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The Hill School School Profile 2021-2022

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Characteristics

- Founded in 1851.
- A coeducational college preparatory boarding school, grades 9 through 12; a PG year is also offered.
- All students must reside on campus for one year.
- Enrollment: 544 students from 31 states and 31 countries.
- 38% students of color; 22% international.
- 34% receive financial support.
- Student Teacher Ratio: 7-1; average class size: 10 students.
- 100% of students attend college within one year of graduation.
- Accredited by The Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools; licensed by The Pennsylvania Department of Education; Member of NACAC, PACAC, IACAC, and ACCIS.

Academic Overview

- Calendar | Trimester.
 - Five classes are required; students may enroll in a sixth graded course and may take a seventh ungraded.
 - College Level courses represent the highest level of rigor and are offered in languages, mathematics, computer science, economics, history and science.
 - Independent Study: Students may submit a proposal to pursue an Independent Study with a faculty mentor in a specialized area not covered by our curriculum for two terms. Honors IS (Independent Study) is a full year commitment.
 - We are committed to fostering a culture of real-world application. Uniquely situated in a once-thriving industrial city, Hill's setting offers authentic, place-based learning experiences for students. Many classes bring students into the community and in-class instruction uses local, regional, and global contexts to drive inquiry.
 - We value the tenets of a traditional liberal arts education while providing graduates with the skills and tools required for success in the 21st Century.
 - Liberal Arts | Hill's courses in history, English, world languages, religious studies, humanities, and classics
- emphasize the development of critical analysis, creative thinking, and effective oral and written communication skills.
- Quadrivium/STEM Curriculum | Hill's STEM program moves away from traditional course sequencing and creates new tracks and electives. Below are some highlights:
Mathematics | All students participate in the integrated curriculum. It combines key elements of traditional high school courses with introductory statistics, coding, and financial literacy through a multi-tiered, multi-year approach, which emphasize cross-curricular connections between concepts to develop skills in critical thinking and synthesis.
Sciences | Students may follow either a traditional track of biology, chemistry, physics, or apply for acceptance into an Advanced Integrated Science two-year track that equips them to enroll in advanced science coursework at an accelerated pace.
Engineering and Computer Science | Students engage in cross/interdisciplinary, user-centered design projects. They develop practical skills in engineering and computational thinking and, more broadly, applicable skills of professionalism, project management, and entrepreneurship.

Signature Programs

Eudemonia | Eudemonia is a required course for all students every year intended to bolster resiliency, decision-making skills, and preparedness for the stress of a teen's social and emotional life. Eudemonia incorporates key characteristics research has identified in programs found to be effective in changing health and risk behaviors.

H-Term | H-Term focuses on students increasing collaboration, creativity, critical thinking, and cultural competency. Through the inclusion of theme-based creative interdisciplinary courses, in-depth independent study projects, and internship opportunities, H-Term cultivates

citizens with strong communications skills and character. This two-week experience occurs between the Thanksgiving and winter holidays.

The Student Philanthropy Council | The SPC is a unique endowed program at Hill. Students must apply for selection to the Council. Each year, the SPC awards \$16,000 in grant money to local non-profit organizations.

Graduation Requirements

English | Four Years.

Mathematics | Completion of Integrated Math 31 or higher.

Language | Three years of a single language or two years of two languages.

Science | Two years of laboratory science.

History and Social Sciences | Two years; U.S. History is required.

Religious Studies & Philosophy | One year.

Arts | Requirements vary depending on point of entry.

Reporting Of Discipline

Appropriate behavior and integrity form the foundation of a student's Hill experience and our Code of Conduct and Honor Code closely govern all aspects of student life. However, to prioritize learning and growth in all situations without long-term consequences, Hill does not expect students to report disciplinary actions to colleges in the application process unless the discipline results in required withdrawal or the student withdraws in the face of discipline. The College Counseling Office will work with the student under these circumstances to develop an appropriate explanation of the student's withdrawal.

2021-2022 Course Offerings

With the exception of math, computer science, and modern language, students are only allowed to take AP and CL classes in their fifth and sixth form years. Detailed course descriptions can be found at www.thehill.org/academics/course-offerings.

COLLEGE LEVEL

Arts

Advanced Studio Art Seminar

Classics

Advanced Latin/Greek Seminar
Advanced Latin Seminar: Poetry & Rhetoric

Computer Science

Advanced Computer Science Seminar
Data Structures & Algorithms

Engineering & Design

Engineering 4

History & Social Sciences

Advanced Economics
Advanced History Seminar

Mathematics

Advanced Mathematics Seminar

Science

Advanced Environmental Science Seminar

World Languages

Arabic 4 Seminar
Arabic 5 Seminar

AP

Arts

Art History
Studio Art 2-D Design
Studio Art 3-D Design
Studio Art Drawing

Classics

Latin

Computer Science

Computer Science Principles
Computer Science A

English

English 3 Language
English 4 Literature

History & Social Sciences

Comparative Government and Politics Economics
Psychology
U.S. History

Humanities

Humanities 3 English Language
Humanities 4 English Literature

Mathematics

BC/Multivariable Calculus
Calculus AB
Statistics

Science

Biology
Chemistry
Physics 1
Physics C Electricity & Magnetism
Physics C Mechanics

World Languages

French
Spanish 5 Literature
Spanish Language & Culture
Spanish Language & Culture with Service Learning

HONORS

Arts

Advanced Studio Art 3

Classics

Greek 2
Greek 3
Greek 4
Latin 1
Latin 2/Greek 1
Latin 3
Engineering 3

English

English 3
English 4
English 4 Literature and Religion

History & Social Sciences

U.S. History
War Series
World History/Latin America
World History/Middle East
World History/Modern Europe

Mathematics

Calculus
Integrated Mathematics (31, 41, 42, 43)

Religious Studies & Philosophy

Philosophy and Religion in China and Beyond
Philosophy Seminar
Religion and Film in Contemporary Society
Worldviews & World Religions

Science

Chemistry 1
Integrated Science 1
Integrated Science 2
Physics 1

World Languages

Advanced French 4
Advanced Spanish 4
Arabic 2
Arabic 3
Chinese 2
Chinese 3
Chinese 4
French 2
French 3
Spanish 2
Spanish 3