



Friends' Central School

2023-2024 PROFILE FOR COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS

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Established in 1845 by the Religious Society of Friends, Friends' Central School is an independent, co-educational Quaker day school for grades nursery through 12. Total school enrollment is 845 students; 401 students are enrolled in the Upper School.

The campus is located just over Philadelphia's western border and draws students from the city, four surrounding counties and New Jersey. 42% of the student body self-identifies as students of color; 4% are Quaker. Need-based financial aid is granted to 50% of students. In the Class of 2023, 99% of graduates chose to attend a four-year college and 1% chose to take a gap year. NAIS accredited.

CURRICULAR and PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- All FCS courses are taught at the honors level. **Our Advanced courses equal or exceed the rigor of AP courses.**
- The English department does not offer an advanced track option. All students must complete the required four year literature curriculum.
- **U.S. History Advanced** is a document-based course. Each student completes a capstone, ten-page, thesis-driven, primary source-based research project during the spring semester.
- **The standard course load is five major courses per year.**
- Friends' Central School **does not calculate a grade point average or class rank.** A junior year grade distribution is provided on page three of this profile to assist colleges in assessing student academic performance.
- All students entering the Upper School as 9th graders complete a minimum of 115 hours of **community service** prior to graduation.
- **Discipline** at FCS is considered a part of the educational process and is normally an internal matter. However, conduct infractions by FCS students may have consequences beyond the confines of the School. Concerned about student behavior on their campuses, colleges may ask applicants about their high school disciplinary records. As their advocates, the college counselors will work closely with students in reporting disciplinary matters to colleges, as required.
- FCS is a member of the **Global Online Academy.** GOA offers online courses outside of the scope of the FCS curriculum. Students receive FCS credit upon completion of a GOA course.

THE ACADEMIC PROGRAM CURRICULUM

2023-2024 Curriculum Planner [link](#)

ENGLISH 4 years required

English I*
English II*
English III,* Topics in English Lit.*
English IV,* English Seminar*
Writer's Workshop *Adv*
Studies in English Lit.

MATHEMATICS 3 years required

Algebra I
Algebra II, Algebra II *Adv*
Geometry, Geometry *Adv*
Precalculus, Precalculus *Adv*
Statistics, Statistics *Adv*
Calculus I, Calculus I *Adv*
Calculus II *Adv*
Linear Algebra *Adv*
Making Decisions: Intro to Economics

HISTORY 2 years required

U.S. History, U.S. History *Adv**
World History: Relig. and Rev.*
Contemporary Global History
Partial list of electives -
Capitalism & Consumption
Creating Africa *Adv*
The Sociological Imagination:
International Relations
Introduction to Philosophy
Modern Africa *Adv*
Modern Chinese History
Modern European History *Adv*
Women's History in the United States
Constitutional Identity *Adv*

SCIENCE 2 years required

Integrated Physics*
Astronomy
Atmospheric Science & Climate Change
Biology I, Biology I *Adv*
Biology II *Adv*: Biodiversity
Biology II *Adv*: ...Exp. in Microbiology
Biology of Bodies
Botany
Chemistry I, Chemistry I *Adv*
Chemistry II *Adv*: Equilibrium
Chemistry II *Adv*: Kinetics & Electrochem.
Experiential Physics
Physics II *Adv*
Physics III *Adv*: Electricity and Circuits
Physics III *Adv*: Magnetism, Waves & Optics
Advanced Topics in Organic Chemistry

FOREIGN LANGUAGE 2 years required

French I, II, II *Adv*, III, III *Adv*
The Contemporary French Experience
Paris: Yesterday and Today (*Adv*)
Francophone Identities *Adv*
French Literature *Adv*
The Contemporary Latino Experience
Latin I, II, II *Adv*, III, III *Adv*
Latin Literature *Adv*: Catullus & Ovid
Latin Literature *Adv*: Vergil
Spanish I, II, II *Adv*, III, III *Adv*, IV
Immigrant Latino Experience
Spanish: History & Culture *Adv*
Spanish Literature *Adv*: Marquez, *et al*
Spanish Literature *Adv*: Borges, *et al*

