



School Profile

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Mission Statement

Villa Maria Academy, a Catholic college preparatory school for girls, rooted in the charism of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, empowers young women to lead lives of spiritual growth, intellectual inquiry, and Christian service.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

VMA is committed to creating an inclusive and diverse community, which respects and promotes the integration of underrepresented groups into its community. VMA recognizes the many dimensions of diversity and the broad, complex, and dynamic nature of human difference and similarity. Diversity and inclusion are essential in an educational environment, including preparing students for citizenship in a global society and sharing VMA's mission as a Catholic and IHM congregational school.

Faculty

There are 50 faculty members at Villa Maria, including both religious and lay women and men. The Villa Maria Counseling Department consists of 7 full-time staff members. 86% of Villa Maria's faculty and Counseling Department staff hold a master's degree or higher.

Enrollment

There are 422 female students enrolled in grades 9 through 12 in the 2022-23 academic year. The student-to-faculty ratio is 10 to 1; the average class size is 13.

Accreditation

The school is accredited by the Pennsylvania Association of Independent Schools and Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. Memberships include NAIS, PAIS, ADVIS, NCGS, and National and Pennsylvania Associations for College Admissions Counseling.

College Profile

100% of VMA graduates plan to attend a four-year college or university. The Class of 2022 applied to 210 schools and currently attend 52 different colleges. This class earned a total of more than \$16 million in scholarships.

Academic Profile

VMA requires students to complete a sequence of coursework in Theology, English, Mathematics, Science, World Languages, Social Studies, Fine Arts, Computer Science, Physical Education, Health, and Wellness/Counseling, plus elective courses. They are also required to participate in a Capstone experience that is the broadest application of their learning and research skills. VMA operates on a block schedule with semester and year-end grade reports. In 2022, VMA had 141 AP students; all AP-level students are required to take the AP exam.

Discipline Code

Discipline infractions that result in suspension or expulsion will be reported by VMA to colleges and universities. We will guide our senior students to fully disclose any serious discipline infractions that occur after applications have been submitted to colleges.

Senior Capstone Program

This program is an inquiry-based experience, driven by student interest, and is required for graduation. It involves critical thinking, investigative research, problem solving, summarizing findings, and application of prior and acquired knowledge through documented field experience and/or service.

Service Learning Experiential Program

VMA offers local, national, and international service immersion trips, as well as local and regional service opportunities. Service learning occurs through education, prayer, reflection, and action.

Dual Enrollment

Students have the opportunity to earn college credits with Immaculata University. This is suitable for students who have exceeded the high school curriculum offerings.

VMA Scholars Program

This program is an invitation-based opportunity for students who excel on their high school entrance exam and receive an academic scholarship to attend Villa Maria. Students asked to be a part of this program demonstrate the highest level of cognitive aptitude, intellectual curiosity, and a thirst for learning.

Grading

Villa Maria Academy uses an alpha grading system, with C+ (82) considered college qualifying and D passing. Courses are weighted according to the degree of challenge, making it possible to have a GPA greater than 4.1.

A+ (100-98).....	4.1	C+ (82-80).....	2.5
A (97-93).....	4.0	C (79-77).....	2.0
A- (92-91).....	3.8	C- (76-75).....	1.8
B+ (90-88).....	3.5	D+ (74-73).....	1.5
B (87-85).....	3.0	D (72-70).....	1.0
B- (84-83).....	2.8	F (69).....	0.0

Advanced Placement Courses

Art History
Biology
Calculus AB
Calculus BC
Computer Science A
Computer Science Principles
English Language and Composition
English Literature and Composition
Environmental Science
French Language and Culture
Latin
Microeconomics
Music Theory
Physics 1
Physics C: Mechanics
Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism
Psychology
Spanish Language and Culture
Statistics
Studio Art, Drawing
Studio Art, 2 Dimensional
U.S. Government and Politics
U.S. History
World History

Graduation Requirements

Villa Maria Academy offers a four-year, eight-semester, college preparatory program. All students at VMA are expected to take a minimum of 28 credits. Each major subject is equal to one credit. All courses are offered at college preparatory, honors, or advanced placement levels.

