

overview

Founded in 1905, **The Savannah Country Day School** is an independent, coeducational college preparatory school with a student population of 1,203, ranging from our early childhood program to grade 12. The campus is located on 65 wooded acres on the south side of Savannah near the Vernon River. Students are admitted to Country Day on the basis of academic record, test scores, recommendations, and an interview. Last year Country Day awarded \$2.9M in financial aid to 226 students.



Savannah Country Day students are limited to nine AP courses. Students may enroll in a maximum of one AP course as a sophomore, four as a junior and four as a senior. There are no exceptions to this policy.



CLASS OF 2023

97% of the graduates matriculated to four-year colleges (one Gap Year / one PG boarding school). The 79 members of the class of 2023 submitted 503 applications, 60% of which were successful at 110 institutions in 33 states and the District of Columbia.

ACCREDITATION

Southern Association of Independent Schools

MEMBERSHIP

National Association of Independent Schools
Georgia Independent School Association
Cum Laude Society
National Association for College Admission Counseling
Southern Association for College Admission Counseling
Association of College Counselors in Independent Schools
Atlanta Area Association of Independent Schools

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academics

CLASS OF 2024 (88 STUDENTS)

GRADE DISTRIBUTION FOR CLASS OF 2024

CUMULATIVE WEIGHTED GPA FOLLOWING 11TH GRADE

First Quartile	98.68-95.25
Second/Third Quartile	95.11-90.33
Fourth Quartile	90.31-80.7

SAT (MID 50%)

EBRW	580-700
Math	560-690
EBRW + Math	1150-1370

MAY 2022 AP SCORES (ALL STUDENTS)

# of exams	518
Subject areas	17
% earning at least 3	83.1

program of study



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

English	4 Units
Math	4 Units
History	3 Units
Science	3 Units
World Language	3 Units
(one language in sequence in US)	
Fine Arts	1 Unit
Freshman Foundations	1 Unit
Electives	2 Units
Total	21 Units

DISCIPLINE REPORTING POLICY

It is the policy of The Savannah Country Day School to share a student's disciplinary history with regards to suspensions emanating from either discipline or honor offenses incurred on our campus *if requested*. For colleges and universities that require acknowledgement of criminal infractions, we will provide that information as well *if we are aware of these incidents*.

ACADEMIC LIFE UNDER COVID

In March 2020 we shuttered our doors and transitioned to online learning; our synchronous and asynchronous virtual curriculum maintained the rigor and scholarship long associated with The Savannah Country Day School. We began the 2020-2021 school year under a cohort system in which one half of the upper school attended classes on campus one week followed by the other cohort on campus the next week. Our remote students continued to attend their classes via Zoom while at home. After approximately six weeks, we invited all students to return to campus for instruction; however, a number of our students remained remote learners for the entire year due to health concerns.

FACULTY

Of the 45 Upper School faculty members, 32 hold advanced degrees in their fields. Nearly all teachers serve as academic advisors and many coach and/or sponsor on-campus clubs and activities. The average teaching experience is 18 years.

GPA

The Savannah Country Day transcript indicates both a raw cumulative average and a weighted cumulative average; the latter includes three points added to Honors classes, and five points added to all AP and Advanced (Adv.) classes for GPA calculation. **These bonus points are not added to semester course grades; they are only included for weighted cumulative average calculations.** Only those grades earned in courses taken at Country Day or through the Global Online Academy are included in each cumulative average. Country Day does not rank its students.

FINE ARTS AT SCDS

Savannah Country Day is proud of its robust Fine Arts program and facilities that includes a 400-seat theater, band and strings rooms, and fully-equipped 2D and 3D art studios. The Fine Arts curriculum includes: Art 101/102, Drawing and Painting, Ceramics, Digital Photography, Art Portfolio, Digital 3D Design, Art and Design, Chorus, Introduction to Theatre, Acting Ensemble, Music Appreciation, Music Tech, AP Music Theory, Jazz Ensemble, Jazz Combo, and Strings Ensemble.

GLOBAL ONLINE ACADEMY (GOA)

The Savannah Country Day School became a member institution of the GOA in 2016. The mission of this consortium of the world's leading independent schools is to translate into online classrooms the intellectually rigorous programs and excellent teaching that are hallmarks of its select member schools. Country Day is one of only six GOA member schools in the state of Georgia and all courses are taught by GOA member school faculty. GOA courses are clearly indicated on student transcripts and included in cumulative GPA calculations.

