



WILBRAHAM & MONSON ACADEMY

SCHOOL PROFILE / 2023-2024

MISSION

Wilbraham & Monson Academy offers a transformational experience where students become challenge-seeking citizens and leaders of an evolving world.

THE ACADEMY

As one of the country's oldest boarding schools, WMA has been educating global citizens and world leaders since 1804. The Academy is an independent coeducational college preparatory school, enrolling students in Grades 6 through postgraduate. The school is accredited by the NEASC and holds membership in ACCIS, NAIS, NEASC, NACAC, NEACAC and SSATB.

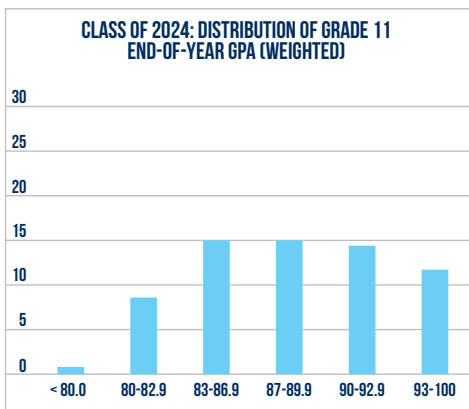
RESPONSE TO COVID-19

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Wilbraham & Monson Academy closed its campus in early March 2020 and transitioned to an online curriculum for the spring trimester. Classes were offered synchronously and asynchronously with a three-tier Pass/Fail grading system: Pass with Honors (HP) for grades of B+ or better; Pass (P) for grades in the D to B range; and Fail for grades below a D. Final year-end grades in each course are an average of the fall and winter trimester grades. Please note that the spring 2020 trimester grades are not computed into student GPAs.

For the 2020-2021 school year, WMA implemented a semester-based block schedule, with each class meeting for 80 minutes four times a week and for 50 minutes on Wednesdays. All students completed the equivalent of two or three yearlong classes in each of two semesters. The schedule change provided for required flexibility to meet the needs of the entire student body, including our at-home learners, and to better address the unique challenges and possible disruptions associated with COVID-19. Only final grades for the 2020-2021 school year are included in the transcript.

CURRICULUM & GRADING SYSTEM

Beginning with the 2021-2022 school year, WMA resumed a trimester system in which students are enrolled in the equivalent of five or six yearlong classes in any given trimester. Courses are either full-year classes or trimester electives. All classes are in-person, except for a select few online courses offered through One Schoolhouse or Virtual High School as noted on page 5 of our 2023-2024 Curriculum Guide available at www.wma.us. Beginning with the 2023-2024 school year, course grades and cumulative GPA are presented on an unweighted 0-100 scale.



GRADE	NUMBER
A+	100-97
A	96-93
A-	92-90
B+	89-87
B	86-83
B-	82-80
C+	79-77
C	76-73
C-	72-70
D+	69-67
D	66-63
D-	62-60
F	59-BELOW

QUICK FACTS

ADMINISTRATION

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ENROLLMENT (Upper School): 328

Boarding: 188 Day: 140

135 International Students

Senior: 73 Postgraduate: 12

32 Countries / 16 States represented

Receiving Financial Aid: 40%

100% of graduates attend 4-year colleges or universities

FACULTY: 82

Teaching Faculty: 66

Hold Advanced Degrees: 76%

Student/Faculty Ratio: 5:1

Average Class Size: 12-15

DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS: 57 Credits

Pre-COVID yearlong courses = 3 credits

Pre-COVID trimester courses = 1 credit

COVID semester courses = 3 credits

COVID quarter courses = 1.5 credits

English: 12 credits

Mathematics: 9 credits (including Algebra I, II and Geometry)

Foreign Language: 6 credits (two years of one language)

History/CEE: 6 credits (including U.S. History)

Science: 6 credits

Fine & Performing Arts: 3 credits

Health, Grade 11: .25 credit

AP & HONORS COURSES

AP courses (24 in total) and Honors courses (20) are offered in most disciplines, and are designated on the transcript. We recommend that students limit their enrollment to no more than three AP courses per year. Course load requests that include more than three AP classes are subject to a petition and approval process. The following AP and post-AP courses are offered this year.

