (44)	University of Pennsylvania (29)
College of the Holy Cross	Pratt Institute	University of Pittsburgh (17)
College of William and Mary (3)	Princeton University (3)	University of Rhode Island (3)
Columbia University (2)	Providence College	University of Richmond (7)
Connecticut College	Purdue University (7)	University of Rochester
Cornell University	Randolph-Macon College	University of South Carolina (6)
Dartmouth College (3)	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Southern California (5)
DePauw University (2)	Rhodes College	University of St Andrews
Dickinson College (8)	Roanoke College (2)	University of Tampa (3)
Drexel University (31)	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Tennessee (3)
Duke University (6)	Rowan University	University of the Sciences
Duquesne University (2)	Saint Francis University	University of Texas at Austin (2)
Elizabethtown College	Saint Joseph's University (3)	University of Vermont (4)
Elon University (13)	Salisbury University (3)	University of Virginia
Emerson College	Salve Regina University	University of Washington (2)
Emory University (2)	Savannah College of Art and Design	University of Wisconsin-Madison (3)
Fairfield University (2)	Sewanee-The University of the South	Ursinus College (9)
Florida Agricultural & Mech. University	Skidmore College	Vanderbilt University (3)
Florida State University	Southern Methodist University (3)	Vassar College (2)
Fordham University (6)	Spelman College	Villanova University (16)
Franklin and Marshall College (7)	St. John's University-New York (2)	Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (7)
George Mason University (2)	St. Lawrence University	Wagner College
George Washington University (16)	Stanford University (3)	Wake Forest University (4)
Georgetown University (9)	Stetson University (2)	Washington and Lee University
Georgia Institute of Technology	Stevens Institute of Technology	Washington College (2)
Gettysburg College (7)	Swarthmore College (2)	Washington University in St. Louis (2)
Goucher College	Syracuse University (11)	Waynesburg University
Gwynedd Mercy University	Temple University (11)	Wesleyan University (3)
Hamilton College (2)	Texas A & M University-College Station	West Chester University of Pennsylvania (8)
Hampshire College	Texas Christian University (2)	West Virginia University
Hampton University	The College of New Jersey	Westminster College
Harvard University (7)	The Juilliard School	Widener University
Haverford College (2)	New England Conservatory of Music	Williams College
High Point University	University of Tampa (3)	Xavier University
Hobart William Smith Colleges (2)	University of Tennessee (3)	Yale University
Howard University (2)	University of Texas at Austin (2)	
Indiana University-Bloomington (3)	Towson University (2)	
Ithaca College (3)	Trinity College	GAP Year (4)