The Hill School
School Profile 2023-2024

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Characteristics

- Founded in 1851.
- A coeducational college preparatory boarding school, third through sixth form (grades 9 through 12); a Post Graduate year is also offered.
- All students must reside on campus for one year.
- Enrollment: 539 students from 28 states and 21 countries.
- 44% students of color; 20% international students.
- 17% of students live within 10 miles of the school that includes low-income, rural, and post-industrial towns.
- 33% receive financial support.
- Student Teacher Ratio: 7-1; average class size: 11 students.
- Accredited by The Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools; licensed by The Pennsylvania Department of Education; Member of NACAC, PACAC, IACAC, and ACCIS.

Academic Overview

- Calendar | Trimester.
- Five classes are required; students may enroll in a sixth graded course and may take a seventh ungraded.
- Uniquely situated in a once-thriving industrial city, Hill's setting offers authentic, place-based learning experiences for students. Classes often bring students into the community and use local, regional, and global contexts to drive inquiry.
- Independent Study | Students may submit a proposal to pursue an Independent Study with a faculty mentor in a specialized area not covered by our curriculum for two terms. Honors IS (Independent Study) is a full year commitment.
- Liberal Arts | Hill's courses in history, English, world languages, religious studies, humanities, and classics emphasize the development of critical analysis, creative thinking, and effective oral and written communication skills.
- Engineering and Computer Science | Students may engage in a unique, multi-year track of either Engineering or Computer Science. Course work emphasizes peer collaboration and computational thinking. Equipped with practical skills in software use, mechanical engineering, and programming, students gain expertise in presentations, project management, professionalism, and entrepreneurship while utilizing the newest educational technologies.

Signature Programs

Eudemonia | Eudemonia is a required course for all students every year intended to bolster resiliency, decision-making skills, and social and emotional health.

H-Term | H-Term is a three-week winter term experience where classes focus on increasing collaboration, creativity, critical thinking, and cultural competency. The program emphasizes exploration of theme-based interdisciplinary content and provides an opportunity for students to do more hands-on experiential work.

Prefect | Selection for this critical residential student leadership role is competitive. Prefects are responsible for building community within the dorms as well as upholding and enforcing rules and norms. Given this important leadership role, prefects receive extensive training.

Classics | Students enrolled in Classics courses at Hill work with passionate and dedicated teachers who infuse their lessons with grammar and translation of Latin and ancient Greek, complimented by mythologies, histories, influences, and legacies of two powerful cultures. Qualified and motivated students can study both languages through the author-level (including AP Latin), with a chance to read seminal works of Western literature. Upper-level courses dovetail nicely with the Humanities.

The Hobart’s Run Neighborhood Initiative | In 2016, The Hill School launched a 501(c)(3) that supports revitalization efforts throughout Pottstown. The non-profit works to foster inclusivity, provide incentives for home ownership and property pride, and generate quality business development. Hill students are actively involved with Hobart’s Run through various opportunities ranging from local service projects to serving on the Hobart’s Run Student Leadership Council.

Graduation Requirements

English | Four Years.
Mathematics | Completion of Integrated Math 31 or higher.
Language | Three years of a single language or two years of two world languages.
Science | Two years of laboratory science.
History and Social Sciences | Two years; U.S. History is required.
Religious Studies & Philosophy | One year.
Arts | Requirements vary depending on point of entry.
Course Offerings & Progressions

With the exception of math, computer science, and world language, students are only allowed to take AP and CL classes in their fifth and sixth form years. Detailed course descriptions can be found at www.thehill.org/academics/course-offerings.

College Level courses represent the highest level of rigor and are offered in world languages, mathematics, computer science, economics, history and science.

Students are not required to take the AP exam at the completion of the course.

### Mathematics Sequence of Courses at The Hill School

- **Integrated Math 1**
- **Integrated Math 2**
- **Integrated Math 3**
- **Integrated Math 4**

### Science Sequence of Courses at The Hill School

- **Integrated Science I**
- **Integrated Science II**
- **Any AP Science or Anatomy & Physiology**

Mathematics | All students participate in the integrated curriculum, combining key elements of traditional high school courses with introductory statistics, coding, and financial literacy through a multi-tiered, multi-year approach. Cross-curricular connections are emphasized between concepts to develop skills in critical thinking and synthesis.

### COLLEGE LEVEL

**Arts**
- Advanced Studio Art Seminar
- Advanced Art History Seminar

**Classics**
- Advanced Latin/Greek Seminar
- Advanced Latin Seminar: Poetry & Rhetoric

**Computer Science**
- Advanced Computer Science Seminar
- Data Structures & Algorithms

**Engineering & Design**
- Engineering 3 – Multidisciplinary Engineering Design
- Integrative Product Design
- Engineering 4
- Engineering Disciplines of Real Life Seminar

**History & Social Sciences**
- Advanced Economics
- Advanced History Seminar

**Mathematics**
- Advanced Mathematics Seminar
- Graph Theory and Proof

**Science**
- Advanced Environmental Science Seminar
- Quadrivium Scholars Year 2

**World Languages**
- Arabic 4 Seminar
- Arabic 5 Seminar
- Advanced French Seminar: Cinema
- Senior French Seminar
- Chinese 5: Advanced Seminar

### AP

**Arts**
- 2-D Art and Design
- 3-D Art and Design
- Drawing

**Classics**
- Latin

**Computer Science**
- Computer Science Principles
- Computer Science A

**English**
- English 3 Language
- English 4 Literature

**History & Social Sciences**
- Economics
- U.S. Government & Politics
- U.S. History

**Humanities**
- Humanities 3 English Language
- Humanities 4 English Literature

**Mathematics**
- BC/Multivariable Calculus
- Calculus AB
- Statistics

**Science**
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics 1
- Physics C Electricity & Magnetism
- Physics C Mechanics
- Psychology

**World Languages**
- Chinese
- French
- Spanish 5 Literature
- Spanish Language & Culture

### HONORS

**Arts**
- Advanced Studio Art 3

**Classics**
- Greek 1, 2, 3, 4
- Latin 1, 2, 3

**Engineering**
- Engineering 2 – Exploring Engineering as a Multidisciplinary Practice

**English**
- English 3, 4
- English 4 Literature and Religion
- Multimedia Journalism 2

**History & Social Sciences**
- Power and Identity in World History
- Social Justice
- U.S. History
- War Series

**Mathematics**
- Calculus
- Integrated Mathematics (31, 41, 42, 43)

**Religious Studies & Philosophy**
- Philosophy and Religion in China and Beyond
- Philosophy Seminar
- Religion and Film in Contemporary Society
- Worldviews & World Religions

**Science**
- Anatomy and Physiology
- Chemistry 1
- Integrated Science 1, 2
- Physics 1
- Engineering 2 – Engineering of Smart Toys

**World Languages**
- Arabic 2, 3
- Chinese 2, 3, 4
- French 2, 3, 4
- Spanish 2, 3, 4

View a list of the College Matriculations for Hill graduates from 2019-2023 at www.thehill.org/admission/college-matriculation.