ENGLISH: AP English Language & Composition, AP English Literature & Composition, AP Seminar, AP Research

MATH: AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC, AP Statistics, Multivariable & Vector Calculus

SCIENCE: AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP Computer Science Principles (Online), AP Environmental Science, AP Physics C: Mechanics

HISTORY & GLOBAL STUDIES: AP European History (Online), AP Human Geography, AP Psychology (Online), AP United States History, AP World History

CENTER FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP, ECONOMICS & FINANCE (CEEF): AP Macroeconomics, AP Microeconomics (Online)

WORLD LANGUAGES: AP French, AP Spanish, Post-AP French, Post-AP Spanish

FINE & PERFORMING ARTS: AP Music Theory (Online), AP Studio Art: 2D Design, AP Studio Art: 3D Design

COURSE LOAD RIGOR

WMA evaluates course load rigor based on the total number of AP and post-AP courses taken in the junior and senior years, or in the senior and PG years for postgraduates.

Level of Rigor	AP/post-AP Courses	Class of 2024
Most Demanding	7 or more	8
Very Demanding	4 to 6	18
Demanding	2 to 3	20
Average	0 to 1	39

2023 AP Results:

- 137 students sat for a total of 260 exams
- 37% resulted in scores of 4 or higher
- 68% resulted scores of 3 or higher
- 15 AP Scholars; 6 AP Scholars with Honor
- 17 AP Scholars with Distinction
- 4 AP Capstone Diploma
- 6 AP Seminar & Research Certificate

DISCIPLINARY REPORTING POLICY

We expect our students to respond honestly when asked to disclose discipline incidents on their college applications. WMA will not disclose the following discipline actions: probation or suspension as a result of a major school rule infraction. We will, however, disclose adverse changes in a leadership position and any student dismissals or departures from the Academy.

2022 COLLEGE MATRICULATION

Members of the Class of 2023 matriculated to the following colleges or universities:

AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE

BABSON COLLEGE (3)

BARNARD COLLEGE OF COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

BENTLEY UNIVERSITY

BOSTON COLLEGE

BOSTON UNIVERSITY (3)

BRYANT UNIVERSITY

COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON

COLLEGE OF THE HOLY CROSS (3)

DICKINSON COLLEGE

DUKE UNIVERSITY

EMERSON COLLEGE

EMMANUEL COLLEGE

FAIRFIELD UNIVERSITY (2)

FASHION INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

FORDHAM UNIVERSITY (2)

FURMAN UNIVERSITY

GETTYSBURG COLLEGE

HOBART AND WILLIAM SMITH COLLEGES

HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY

INDIANA UNIVERSITY

KALAMAZOO COLLEGE

MASSACHUSETTS COLLEGE OF ART AND DESIGN (2)

MASSACHUSETTS COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

MOUNT ST MARY'S UNIVERSITY

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

NICHOLS COLLEGE

NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY (3)

PACE UNIVERSITY

PENN STATE UNIVERSITY

PRATT INSTITUTE

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

PURDUE UNIVERSITY

ROGER WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY

RUTGERS UNIVERSITY

SACRED HEART UNIVERSITY (2)

SAINT ANSELM COLLEGE (2)

SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY

SKIDMORE COLLEGE

SPRINGFIELD COLLEGE

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

TEMPLE UNIVERSITY

THOMAS JEFFERSON UNIVERSITY

TRINITY COLLEGE

TUFTS UNIVERSITY

UNION COLLEGE

UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO (2)

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA BARBARA

UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT

UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, BALTIMORE COUNTY

UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS AMHERST (5)

UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS LOWELL

UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND (3)

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

WENTWORTH INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

WESTERN NEW ENGLAND UNIVERSITY

WORCESTER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE

