



MERCERSBURG ACADEMY

Profile 2022-2023

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NEW TO MERCERSBURG ACADEMY

- » **Mercersburg Academy has moved beyond the Advanced Placement (AP) curriculum.** Transcripts may include AP courses taken prior to the 2020-2021 school year but will include newly designed courses in **Advanced Studies (AS)** thereafter.
- » Classes are taught on a block schedule. Students will be enrolled in no more than six courses concurrently, earning six credits per term; **students in grades 11 and 12 are required to complete a minimum of five credits per term.** Students will receive a grade of record in each class at the conclusion of each term.
- » In response to the pandemic, students participated in virtual learning during the spring term of 2020. In 2020-2021, students had the option to participate in **virtual learning** by trimester. **Most students were enrolled in no more than two courses concurrently**, earning six credits per trimester. Three-credit classes received two grades of record in marking period one and marking period two; one-credit classes received a single grade of record.

MERCERSBURG ACADEMY PROFILE

- » Founded in 1893; a coeducational boarding and day school enrolling students in grades 9-12 and offering a postgraduate year.
- » 449 students from 32 states and the District of Columbia and 46 countries; 41 percent of domestic students identify as students of color; 46 percent of students receive financial aid.
- » 4:1 student-to-faculty ratio; average class size of 12 students.
- » 100 percent of graduates attend a four-year college or university.
- » Accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

- » In 2020-2021, students earned 18-19 credits; most earned six credits per term and one credit through our winter intensive. In most years, students in grades 9 and 10 earn 17-18 credits, while students in grades 11 and 12 earn 15 credits.
- » **Advanced Studies represents the highest level of rigor in all academic disciplines.** In most cases, students may complete a maximum of 12 credits in AS per year.
- » In 2020-2021, Mercersburg introduced the Mercersburg Intensive, an immersive experience in which students and teachers work as equal learners to explore a topic, genre, question, theme, or skill. Intensives are a two-week immersion.
- » Successful completion of a capstone experience (MAPS or Springboard) is a graduation requirement for all seniors.
- » Springboard courses are designed using the Challenge-Based Learning model. Each course culminates in student-designed projects that are publishable, permanent, or publicly viewable.
- » MAPS is a selective two-year program for 25-30 11th and 12th graders. The 11th-grade experience—called Thought, Knowledge, and Belief—reinforces a student's ability to examine how they search for solutions and truth so that in 12th grade, they can complete a SEARCH project that includes a 30-page research paper (a high school equivalent of a master's thesis) and a public presentation.

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SCHEDULE A VISIT

Mercersburg Academy is located in the Cumberland Valley of Pennsylvania, a few miles north of the Maryland state line. The Washington, D.C./Baltimore area is a 90-minute drive from campus. College admission representatives may schedule an in-person or virtual visit at maialearning.com.

STATEMENT ON GPA AND RANK

Mercersburg Academy does not report GPA or class rank. We strongly believe in multiple entry points for students and intentionally grow the class each year. Therefore, cumulative GPA would not accurately reflect the Mercersburg experience, as it would include grades from many different institutions. Official grades for all courses attempted are reported on the transcript.

STATEMENT ON DISCIPLINE

While seeking to develop self-discipline and responsibility in every student, Mercersburg recognizes the importance of clear boundaries and resulting consequences for overstepping those boundaries in a successful community. While Mercersburg does not report disciplinary infractions to post-secondary institutions, students are counseled and expected to self-report the details of final warnings, suspensions, and required withdrawals if asked.

2022-2023 SELECT COURSE OFFERINGS

<p>ADVANCED STUDIES</p> <p>Art Studio Arts</p> <p>English Language, Rhetoric, and Composition Literature and Composition</p> <p>History Art History Comparative Government and Politics History of Race and Ethnicity in the U.S. Making of the 21st Century: Quinn-Ferguson Seminar World History U.S. History</p>	<p>Language Francophone History, Literature, and Culture French Language and Culture Survey of Hispanic Literature Latin Literature Latin: Ovid Latin: Catullus Latin: Horace Latin: Vergil/Caesar Spanish Language and Culture</p> <p>Math Calculus I Calculus II Calculus III Computer Science Economics Statistics</p>	<p>Science Biology Chemistry Environmental Science Organic Chemistry Physics C Electricity and Magnetism Physics C Mechanics</p> <p>HONORS</p> <p>Art Ceramics II* Dance Composition II* Digital Photography II* Drawing II* Mixing Music II* Painting II* Stage Combat II*</p> <p>English Power, Justice, and Authority*</p>	<p>History Human Geography* World History*</p> <p>Language Second-Year French Second-Year Latin Second-Year Spanish Third-Year French Third-Year Latin* Third-Year Spanish Fourth-Year Chinese*</p> <p>Math Algebra II Geometry* Precalculus</p> <p>Science Anatomy and Physiology* Chemistry Physics</p>	<p>ACCELERATED</p> <p>Math Precalculus</p> <p>SENIOR CAPSTONE MAPS SEARCH: Global Studies Research Thesis Thought, Knowledge, and Belief</p> <p>Springboard Application Design Arts Practicum Entrepreneurship Food for Thought Maker's Lab Open Topic Positive Psychology Research Science Capstone Write Your Novel</p>
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*Beginning in 2022-2023, students may earn honors credit in these courses by fulfilling honors criteria throughout the school year; honors credit is assigned at the conclusion of the school year in accordance with these criteria.

For a complete list of courses and descriptions, please visit mercensburg.edu/academics.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

English	Four years
History	Three years, including a course in U.S. history
Mathematics	Through Algebra II
Science	Three years; includes biology and either chemistry or physics
Religion	One term
Languages	Through the third year of a language or until graduation
Arts	Four terms in two areas
Interdisciplinary	Completion of MAPS or Springboard

Graduation requirements vary depending on year of entry.

SAT/ACT SUMMARY (CLASS OF 2022)

SAT: 34 Test Takers	Middle 50%	Mean
EBRW	620-740	671
MATH	640-780	708
ACT: 31 Test Takers	Middle 50%	Mean
	31-34	32

Results include only members of the graduating class who submitted ACT or SAT scores to at least one college or university; each member is represented in SAT or ACT results, not both. These summaries do not include one-year seniors or postgraduate students.