



# THE MONTGOMERY ACADEMY

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## SCHOOL PROFILE 2023-2024

**John McWilliams**  
*Head of School*

The Montgomery Academy is an independent, co-educational, nonsectarian day school for students in kindergarten through the 12th grade. Enrolling approximately 665 students, The Montgomery Academy offers a well-rounded college preparatory academic program in three divisions (Lower School, Middle School and Upper School) on two campuses: the Hill Campus (K-4) and the Vaughn Road Campus (5-12). Through the school's Honor Code and community service offerings, the Academy strives to build personal integrity, character and leadership skills in every student.

**Connie Deal**  
*Upper School Director*

**Mandy Poundstone**  
*Director of  
College Advising &  
Upper School Counselor*

The faculty at The Montgomery Academy has consistently demonstrated noteworthy expertise in individual academic fields and represents a diverse array of scholars from all regions of the United States and from several countries. The faculty currently consists of graduates of many of the nation's finest colleges and graduate programs, earning honors such as Fulbright Seminar scholarships, and receiving designations such as Morehead-Cain Scholar. The professional staff consists of 106 men and women; 60 members of the administration and faculty hold advanced degrees.

**Jay Rye**  
*College Advisor*

**Christine Watkins**  
*College Advising Assistant*

**MISSION STATEMENT:** The Montgomery Academy develops leaders committed to honor, scholarship, service and the pursuit of excellence.

**Connie Johnson**  
*Registrar*

**COVID-19 DISRUPTION STATEMENT:** The Montgomery Academy shifted to virtual learning due to COVID-19 on Wednesday, March 25, 2020 following our regularly scheduled Spring Break. This arrangement, which included synchronous and asynchronous learning, continued throughout the spring semester. Student grading was unchanged. During the 2020-21 school year we resumed mostly in-person instruction, utilizing social distancing and other mitigation efforts with less than 5% of the student body electing to continue virtual learning. All students have returned to full in-person learning for the 2021-22 school year and continuing in the 2022-23 school year.

**ACADEMIC PROGRAM:** The school year is divided into two semesters with an examination period at the end of each semester. Grade report dates for 2023-2024 are in October, December, March, and May. The Montgomery Academy's curriculum is entirely college preparatory. Choosing from approximately 96 different Upper School courses in eight disciplines, students are required to carry at least five academic courses at all times. All senior courses must be passed to qualify for graduation.

In 2023-2024, twenty-four Advanced Placement courses are offered in the Upper School. In 2022-2023, 59 percent of students enrolled in grades 9-12 and 79 percent of juniors took at least one AP exam. In May 2023, 337 exams were written with 72 percent scoring 3, 4 or 5; 40 percent were written scoring 4 or 5.

**TRANSCRIPT:** As a matter of school policy, students are not ranked. Each transcript reflects a cumulative grade average calculation (GAC) determined by the following method:

- Only courses taken at the Academy are used in determining a student's grade average.
- Numerical course grades are averaged to calculate a student's grade average. This mean is based on a 100-point scale with no grade exceeding 100.
- To acknowledge the added rigor of Honors and Advanced Placement courses, grades in these courses are weighted five points. This weighting is included in the grade reported on the transcript and in the calculation of a student's grade average (GAC).
- Successful remediation of a failed course will result in a course grade of 70 for grade average calculations. If a course is repeated, the average of the two course grades or a 70 will be recorded, whichever is higher.

## REQUIRED 2024 GRADUATION CREDITS (23 UNITS)

English	4 units
Mathematics	3 units including Algebra II
History	3 units including Human Geography or AP Human Geography, The Modern World or AP World History, U.S. History or AP U.S. History
Science	3 units including Physics I, Biology, Chemistry
World Language	3 units of one language (Spanish, French or Latin)
Health & Physical Education	1 unit
Fine Arts	1 unit
Electives	5 units

*1 unit of Math or Science required during senior year. All units must be earned while in grades 9-12.  
Except in the case of a transfer student, all required credits must be earned at the Academy or at an institution approved by the Division Director.*

