



# SAINT LOUIS PRIORY SCHOOL

## DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS OF A PRIORY EDUCATION

For more than 65 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 50 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 Intro to Python or Principles of Entrepreneurship  
Elective Two\*: Greek II or VPA (Medieval Arts, 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, 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):  
• French V, AP Spanish or Spanish V  
• AP Chemistry or AP Biology or Environmental Science  
• AP European History or Social Studies Seminar or AP Computer Science A

**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 a 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 AP courses in the junior and senior years. Junior and senior students may enroll in a maximum of three AP courses per year. Per faculty approval, a limited number of juniors are allowed to enroll in 4 APs. From 2020-2022, Priory students have scored a 3 or better on 80% of the tests taken. In May 2022, 145 students sat for 246 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 20% 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 2020-22: 198**  
(2020: 64, 2021: 74, 2022: 60)

**ACT Composite Data**

# Tested: 101; Mean: 31;  
Middle 50%: 28-33

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## COLLEGE ADMISSION

Graduates from the classes of 2020-2022 were admitted into at least one of the following colleges and universities. Bold indicates at least one student matriculated.

American University  
Appalachian State University  
Arizona State University  
**Auburn University**  
Bard College  
**Baylor University**  
Bellarmine University  
**Belmont University**  
Beloit College  
**Benedictine College**  
Bentley University  
**Boston College**  
**Boston University**  
Bradley University  
Bucknell University  
Butler University  
Carnegie Mellon University  
**Case Western Reserve University**  
Centre College  
Chapman University  
Citadel Military College  
of South Carolina  
**Clemson University**  
**College of the Holy Cross**  
Colorado School of Mines  
Cornell College  
Creighton University  
Culver-Stockton College  
**Dartmouth College**  
Davidson College  
Denison University  
DePaul University  
DePauw University  
Dominican University  
**Drake University**  
Drexel University  
**Drury University**  
**Elon University**  
Emory University  
Fairfield University  
Fordham University  
Furman University  
George Washington University  
Georgetown University  
Georgia Institute of Technology  
**Gonzaga University**

**Grinnell College**  
**Hampton University**  
**Harvard University**  
Hawaii Pacific University  
Hendrix College  
High Point University  
Hillsdale College  
Hope College  
Illinois Institute of Technology  
**Illinois Wesleyan University**  
**Indiana University-Bloomington**  
Iowa State University  
John Carroll University  
Kalamazoo College  
**Kansas City Art Institute**  
Kansas State University  
Kenyon College  
Knox College  
Lafayette College  
Lawrence University  
Lewis & Clark College  
Lewis University  
Lindenwood University  
Linfield University  
Loyola Marymount University  
**Loyola University Chicago**  
**Loyola University New Orleans**  
**Marquette University**  
Maryville University of Saint Louis  
McKendree University  
**McPherson College**  
**Miami University, Oxford**  
Michigan State University  
**Missouri Baptist University**  
Missouri State University-Springfield  
**Missouri University**  
**of Science and Technology**  
Montana Technological University  
Murray State University  
**New York University**  
**Northeastern University**  
**Northwestern University**  
**Norwich University**  
Nova Southeastern University  
**Oberlin College**  
**Ohio State University**  
Ohio Wesleyan University  
Pennsylvania State University-  
Penn State Main Campus  
**Purdue University**  
Quincy University  
**Ranken Technical College**  
**Regis University**  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Rhodes College  
Rice University  
Rockhurst University  
Rollins College  
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology  
Saint Anselm College  
**Saint Louis University**  
**Santa Clara University**  
Seton Hall University  
**South Dakota School**  
**of Mines and Technology**  
Southern Illinois University-  
Edwardsville  
Southern Methodist University  
**Southwest Baptist University**  
**Spring Hill College**  
St. Olaf College  
**St. Louis Community College**  
St. Mary's University  
Stevens Institute of Technology  
**Syracuse University**  
Temple University  
**Texas A & M University-**  
**College Station**  
**Texas Christian University**  
The Catholic University of America  
The College of Wooster  
**The University of Alabama**  
The University of Tampa  
The University of Texas at Austin  
**The University of the South**  
Trinity University  
**Truman State University**  
**Tufts University**  
**Tulane University of Louisiana**  
**United States Merchant Marine**  
**Academy**  
**United States Naval Academy**  
University of Arizona  
**University of Arkansas**  
**University of California-**  
**Los Angeles**  
University of California-Santa Cruz  
**University of Chicago**  
University of Cincinnati  
**University of Cincinnati-**  
**Main Campus**  
University of Colorado Boulder  
University of Connecticut  
**University of Dallas**  
**University of Dayton**  
**University of Denver**  
University of Evansville  
University of Georgia

University of Houston  
**University of Illinois**  
**at Urbana-Champaign**  
University of Iowa  
University of Kansas  
**University of Kentucky**  
University of Louisiana  
University of Louisville  
University of Memphis  
**University of Miami**  
**University of Michigan-Ann Arbor**  
University of Minnesota-Twin Cities  
**University of Mississippi**  
**University of Missouri-Columbia**  
**University of Missouri-Kansas City**  
University of Missouri-St Louis  
**University of Notre Dame**  
**University of Oklahoma**  
University of Pennsylvania  
University of Pittsburgh  
University of Puget Sound  
University of Redlands  
**University of Richmond**  
**University of San Diego**  
**University of San Francisco**  
University of South Carolina-  
Columbia  
**University of Southern California**  
University of St. Thomas (MN)  
University of the Pacific  
**University of Tulsa**  
University of Utah  
University of Virginia  
**University of Wisconsin-Madison**  
University of Wyoming  
Vanderbilt University  
**Villanova University**  
Virginia Military Institute  
Virginia Polytechnic Institute  
and State University  
**Wake Forest University**  
Washington and Lee University  
**Washington University in St Louis**  
**Webster University**  
Wesleyan University  
Willamette University  
**William & Mary**  
William Jewell College  
Wittenberg University  
Xavier University  
**Yale University**