



School Profile 2023-2024

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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.

The Villa Maria Advantage

Students at Villa Maria are encouraged to embrace new experiences, take risks, discover new passions, explore areas of interest, and become unstoppable in their quest to learn and grow. Every student at Villa Maria receives a personalized academic experience with engaging instruction and challenging curriculum offered by exceptional faculty members and administrators. Students are prepared to enter the world as creative, tech-savvy problem-solvers and confident communicators.

Accreditation and Affiliations

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

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging

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 52 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. 87% of Villa Maria's faculty and Counseling Department staff hold a master's degree or higher.

Enrollment

There are 417 female students enrolled in grades 9 through 12 in the 2023-24 academic year. The student-to-faculty ratio is 9 to 1; the average class size is 13.

Student Involvement and Service Learning

More than 78% of Villa Maria students participate in athletics and an equal percentage participate in clubs and activities. In the 2022-2023 academic year, students engaged in more than 8,500 hours of community service. Service hours are required of students during each academic year and are mandatory for graduation.

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.

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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 2023, VMA had 152 AP students; all AP-level students are required to take the AP exam.

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.

Travel Opportunities

Villa Maria students have opportunities to broaden their horizons through optional travel in the U.S. and abroad. Service immersion trips provide learning 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 wish to supplement 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 earn 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 High School uses a numerical grading system, with an 82 considered college qualifying and 70 passing. Courses are weighted according to the degree of challenge, making it possible to have a GPA greater than 4.1.

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| 100-98..... | 4.1 | 87-85..... | 3.0 | 76-75..... | 1.8 |
| 97-93..... | 4.0 | 84-83..... | 2.8 | 74-73..... | 1.5 |
| 92-91..... | 3.8 | 82-80..... | 2.5 | 72-70..... | 1.0 |
| 90-88..... | 3.5 | 79-77..... | 2.0 | ≤69..... | 0.0 |

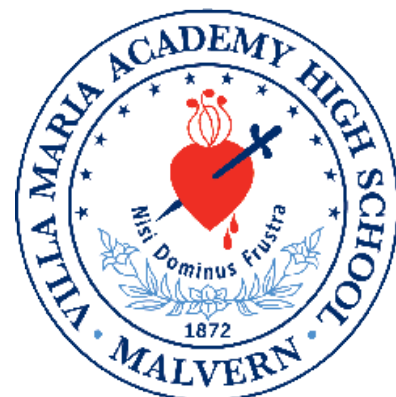
Graduation Requirements

Villa Maria Academy offers a four-year, eight-semester, college preparatory program. All students 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. Requirements for the Class of 2024:

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

Advanced Placement (AP) 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-D
 U.S. Government and Politics
 U.S. History
 World History





2021-2023 College Admissions and Enrollment

Enrollment by a Villa Maria graduate is shown in bold. Data provided by VMA College Counseling.

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| Albright College | DeSales University | Johnson & Wales University (Providence) |
| Alvernia University | Dickinson College | King's College |
| American University (4) | Dominican University of California | Kutztown University of Pennsylvania |
| Anglo-American University | Drew University | La Salle University |
| Appalachian State University | Drexel University (2) | Lafayette College (3) |
| Arcadia University | Duke University | Le Moyne College |
| Arizona State University (Main Campus) | Duquesne University (2) | Lehigh University (3) |
| Auburn University (3) | East Carolina University | Lincoln University |
| Ave Maria University | Eastern University | Louisiana State University |
| Ball State University | Eckerd College | Loyola Marymount University |
| Bangor University | Elizabethtown College | Loyola University Chicago |
| Baylor University | Elmira College | Loyola University Maryland (3) |
| Belmont Abbey College | Elon University (3) | Loyola University New Orleans |
| Belmont University | Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (Worldwide) | Lycoming College |
| Benedictine College | Emory University | Macalester College |
| Bocconi University | Fairfield University (8) | Manhattan College |
| Boston College (3) | Fashion Institute of Technology | Marist College (2) |
| Boston University (2) | Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University | Marquette University |
| Brandeis University | Florida Atlantic University (2) | Maryland Institute College of Art |
| Brown University | Florida Gulf Coast University | Marymount University |
| Bryant University | Florida Institute of Technology | Marywood University |
| Bryn Mawr College (2) | Florida International University | Massachusetts College of Art and Design |
| Bucknell University (2) | Florida Southern College | Massachusetts Institute of Technology |
| Cabrini University | Florida State University | McDaniel College |
| California Institute of the Arts | Fordham University (2) | McGill University |
| California Polytechnic State University (San Luis Obispo) | Franklin & Marshall College (2) | Mercer University |
| California State University (Los Angeles) | Furman University | Messiah University |
| Carnegie Mellon University | George Mason University | Miami Dade College |
| Case Western Reserve University | George Washington University | Miami University (Oxford) |
| Catholic University of America (12) | Georgetown University | Michigan State University |
| Champlain College | Georgia Institute of Technology | Middle Tennessee State University |
| Charleston Southern University | Gettysburg College (2) | Millersville University of Pennsylvania |
| Christopher Newport University | Gwynedd Mercy University | Misericordia University |
| Clark Atlanta University | Hamilton College | Monmouth University |
| Clemson University (5) | Hampton University | Montana State University |
| Coastal Carolina University | Harvard University | Montclair State University |
| Colby College | Hawai'i Pacific University | Moravian University |
| Colgate University | High Point University (2) | Mount Holyoke College |
| College of Charleston (3) | Hobart and William Smith Colleges | Mount St. Mary's University |
| College of the Holy Cross (4) | Hofstra University | Muhlenberg College |
| Colorado College | Hollins University | Neumann University |
| Colorado State University (Fort Collins) | Howard University | New York University |
| Columbia University | Immaculata University (3) | North Carolina A & T State University |
| Commonwealth University (Bloomsburg) | Indiana University (Bloomington) | North Carolina State University |
| Connecticut College | Indiana University of Pennsylvania (Main) | Northeastern University |
| Cornell University | Ithaca College | Northwestern University |
| Dartmouth College | Jacksonville University | Nova Southeastern University |
| Davidson College | James Madison University (6) | Oberlin College |
| DePaul University | Johns Hopkins University | Old Dominion University |
| | | Otis College of Art and Design |
| | | Pace University (New York City) |