Course	Credit
Theology	4.00
English	4.00
Mathematics	3.00
Science	3.00
Social Studies	3.00
World Languages	3.00
Elective courses	3.00
Fine Arts	1.00
Computer Science	1.00
Senior Capstone	1.00
Wellness/Counseling	1.00
Health	0.50
Physical Education	0.50

2021-2022 College Admissions and Enrollment

Enrollment by a member of the Class of 2022 is shown in bold.

Alvernia University
American University
Arizona State University (Main Campus)
Auburn University
Ave Maria University
Baylor University
Belmont Abbey College
Belmont University
Benedictine College
Boston College
Boston University
Bryant University
Cabrini University
Catholic University of America
Clemson University
Coastal Carolina University
College of Charleston
College of the Holy Cross
Colorado State University (Fort Collins)
Connecticut College
Cornell University
DeSales University
Dickinson College
Dominican University of California
Drexel University
Duquesne University
East Carolina University
Eastern University
Elon University
Fairfield University
Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University
Florida Atlantic University
Florida Institute of Technology
Florida Southern College
Florida State University
Fordham University
Franklin & Marshall College
Furman University
George Mason University
Georgetown University
Gettysburg College
Gwynedd Mercy University
Hampton University
Hawaii Pacific University
High Point University
Hobart and William Smith Colleges
Hofstra University
Howard University
Immaculata University
Indiana University (Bloomington)
Indiana University of Pennsylvania (Main Campus)
Ithaca College
James Madison University
King's College
La Salle University
Lafayette College
Lehigh University
Lincoln University
Louisiana State University
Loyola University Chicago

Loyola University Maryland
Manhattan College
Marist College
Marymount University
McDaniel College
McGill University
Mercer University
Messiah University
Miami University (Oxford)
Michigan State University
Millersville University of Pennsylvania
Misericordia University
Monmouth University
Montana State University
Mount St. Mary's University
Neumann University
North Carolina A & T State University
Northeastern University
Old Dominion University
Pennsylvania State University (Altoona)
Pennsylvania State University (Brandywine)
Pennsylvania State University (Harrisburg)
Pennsylvania State University (Main Campus)
Providence College
Purdue University (Main Campus)
Purdue University Northwest
Regis University
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rockhurst University
Rutgers University (New Brunswick)
Sacred Heart University
Saint John Fisher College
Saint Joseph's University
Saint Peter's University
Salve Regina University
San Diego State University
Savannah College of Art and Design
Seton Hall University
Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania
Spelman College
Spring Hill College
Stevens Institute of Technology
Stony Brook University
Syracuse University
Temple University
The College of William and Mary
The Ohio State University (Main Campus)
The University of Alabama
The University of Tampa
The University of Tennessee (Knoxville)
Thomas Aquinas College
Thomas Jefferson University
Thomas Jefferson University (East Falls Campus)
Towson University
Trinity College

Tulane University of Louisiana
University of Arizona
University of Arkansas
University of British Columbia
University of California (Irvine)
University of California (Merced)
University of California (Riverside)
University of California (Santa Cruz)
University of Central Florida
University of Cincinnati (Main Campus)
University of Colorado (Colorado Springs)
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Connecticut
University of Dayton
University of Delaware
University of Georgia
University of Hartford
University of Hawaii at Manoa
University of Lynchburg
University of Maryland (College Park)
University of Massachusetts (Amherst)
University of Massachusetts (Boston)
University of Miami
University of Mississippi
University of Nevada (Las Vegas)
University of North Carolina Wilmington
University of Notre Dame
University of Oklahoma
University of Oregon
University of Pittsburgh (Bradford)
University of Pittsburgh (Greensburg)
University of Pittsburgh (Johnstown)
University of Pittsburgh (Main Campus)
University of Rhode Island
University of Richmond
University of San Diego
University of San Francisco
University of Scranton
University of South Carolina
University of Utah
University of Vermont
University of Virginia (Main Campus)
University of Washington (Seattle Campus)
Ursinus College
Villanova University
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Wake Forest University
West Chester University of Pennsylvania
West Virginia University
Widener University
Xavier University