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## COLLEGE ADMISSIONS PROFILE

Head-Royce is a nonsectarian college preparatory day school with co-educational classes from kindergarten through 12th grade. Founded in 1887 in Berkeley, California as the Anna Head School for Girls, it was relocated in 1964 and now occupies a 22-acre campus in a residential area of Oakland. The School has been fully co-educational since 1979. The Head-Royce curriculum reflects the diversity, globalism, environmental awareness, and innovation of Oakland and the Bay Area. Through its rigorous and challenging courses, the School seeks to inspire in students a lifelong love of learning and commitment to academic excellence, a respect for the diversity that makes our society strong, a passion for constructive and responsible global citizenship, and a facility for creative, collaborative critical thinking.

### Head-Royce by the Numbers

385

students in the  
Upper School

60%

students of color  
in our population

\$6.4m

financial aid  
awarded

83%

of faculty have  
advanced degrees

55

league  
championships  
in 10 years

36

D1/D3 athletes  
in past 5 years

26

interscholastic  
teams

12

years average  
tenure of faculty

# Our Academic Program

Typically students take five academic subjects each semester, and most take an elective as well. Our AP courses are typically designed for juniors and seniors. Note that our current AP curriculum is concentrated in STEM and World Language subjects. **Head-Royce will have fully phased out AP courses with the Class of 2024.** Some departments, particularly in the Humanities, design their own advanced courses in lieu of the AP curriculum. For instance, all of our semester-long senior English and History electives resemble college seminars in content, style, and expectations and require a significant amount of reading and analytical writing. We consider the following courses as rigorous, if not more so, than their AP equivalents: Neurobiology, Molecular Genetics, Economics, Multivariable Calculus, Advanced Computer Science: Data Structures, Engineering, French Cinema and Literature, Latin V, and all senior English and History courses.

## Program Highlights

**The I-Search:** In the 9th grade all students complete the I-Search, an extensive research project in which they investigate a contemporary topic through personal interviews and library/internet research. In addition to submitting a 7-10 page paper, students prepare a five-minute presentation (modeled on TED talks) summarizing their project.

**Junior Honors Humanities Curriculum:** Together, English 11 and History 11 explore the canonical literature and history of the West. Students analyze primary sources and explore themes through seminar-style discussions and frequent analytical writing.

**Senior Year Curriculum:** Seniors can craft an academically rigorous fourth-year curriculum that allows them to make deep connections to topics that inspire them. When scheduling allows, many choose to double up in language, math, science, or history. In May, all seniors participate in structured internships to explore an area of personal, academic, or professional interest.

**Global Online Academy (GOA):** Students may take courses through the Global Online Academy, a consortium of leading independent schools from around the world whose mission is to translate into online classrooms the intellectually rigorous programs and excellent teaching that are hallmarks of its member schools.

**Community Engagement:** The Center for Community Engagement provides students with opportunities to explore civic engagement on a personal level with internships and summer opportunities. The center helps students form authentic partnerships with organizations that promote social change and encourage leadership training.

**Other opportunities:** Students also take advantage of a **four-year computer science curriculum, competitive debate program, and global exchange with partner schools through study abroad.**

## Class of 2022

**4.65**  
High GPA

**93**  
Class size

**6**  
National Merit  
Semifinalists

**56**  
AP & Honors  
classes

# Head-Royce College Admission: 2016–2021

The following is a partial list of colleges and universities that have offered admission to graduates of Head-Royce, followed by the number of students enrolling in those colleges over the past five years.

**Members of the Class of 2021 will attend the colleges in bold type.**

American University (3)  
**Amherst College (3)**  
Babson College (2)  
**Barnard College (3)**  
Berklee College of Music  
Boston College (2)  
Boston University (2)  
Bowdoin College (3)  
Brandeis University (1)  
Brigham Young University (1)  
**Brown University (9)**  
Bryn Mawr College (2)  
Bucknell University (1)  
California College of the Arts (1)  
**Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo (4)**  
Carleton College (4)  
**Carnegie Mellon University (2)**  
Case Western Reserve University (2)  
**Claremont McKenna College (10)**  
**Colby College (4)**  
**Colgate University (6)**  
College of the Atlantic (1)  
College of William and Mary (1)  
**Colorado College (4)**  
Columbia College (Chicago) (1)  
**Columbia University (3)**  
**Cornell University (4)**  
**Dartmouth College (1)**  
Denison University (2)  
Drexel University (1)

**Duke Kunshan University (1)**  
Duke University (6)  
Elon University (1)  
**Emory University (11)**  
Franklin and Marshall College (1)  
**George Washington University (1)**  
**Georgetown University (1)**  
Georgia Institute of Technology (4)  
Hamilton College (1)  
Harvard University (3)  
**Harvey Mudd College (2)**  
Haverford College (4)  
**Howard University (6)**  
**Indiana University-Bloomington (1)**  
Kenyon College (2)  
Lehigh University (2)  
Lewis & Clark College (1)  
Loyola Marymount University (4)  
Macalester College (1)  
**Massachusetts Institute of Tech. (4)**  
Merced College (1)  
**Middlebury College (4)**  
**Mills College (1)**  
Mount Holyoke College (1)  
New College of Florida (1)  
New York University (12)  
**Northeastern University (13)**  
**Northwestern University (5)**  
NYU Shanghai (1)  
**Oberlin College (2)**

