**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.**
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

College Counseling and Outcomes Data

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
William & Mary
William Jewell College
Wittenberg University
Xavier University
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