



MERCERSBURG ACADEMY

Profile 2023-2024

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NEW TO MERCERSBURG ACADEMY

- » In 2022-2023, Mercersburg Academy introduced **Earned Honors** in select courses (see course offerings). 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.
- » Students will be enrolled in no more than six courses concurrently, earning six credits per term; in a standard curriculum, **students in grades 11 and 12 will complete five credits per term.** Students will receive a grade of record in each class at the conclusion of each trimester.
- » 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.
- » 447 students from 28 states and the District of Columbia and 44 countries; 49 percent of students identify as a student of color; 48 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

- » **Advanced Studies (AS) 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, students earned 18-19 credits; most earned six credits per term and one credit through our intensive. In most years, students in grades 9 and 10 earn 17-18 credits, while students in grades 11 and 12 earn 15 credits.
- » All students participate annually in the Mercersburg Intensive, an immersive two-week experience in which students and teachers work as equal learners to explore a topic, genre, question, theme, or skill.
- » 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 viewed by the public.
- » 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 the depth and value of how they search for solutions and truth so that in 12th grade, they can conduct research for a 30- to 50-page SEARCH project, a high school equivalent of a master's thesis.

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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, a 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.

2023-2024 SELECT COURSE OFFERINGS

ADVANCED STUDIES (AS)		Math**	Ceramics II/Adv. Topics in Ceramics*	Second-Year Spanish	ACCELERATED
Art	Precalculus AB		Dance Composition II*	Third-Year Chinese*	Math
Studio Arts	Precalculus C & Calculus A		Drawing II*	Third-Year French	Precalculus
English	Calculus AB		Hip Hop Dance & Culture*	Third-Year Latin*	
Language, Rhetoric, and Composition	Calculus BC		Introduction to Dance*	Third-Year Spanish	SENIOR CAPSTONE
Literature and Composition	Computer Science		Introduction to Theater*	Fourth-Year Chinese*	MAPS
History	Economics		Mixing Music II*	Math	SEARCH: Global Studies Research Thesis
Art History	Linear Algebra with Applications		Painting II*	Algebra II*	Thought, Knowledge, and Belief
Comparative Government and Politics	Statistics		Photography/Video II*	Geometry*	Springboard
Making of the 21st Century: Quinn-Ferguson Seminar	Science		Pointe II*	Introduction to New Testament*	Application Design
World History	Biology		Practical Design & Production*	Nature and Meaning of the Universe*	Arts Practicum
U.S. History	Chemistry		Stage Combat I*	Understanding Religion: The Amish*	Entrepreneurship
Language	Environmental Science		Stage Combat II*	Science	Internship
French Language and Culture	Organic Chemistry			Anatomy and Physiology*	Maker's Lab
Latin: Vergil/Caesar	Physics C Electricity and Magnetism	HONORS		Biology*	Mercersburg's History
Spanish Language and Culture	Physics C Mechanics	Art	English	Chemistry	Open Topic
		Acting for Film*	Power, Justice, and Authority*	Physics	Positive Psychology
		Advanced Performance-Chorale*	History		Research Science
			Human Geography*		Capstone
			Language		Write Your Novel
			Second-Year French*		
			Second-Year Latin*		

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**As of 2023-2024, the course titles of multiple Advanced Studies offerings in math have been revised to more accurately reflect the content of each course.

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
Math	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.

**Students may meet Mercersburg Academy's graduation requirement in languages by demonstrating proficiency in more than one language.

SAT/ACT SUMMARY (CLASS OF 2023)

SAT: 46 Test Takers	Middle 50%	Mean
EBRW	670-720	683
MATH	640-780	705

ACT: 12 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.

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