Occidental College (7)  
**Pacific Lutheran University (1)**  
**Pitzer College (6)**  
**Pomona College (4)**  
**Princeton University (5)**  
Purdue University (1)  
Reed College (1)  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (1)  
Rice University (3)  
Sacramento State University (1)  
Saint Mary's of California (1)  
Santa Barbara City College (1)  
Santa Clara University (1)  
Sarah Lawrence College (1)  
**Scripps College (3)**  
Seton Hall University (1)  
Skidmore College (1)  
Southern Methodist University (2)  
Southern Oregon University (1)  
**Spelman College (2)**  
St. John's University (1)  
**Stanford University (4)**  
Swarthmore College (3)  
Syracuse University (2)  
Texas Christian University (1)  
The New School (2)  
The Ohio State University (1)  
Trinity College (1)  
**Tufts University (19)**  
**Tulane University (11)**  
University of British Columbia (2)  
University of California, Berkeley (17)  
**University of California, Davis (2)**  
University of California, Irvine (2)  
**University of California, Los Angeles (17)**  
University of California, Riverside (1)  
University of California, San Diego (4)  
**University of California, Santa Barbara (5)**

**University of California, Santa Cruz (11)**  
**University of Chicago (9)**  
University of Colorado at Boulder (1)  
University of Denver (1)  
University of Illinois (2)  
University of Maryland (2)  
University of Miami (2)  
**University of Michigan (7)**  
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities (1)  
University of Notre Dame (2)  
**University of Oregon (3)**  
**University of Pennsylvania (7)**  
University of Puget Sound (1)  
University of Redlands (1)  
University of Richmond (2)  
University of Rochester (2)  
University of San Diego (1)  
University of San Francisco (2)  
**University of Southern California (15)**  
University of St. Andrews (1)  
University of Toronto (1)  
University of Utah (1)  
University of Victoria (1)  
**University of Washington (6)**  
University of Wisconsin, Madison (1)  
Vanderbilt University (3)  
**Vassar College (2)**  
Wake Forest University (3)  
**Washington University in St. Louis (11)**  
**Wellesley College (3)**  
**Wesleyan University (6)**  
Whitman College (2)  
Willamette University (2)  
**Williams College (3)**  
**Yale University (3)**

Subject Requirements	Required Courses <i>Grades 9-11</i>	Upper Division Courses	
<b>English</b> <i>Four years required</i>	English 9 English 10 English 11 (H)	<b>Senior Electives</b> Alienation: Invisible Man** American Fiction and Poetry** English 12: Poetry** Japanese Literature and Culture** Lift Every Voice: The Black Voice, Body, and Identity** Lift Every Voice: What Does it Mean to Be an American Today?** Literature and Film** Memoir and Creative Nonfiction: The Power of Place** Shakespeare** US Popular Music Studies: Lyrical Resistance** Wit Lit: the Art of Satire** Women's Literature**	
<b>History</b> <i>Three years required</i>	History 9 U.S. History (H) History 11 (H)	African Consciousness and the Political Economy of Slavery** Civil Society and American Democracy+ Comparative Politics** Democracy in Action** Economics+	Ethical Issues** History of the Holocaust** Living History, Empowering Voices** Oakland Through Many Lenses** The Bay Area**
<b>Science</b> <i>Three years required</i>	Conceptual Physics Chemistry (H) Biology AP Biology	AP Environmental Science AP Physics C Principles of Engineering Advanced Chemistry: Qualitative Analysis*	Molecular Genetics** Neurobiology** Organic Chemistry*
<b>Mathematics</b> <i>Three years required</i>	Geometry Geometry (H) Algebra 2 Algebra 2 (H) Precalculus Precalculus (H)	Calculus AP Statistics	AP Calculus AB AP Calculus BC

World Languages				
<b>World Languages</b> <i>Three years required; Students must complete Level 3 of one language</i>	Chinese 2 Chinese 3 Chinese 4 (H) Chinese 5 (H) AP Chinese Chinese Literature and Film (H)	French 1 French 2 French 3 French 4 (H) AP French Language French Cinema and Literature (H)+	Latin 2 Latin 3 Latin 4 (H) Latin 5 (H)+ AP Latin	Spanish 1 Spanish 2 Spanish 3 Spanish 4 (H) Spanish 5 (H) Advanced Spanish Seminar (H) AP Spanish Language

Arts Electives			
<b>Visual and Performing Arts</b> <i>One year of Advanced Art required</i>	<b>Introductory Courses</b> 2D Art 3D Art Dance 1 Drama 1 Orchestra Photography Tech Theatre Theater Production	<b>Advanced Courses</b> Advanced 2D Art Advanced 3D Art Studio Art Portfolio (H) Chorus Colla Voce Drama 2 Advanced Dance Dance Production (H)	Graphic Design Jazz Band Advanced Jazz Band Photography 2 Photography 3 Photography Portfolio (H) Filmmaking Filmmaking: Advanced Projects

Other Electives		
<b>Computer Science</b>	Intro to Computer Science and Engineering Algorithms and the Internet Mobile and Object-oriented Design (H)	Advanced Computer Science: Data Structures+ Advanced Topics in Computer Science+
<b>Humanities</b>	Expository Writing Speech and Debate 1 Speech and Debate 2	
<b>Global Online Academy (GOA)</b>	Head-Royce is a founding member of GOA, a consortium of leading independent schools from around the world whose mission is to translate into online classrooms the intellectually rigorous programs and excellent teaching that are hallmarks of its member schools.	

1) \*Semester-long senior elective. 2) +Designates courses considered as AP equivalents, including all senior English and History courses. 3) We offer a total of 9 AP courses. AP courses are offered in math, science, foreign language, and the arts.