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COLLEGE PROFILE

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ABOUT PACE

Pace Academy was established in 1958 as an independent college-preparatory coeducational day school. Pace is located on 35 wooded acres within the city of Atlanta. **Pace has an enrollment of 1,150 students in Pre-First through 12th grade.** The Upper School (ninth through 12th grades) has 494 students, and the Class of 2024 totals 118 students. Pace is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) and the Southern Association of Independent Schools (SAIS) and holds membership in the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS), the Cum Laude Society, the College Board, the Educational Records Bureau and the National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC). Pace Academy was one of 40 schools in the nation invited to be a Founding School Member of the Association of College Counselors in Independent Schools (ACCIS).

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to create prepared, confident citizens of the world who honor the values of Pace Academy.

CORE VALUES

- We create success through partnership with parents, students and faculty.
- We are dedicated to developing the whole child.
- We have respect for each other and our ideas, beliefs and diverse cultural backgrounds.
- We think critically, embrace curiosity and develop global mindsets.

HONOR CODE

Personal honor and integrity are the Pace community's most valued principles, and academic honesty is governed by a code of honor. Students pledge to observe the Honor Code on all tests, examinations and graded assignments. The spirit of this code extends to the college application process.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION

We believe that a diverse, equitable and inclusive learning environment is key to a quality education, and that cultural fluency and compassion are necessary components of creating prepared, confident citizens of the world. Our commitment to a diverse, equitable and inclusive culture is reflected in age-appropriate ways throughout all three divisions in curriculum and programming. Our Action Plan for Racial Equity strives to ensure that we foster a school community in which our differences are embraced, and all students, parents, faculty and staff have a sense of belonging.

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

- There are 41 athletics teams in the Upper School, and 84% of Pace students play at least one team sport.
- Pace offers an extensive program in visual arts, music and theater.

GLOBAL LEADERSHIP

At the heart of our mission is a commitment to create prepared, confident citizens of the world. The Isdell Center for Global Leadership (ICGL) spearheads this educational endeavor by providing students from Pre-First through 12th grade with wide-ranging curricular and co-curricular opportunities to explore, understand and engage in our globalized world. In addition to global study tours, available to students in all three divisions, every student explores an annual global theme through multiple disciplinary lenses. This theme-based approach gives students the opportunity to tackle real-world issues while developing global-mindedness, cultural competence, international expertise and leadership.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Pace Academy offers 20 Honors classes and 24 Advanced Placement courses. *Students enrolled in Advanced Placement courses must take the AP exam.*

THE GRADING SYSTEM

The Pace transcript uses an unweighted numeric grading scale for academic courses. Grade Point Average is reported on a 100-point scale with a weight of 7 for Advanced Placement courses and post-AP Honors courses, 5 for Honors courses and 2 for all other college-preparatory courses. A year-by-year and a cumulative weighted GPA are provided on the transcript for each student. Due to the small size of our senior classes, *Pace does not provide a class rank.*

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Pace Academy requires 46 total units of credit for its diploma—42 of which must be academic, four of which may be satisfied with academic or non-academic electives. In addition, students must satisfy a non-unit physical education requirement (either by participating in an interscholastic athletics team or in an after-school P.E. class), as well as a non-unit service requirement of 40 hours of community service. A normal schedule consists of six classes per semester. Students receive one unit of credit for each semester of study.

TESTING PROFILE

	ACT MID 50%	ACT MEAN	SAT MID 50%	SAT MEAN
CLASS OF 2023	28–33	29	1350–1510	1414
CLASS OF 2022	28–34	31	1220–1470	1340
CLASS OF 2021	26–33	30	1210–1500	1341
CLASS OF 2020	28–34	30	1210–1460	1320

UPPER SCHOOL COURSE OFFERINGS

	NINTH GRADE	10TH GRADE	11TH GRADE	12TH GRADE
ENGLISH *8 units required for graduation*	Literary Heroes Honors Literary Heroes	Literary Genres Honors Literary Genres	American Literature Honors American Literature AP English Literature & Composition	World Literature Creative Writing I, II AP English Language & Composition Honors World Literature
MATHEMATICS *8 units required for graduation (minimum of Algebra II)*	Geometry Honors Geometry	Algebra II Honors Algebra II	Pre-Calculus Honors Pre-Calculus Honors Analysis	Discrete Math Statistics & Probability Honors Calculus AP Statistics AP Calculus AB AP Calculus BC Honors Multivariate Calculus* Honors Advanced Topics in Math*
SCIENCE *6 units required for graduation (two units each—physics, chemistry and biology)*	Conceptual Physics Honors Mathematical Physics	Computational Chemistry Honors Analytical Chemistry	Environmental Biology Honors Molecular & Genetic Biology AP Biology	Anatomy & Physiology I, II AP Chemistry AP Environmental Science AP Physics 1 AP Physics C: Mechanics AP Psychology Advanced Science Research* Investigative Science
SOCIAL SCIENCE *6 units required for graduation (minimum of 2 units of U.S. history and a minimum of 4 units of non-U.S. history)*	Ancient World Civilizations Honors Ancient World Civilizations	Europe & the World AP Modern European History	American History AP U.S. History	Global Studies AP Comparative Government & Politics AP African American Studies AP Art History AP Microeconomics AP Macroeconomics AP World History Women in History
WORLD LANGUAGES *4 units required for graduation (minimum through third level)*	French II Honors French II Honors Latin II Spanish II Honors Spanish II	French III Honors French III Honors Latin III Spanish III Honors Spanish III	French IV AP French Language AP Latin Spanish IV AP Spanish Language	French V Honors French V World Literature* Honors Advanced Latin Poetry* Spanish V Honors Spanish V World Literature*
OTHER NOTABLE COURSES *4 units of **ACADEMIC ELECTIVES** required for graduation; 3 units of **FINE ARTS** required for graduation*				Robotics Advanced Studio Art AP Computer Science A AP Computer Science Principles Applied Psychology & Leadership AP Music Theory Honors Data Structures & Algorithms*

*Post-AP course

COLLEGE ENROLLMENTS

*The graduates of the Classes of **2021**, **2022** and **2023** attend the following colleges and universities:*

American University (2)
Auburn University (15)
Austin Peay State University
Bates College
Baylor University
Belmont University (3)
Berea College
Birmingham-Southern College
Boston College (4)
Boston University
Bowdoin College
Brandeis University
Brown University (4)
Carleton College
Carnegie Mellon University (2)
Chapman University
Clemson University
Cleveland State University (2)
Coastal Carolina University
Colgate University
College of Charleston
Columbia University (4)
Cornell University
Dartmouth College (5)
Davidson College (2)
Denison University (4)
DePaul University
Dickinson College
Duke University (3)
Eastern Illinois University
Eckerd College
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Emory University
Fairfield University
Florida State University
Fordham University (2)
Furman University
Georgetown University (7)
Georgia College
Georgia Institute of Technology (11)
Georgia State University (4)
Grinnell College
Hampden-Sydney College
Hampton University
Harvard University
Hendrix College
Holy Cross College
Howard University (2)
Indiana University (Bloomington) (5)
Kennesaw State University
Lehigh University (2)
Louisiana State University (3)
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Miami University (Oxford)
Middlebury College
Morehouse College
Muhlenberg College
New York University
North Carolina A&T State University (2)
North Carolina Wesleyan University
Northeastern University
Northwestern University (3)
Oberlin College
Oglethorpe University
Oxford College of Emory University (2)
Parsons School of Design at The New School
Pitzer College
Princeton University (2)
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (2)
Rhodes College
Santa Clara University (2)
Savannah College of Art and Design (2)
Southern Methodist University (2)
Stanford University (2)
Syracuse University (5)
Texas A&M University
Texas Christian University (8)
The College of Wooster
The Ohio State University (2)
The University of Alabama (12)
The University of Tennessee (Knoxville) (2)
The University of Texas at Austin (6)
Trinity College (2)
Tufts University (3)
Tulane University of Louisiana (10)
University of Alabama at Birmingham
University of Arizona
University of California (Berkeley)
University of California (Irvine)
University of California (Los Angeles)
University of Chicago
University of Cincinnati
University of Colorado Boulder (4)
University of Denver
University of Florida (3)
University of Georgia (26)
University of Kentucky
University of Maryland (College Park) (3)
University of Memphis
University of Miami (7)
University of Michigan (6)
University of Mississippi (2)
University of New Haven
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (3)
University of North Georgia
University of Notre Dame (3)
University of Pennsylvania (3)
University of Pittsburgh
University of Richmond
University of Rochester
University of San Francisco
University of South Carolina (3)
University of Southern California (3)
University of St Andrews (2)
University of Virginia (7)
Vanderbilt University (8)
Villanova University
Virginia Commonwealth University
Wake Forest University (14)
Washington and Lee University (5)
Washington University in St. Louis (7)
Wesleyan University
William & Mary
Wofford College (2)
Yale University