FINE ARTS 4 semesters required

Partial list of arts electives -
Advanced Topics in Studio Art
Concepts in Visual Arts
The Contemporary Stage
Ensemble Building, Improvisation & Play Making
Foundations in 2D Art
Instrumental Ensemble Orchestra
Introduction to Drawing Studio Art
Introduction to Stage Acting
History of African American Music
Mixed Media: Appropriation & Reinvention
Mixed Media: Real World Connections
Music: Intro to Theory & Composition
Musical Theater
Photography
Shakespeare in Performance
Woodworking I, II

GENERAL ELECTIVES

Intro to Computer Science – Python Part I & II (2 semesters)
Advanced Python and Object Oriented Programming *Adv*
Intro Comp Prog., Intro Comp Hardw.
Intro to Comp. Sci., Adv. Comp. Sci.
Advanced Computer Programming
Sexuality and Society *Adv*

* **Indicates required course**

STANDARDIZED TESTING

Middle 50%

SAT Results

Class of 2023	EWR and M score average 1304
Class of 2022	EWR and M score average 1287
Class of 2021	statistically limited data due to test cancellations
Class of 2020	EWR 615-745 M 580-670
Class of 2019	EWR 640-730 M 550-710

ACT Results

Class of 2023	average 31
Class of 2022	average 33
Class of 2020	27-33
Class of 2019	26-32

Class of 2023 - JUNIOR YEAR GRADE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT	COURSE NAME	A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D	Total
English	English III	1	32	18	10	13	7	4	1			86
	English Seminar		26	25	13	14	5	1				84
History	International Relations		3									3
	Introduction to Philosophy	2	2		1							5
	US History		1	3	3	3	1	1				12
	US History Adv		21	27	12	8	5					73
Languages	French I		1									1
	French III & French III Adv			1	1							2
	French Literature Adv		1	2								3
	The Contemporary French Experience		1	4	2		1					8
	Latin II & Latin II Adv		1	1								2
	Latin Literature Adv: Catullus and Ovid		8	3	2		1		1			15
	Spanish I & Spanish II & Spanish II Adv	1			1	3				1		6
	Spanish III		2	1	3	1	1	2				10
	Spanish III Adv		2	2	1		1					6
	Spanish IV	1	2	2	2	2	1					10
	Spanish Literature Adv: Marquez, Allende & Unamuno		1				1					2
Spanish: History and Culture Adv		1	3	3	2						9	
Math	Algebra II				1	2		2		1		6
	Algebra II Adv		1									1
	Calculus I		2	1	1	1						5
	Calculus I Adv		9	9	2	2		1				23
	Calculus II Adv		6	2	1							10
	Making Decisions: An Introduction to Economics		2									2
	Precalculus		2	3	4	6	5			1		21
	Precalculus Adv		2	2	2	6	8	1	1			22
Science	Astronomy		2									2
	Atmospheric Science and Climate Change		1	2								3
	Biology I		2	2	2	4	3	2				15
	Biology I Adv		23	17	6	10	6	3				65
	Biology of Bodies	1	1			1						3
	Biology II Adv: Biod. & Biology II Adv: Design. Exp.			1	1	1						3
	Chemistry I Adv			1		1						2
	Chemistry II Adv: Equilib. & Chem II Adv: Kin. Elec.		4	4	1		1		1			11
	Physics II Adv		1		1	1				1		4
	Physics III Adv: Electricity and Circuits		1									1
	Physics III Adv: Magnetism, Waves, and Optics		1									1

***Some classes only taken by one member of the Class of 2024 were not included on this list**

FRIENDS' CENTRAL SCHOOL – COLLEGE MATRICULATIONS 2019-2023

Albright College	University of Denver	University of Michigan (4)	Stanford University
Allegheny College	Dickinson College (8)	Middlebury College (4)	Stevens Inst. of Technology
Alvernia University	Drew University	Misericordia University	Suffolk University
American University (6)	Drexel University (15)	Mississippi State University	Swarthmore College (3)
Amherst College	Duke University	Monmouth University	University of Sydney
Arcadia University (2)	Duquesne University	Morehouse College	Syracuse University (6)
Auburn University	Eckerd College	Morgan State University (4)	Temple University (9)
University Alabama	Elizabethtown College	Mount Holyoke College (2)	Temple University, Japan Campus
Babson College	Elon University (2)	Muhlenberg College (2)	The College of William & Mary (3)
Bard College (2)	Emerson College	Neumann University	The Ohio State University
Barnard College (3)	Emory University (2)	New York University (10)	The University of Tampa (2)
Bates College	Fairfield University	Univ. of N. Carolina Chapel Hill	University of Toronto (2)
Bennington College	Florida International University	Univ. of N. Carolina Wilmington	Trinity College
Berklee College of Music	University of Florida	Northeastern University (5)	Trinity College Dublin
Boston College (4)	Franklin & Marshall College (9)	Northwestern University (2)	Tufts University (7)
Boston University (8)	George Washington University (3)	Oberlin College (2)	Tulane University (3)
Boston Conservatory at Berklee (2)	Gettysburg College	Occidental College (2)	Union College
Bowdoin College (2)	University of Glasgow	University of Oregon	United States Air Force Academy
Brandeis University (2)	Hamilton College	Parsons School of Design (2)	United States Naval Academy
Brown University (3)	Hampton University (5)	Penn State University (15)	Ursinus College (3)
Bryn Athyn College	Harvard University	University of Pennsylvania (21)	Vanderbilt University
Bryn Mawr College (2)	Harvey Mudd College	University of Pittsburgh (17)	Vassar College (4)
Bucknell University	Haverford College (3)	Pitzer College	University of Vermont (3)
Univ. of California Berkeley (2)	High Point University	Point Park University	Villanova University (3)
Univ. of California Davis (2)	Hobart and William Smith Colleges	Pomona College	Virginia State University
Univ. of California Irvine	Hofstra University (2)	Princeton University	University of Virginia (2)
Univ. of California Los Angeles (3)	Howard University (5)	Purdue University (2)	Wagner College
Univ. of California San Diego (3)	University of Illinois (CU) (3)	Reed College (2)	Wake Forest University (2)
Case Western University (2)	Indiana University Bloomington (3)	Rice University	Washington University St. Louis (8)
Carnegie Mellon University (2)	Ithaca College (3)	University of Richmond	University of Washington
Champlain College (3)	Jacksonville University	Roberts Wesleyan College	Wellesley College (2)
University of Chicago (4)	Johns Hopkins University (2)	University of Rochester (4)	Wesleyan University (6)
Claremont McKenna College	Juniata College (3)	Saint Joseph's University (3)	West Chester University of PA (4)
Colby College	Lafayette College (4)	San Diego State University (2)	Wheaton College
Colgate University	Lehigh University (4)	University of San Diego	Widener University (2)
University of Colorado (2)	Lewis & Clark University	University of San Francisco	Williams College
College of Charleston	Lincoln University (2)	Sarah Lawrence College	University of Winchester
College of the Holy Cross	Loyola Marymount University (3)	Savannah College of Art & Design	University of Wisconsin Madison (6)
Colorado College	Loyola University Chicago	Scripps College	Worcester Polytechnic Institute (2)
Colorado School of Mines	Loyola University Maryland	Seton Hall University	Xavier University of Louisiana (2)
Columbia University	Macalester College (2)	Skidmore College (4)	Yale University
Comm. College of Beaver County	Marist College (3)	Smith College (6)	York College of Pennsylvania (3)
Connecticut College	University of Mary Washington	University of South Florida	University of York
Cornell College	Maryland Institute College of Art	University of Southern California	
Cornell University (7)	University of Maryland (4)	Spelman College (2)	
CUNY John Jay Coll. Crim. Justice	Massachusetts Inst. of Technology	University of St. Andrews (4)	
Delaware State University	McDaniel College	St. John's College	
DeSales University	McGill University	St. John's University (2)	
University of Delaware (2)	Miami University (OH)	St. Joseph's University (2)	
	University of Miami	St. Lawrence University	