THE INSTITUTE FOR ATLANTIC STUDIES

The Institute for Atlantic Studies (IAS) was born in spring 2021 by a group of upper school faculty from diverse academic backgrounds who wanted to create an interdisciplinary vehicle to promote both scholarship about and community engagement within our historic city and region, using Savannah as a lens through which to study the wider Atlantic world. The IAS not only promotes the inclusion of Atlantic studies across disciplines, it also hosts the Atlantic Institute Seminar, a year-long elective course available on application to students in grades 10-12. The IAS director leads this course and these students will explore topics of interest throughout the year culminating in a capstone research-based project each spring. The IAS encourages learning and teaching beyond traditional boundaries and we feel it will become a signature program for our school emphasizing the principles of place-based learning and capitalizing on our unique location.

Upper School Curriculum

The core curriculum at SCDS requires students to complete a rigorous and diverse course of study which prepares them for highly challenging, college-level work. Honors, Advanced, and Advanced Placement classes offer demanding curricular choices, while our elective options permit students to diversify their range of selections, and at the same time, explore their interests. **AP courses are capped at nine with individual caps by year, provided below. AP, Advanced courses and 600 level courses receive a five point weight.** Honors courses provide a three point weight. This weight is included in the cumulative weighted GPA provided on the transcript, but individual grades remain unweighted. Bolded courses are considered the most rigorous in the discipline.

	9th (No APs allowed)	10th (APs capped at 1)	11th (APs capped at 4)	12th (APs capped at 4)
English	Composition and Literature	Literary Genres	AP English Language American Literature	AP English Literature Creative Nonfiction Literary Savannah Western Lit (Shakespeare) World Lit (Short Story) World Lit B (Graphic Novel)
Science	Honors Physics Physics	Honors Chemistry Chemistry Physics Anatomy/Physiology	AP Biology AP Chemistry Advanced Calc-Based Physics I&II Honors Biology Biology Chemistry Physics Anatomy/Physiology	AP Biology AP Chemistry AP Environmental Science AP Psychology Advanced Calc-Based Physics I&II Honors Biology Biology Intro to Engineering I&II Anatomy/Physiology
Math	Honors Algebra II Algebra II Honors Geometry Geometry Algebra I College Prep Geometry	AP Calculus AB AP Statistics Honors Precalculus Precalculus Honors Algebra II Algebra II Geometry College Prep Algebra II College Prep Geometry	AP Calculus AB AP Calculus BC / Advanced Topics AP Statistics Honors Precalculus Precalculus Algebra II College Prep Algebra II College Prep Precalculus Discrete Math	AP Calculus BC / Advanced Topics AP Calculus AB AP Statistics Intro to Calculus College Prep Precalculus Discrete Math
History	Early Modern World History	AP World History Modern World History Eastern World Religions Western World Religions Atlantic Institute Seminar	AP US History US History Eastern World Religions Western World Religions Global Issues Atlantic Institute Seminar	AP European History AP Microeconomics AP Government & Politics Global Issues Eastern World Religions Western World Religions Atlantic Institute Seminar
World Languages	French II Latin II Honors Spanish II Spanish II French I Latin I Spanish I ESOL	Honors French III Honors Spanish III Latin III Latin II Spanish III Honors Spanish II Spanish II	Honors Spanish IV Honors French IV Honors Latin IV Latin III Spanish IV Spanish III Spanish Conversation/Cinema* French Conversation/Cinema*	AP French Language AP Spanish Language Advanced Latin V Advanced Latin VI Honors French IV Honors Spanish IV Spanish Conversation/Cinema* French Conversation/Cinema*

*Indicates courses that may be taken at Regular, Honors, or, in World Languages, Advanced Levels.

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES | CLASSES OF 2020-2023 (matriculations in bold)

Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College
Adelphi University
Agnes Scott College
 Albany State University
 American Musical and Dramatic Academy
American University
 Appalachian State University
 Arizona State University
Auburn University
Augusta University
Austin Peay State University
Bard College
Barnard College
 Baylor University
Belmont University
 Benedict College
Berklee College of Music
 Berry College
 Binghamton University
 Boston College
Boston University
 Brandeis University
 Brenau University
Brown University
 Bryant University
Bryn Mawr College
 California College of the Arts
 Campbell University
 Carleton College
 Carnegie Mellon University
Case Western Reserve University
Centre College
Citadel Military College of South Carolina
 Clark Atlanta University
Clemson University
 Coastal Carolina University
 Colgate University
College of Charleston
 Colorado School of Mines
Colorado State University
Davidson College
 Denison University
 DePaul University
 DePauw University
 Drexel University
Duke University
 East Carolina University
 Eckerd College
Elon University
 Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Emerson College
Emory University
 Fashion Institute of Technology
 Fisk University
Flagler College
Florida Institute of Technology
 Florida Southern College
Florida State College at Jacksonville
Florida State University
 Fordham University
 Furman University
 Gardner-Webb University
George Washington University