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Palm Beach Atlantic University
Pennsylvania State University (Altoona)
Pennsylvania State University (Berks)
Pennsylvania State University (Brandywine)
Pennsylvania State University (Harrisburg)
Pennsylvania State University (University Park) (29)
Penn State University (World Campus)
Pepperdine University
Pratt Institute
Princeton University
Providence College (4)
Purdue University (Main Campus)
Purdue University Northwest
Quinnipiac University
Regis University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rhode Island School of Design
Rice University
Ringling College of Art and Design
Robert Morris University
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rockhurst University
Roger Williams University
Rosemont College
Rowan University
Royal Holloway, University of London
Rutgers University (Camden)
Rutgers University (New Brunswick)
Sacred Heart University
Saint Francis University
Saint John Fisher University
Saint Joseph's University (8)
Saint Leo University
Saint Louis University
Saint Mary's College
Saint Peter's University
Salve Regina University
San Diego State University (3)
Santa Clara University
Sarah Lawrence College
Savannah College of Art and Design (2)
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
School of Visual Arts (2)
Seton Hall University
Shenandoah University
Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania
Skidmore College
Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania
Smith College
Southeastern University
Southern Methodist University
Spelman College (2)
Spring Hill College
St. Mary's College of Maryland
Stetson University
Stevens Institute of Technology

Stockton University
Stonehill College
Stony Brook University
SUNY College at Cortland
Susquehanna University
Swarthmore College
Sweet Briar College
Syracuse University (3)
Temple University (6)
Texas A&M University
The American University of Paris
The Ohio State University
The University of Alabama (4)
The University of Tampa
The University of Tennessee (Chattanooga)
The University of Tennessee (Knoxville) (8)
The University of Texas at Austin
The University of the Arts
Thomas Aquinas College
Thomas Jefferson University (D)
Thomas Jefferson University (East Falls)
Towson University (3)
Trinity College
Trinity College Dublin
Trinity University
Tufts University
Tulane University of Louisiana (2)
United States Military Academy at West Point
University of Aberdeen
University of Arizona
University of Arkansas
University of British Columbia
University of California (Berkeley)
University of California (Davis)
University of California (Irvine)
University of California (Los Angeles)
University of California (Merced)
University of California (Riverside)
University of California (San Diego)
University of California (Santa Barbara)
University of California (Santa Cruz)
University of Central Florida
University of Chicago
University of Cincinnati (Main Campus)
University of Colorado (Colorado Springs)
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Connecticut
University of Dayton
University of Delaware (15)
University of Denver
University of Florida
University of Georgia
University of Hartford
University of Hawai'i at Manoa
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
University of Iowa

University of Kentucky
University of Lynchburg
University of Maryland (Baltimore County)
University of Maryland (College Park) (2)
University of Massachusetts (Amherst)
University of Massachusetts (Boston)
University of Miami (3)
University of Michigan
University of Minnesota (Twin Cities)
University of Mississippi
University of Nevada (Las Vegas)
University of New Haven
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
University of North Carolina at Wilmington
University of Notre Dame (7)
University of Oklahoma
University of Oregon
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh (Bradford)
University of Pittsburgh (Greensburg)
University of Pittsburgh (Johnstown)
University of Pittsburgh (Pittsburgh) (17)
University of Rhode Island
University of Richmond (4)
University of Rochester
University of San Diego
University of San Francisco
University of Scranton (7)
University of South Carolina (3)
University of Southern California
University of St. Andrews
University of the Sciences
University of Toronto
University of Utah
University of Vermont
University of Virginia (Main Campus)
University of Washington (Seattle Campus)
University of Waterloo
University of Wisconsin (Madison)
Ursinus College
Vanderbilt University
Vassar College
Villanova University (12)
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (4)
Wake Forest University
Washington and Lee University
Washington University in St. Louis
West Chester University of Pennsylvania (5)
West Virginia State University
West Virginia University
Westminster College
Widener University
William & Mary
Xavier University (2)
Yale University
York College Pennsylvania