Georgia College
Georgia Institute of Technology
Georgia Southern University
 Georgia Southwestern State University
Georgia State University
 Gettysburg College
 Gonzaga University
 Hampden-Sydney College
Harvard University
High Point University
Hobart and William Smith Colleges
 Hollins University
 Howard University
Indiana University
Ithaca College
Jackson State University
 James Madison University
 Kansas State University
Kennesaw State University
 Keuka College
Lafayette College
 LaGrange College
 Lawrence University
 Lees-McRae College
 Lehigh University
Louisiana State University
 Loyola University Chicago
 Loyola University Maryland
 Loyola University New Orleans
Lynn University
 Manhattan School of Music
 Marist College
 Marymount Manhattan College
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Mercer University
 Miami University (Oxford)
 Michigan State University
 Middle Georgia State University
 Middle Tennessee State University
 Mississippi State University
 Montana State University
Morehouse College
 Mount Holyoke College
 Muhlenberg College
New York University
 North Carolina State University
 Northeastern University
 Oberlin College
 Occidental College
Oglethorpe University
Oxford College of Emory University
 Pace University
Parsons School of Design at The New School
 Penn State University
 Piedmont University
 Pratt Institute
 Presbyterian College
Princeton University
Purdue University
 Queen's University
 Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rhode Island School of Design
 Rhodes College

Rollins College
Rutgers University
 Saint Francis University
 Saint Louis University
Samford University
 San Francisco Art Institute
 Santa Clara University
 Sarah Lawrence College
Savannah College of Art and Design
 School of the Art Institute of Chicago
 School of Visual Arts
 Seton Hall University
Sewanee: The University of the South
 Smith College
Southern Methodist University
 St. Lawrence University
 Stetson University
 Stevens Institute of Technology
 Stony Brook University
 SUNY at Purchase College
 SUNY University at Buffalo
Swarthmore College
 Syracuse University
 Temple University
 Texas A&M University
Texas Christian University
 The American University of Paris
 The New School
 The Ohio State University
The Peabody Institute of The Johns Hopkins University
The University of Alabama
 The University of Tampa
The University of Tennessee
The University of Texas at Austin
Trinity University
Tulane University of Louisiana
Union College
United States Military Academy at West Point
United States Naval Academy
 University of Alabama at Birmingham
University of Alabama in Huntsville
 University of Arizona
 University of California (Davis)
University of California (Irvine)
University of California (Los Angeles)
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 Colorado Boulder
 University of Colorado Denver
University of Connecticut
 University of Delaware
 University of Denver
 University of Florida
University of Georgia

University of Hawaii at Manoa
 University of Houston
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
 University of Iowa
 University of Kentucky
 University of Louisville
 University of Maryland
 University of Massachusetts (Amherst)
 University of Massachusetts (Boston)
University of Miami
 University of Michigan
 University of Minnesota
University of Mississippi
 University of Missouri
 University of New England
University of New Hampshire (Main Campus)
 University of North Carolina at Asheville
 University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
 University of North Carolina at Charlotte
University of North Carolina School of the Arts
 University of North Carolina Wilmington
 University of North Florida
University of North Georgia
 University of Notre Dame
 University of Oregon
University of Pittsburgh
 University of Richmond
University of Rochester
 University of San Francisco
University of South Carolina
 University of South Florida
University of Southern California
 University of St Andrews
University of Toronto
 University of Vermont
University of Virginia
 University of Washington
University of Wisconsin
Valdosta State University
Vanderbilt University
 Vassar College
Villanova University
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Wake Forest University
Washington and Lee University
 Washington State University
 Washington University in St. Louis
 Wesleyan College
 Wesleyan University
 West Virginia University
Whittier College
 Willamette University
 William & Mary
 Winthrop University
Wofford College
 Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Xavier University of Louisiana
 Young Harris College