### GRADING SYSTEM AT THE ACADEMY

90-100	EXCELLENT
80-89	GOOD
70-79	SATISFACTORY
65-69	POOR*
Below 65	FAILURE

### GRADE DISTRIBUTION CLASS OF 2024\*

*\*As of June 2023 (through junior year)*

GAC	Students
90-100	34
80-89	17
70-79	3
below 70	0

*\*May not advance in the discipline without remediation or repeating the course*

Class of 2024 MEAN: 89

### 2020-2023 COURSES OF STUDY

#### ENGLISH

English I  
English II  
English III  
English IV  
English Literature & Composition–AP  
English Language & Composition–AP  
English Independent Study  
Journalism

#### MATHEMATICS

Algebra I  
Geometry  
Algebra II–Regular, Honors  
Pre-Calculus–Regular, Honors  
Calculus  
Calculus AB–AP  
Calculus BC–AP  
Statistics–Regular, AP

#### SCIENCE

Astronomy  
Biology–Regular, AP  
Chemistry–Regular, Honors, AP  
Physics I–Regular, Honors, AP  
Anatomy I & II  
Environmental Science–Regular, AP  
Intro to Engineering

#### HISTORY

Human Geography–Regular, AP  
The Modern World  
World History–AP  
U.S. History–Regular, AP  
Government & Politics: U.S.–AP  
Philosophy  
Psychology  
Introduction to Economics  
Capstone Seminar–AP  
Capstone Research–AP

#### WORLD LANGUAGES

French I, II, III, IV, V  
French Language & Culture–AP  
Spanish I, IV  
Spanish II, III–Regular, Honors  
Spanish Language–AP  
Latin I, II, III, IV  
Latin–AP

#### FINE ARTS

Advanced Portfolio  
Art History–AP  
Ceramics I & II  
Chorus  
Color & Design  
Computer Graphics & Design  
Contemporary Drawing  
Film Analysis  
Improvisational Theater  
Mixed Media Foundations  
Music Theory–Regular, AP  
Painting I & II

#### Printmaking

Sculpture  
Speech & Debate  
Studio Art–AP  
Theater in Action  
Theater in Performance  
Theater in Production

#### TECHNOLOGY

Advanced Robotics  
Intro to Technology  
Computer Science Principles–AP  
Computer Science A–AP  
Robotics

#### HEALTH &

**PHYSICAL EDUCATION**  
Health & Physical Education

#### OTHER ELECTIVES

Yearbook

## NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

2023-2024: One Semifinalist  
 2022-2023: Two Finalists  
 2021-2022: One Finalist

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT SCHOLAR AWARDS

2022-2023:	31 AP Scholars 7 AP Scholars with Honor 20 AP Scholars with Distinction 11 AP Capstone Diplomas 1 AP Seminar & Research Certificate
2021-2022:	34 AP Scholars 13 AP Scholars with Honor 13 AP Scholars with Distinction 3 AP Capstone Diplomas
2020-2021:	32 AP Scholars 8 AP Scholars with Honor 12 AP Scholars with Distinction 5 AP Capstone Diplomas 2 AP Seminar and Research Certification

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT (2023-2024)

*Students enrolled in Advanced Placement courses are required to take the relevant AP exam.*

Art History	French Language & Culture
Biology	Human Geography
Calculus AB	Physics 1
Calculus BC	PreCalculus
Capstone Seminar	Spanish Language & Culture
Capstone Research	Statistics
Chemistry	Studio Art: 2-D Design Portfolio
Computer Science A	Studio Art: 3-D Portfolio
Computer Science Principles	Studio Art: Drawing Portfolio
English Language & Composition	United States Government & Politics
English Literature & Composition	United States History
Environmental Science	World History

## DISTRIBUTION OF JUNIOR YEAR UNWEIGHTED GRADES CLASS OF 2024

*\*Denotes semester based courses (All courses reflected have minimum enrollment of 2 Juniors)*

COURSE OF STUDY	100-90	89-80	79-70	< 69	COURSE OF STUDY	100-90	89-80	79-70	< 69
<b>ENGLISH</b>					<b>WORLD LANGUAGE</b>				
English III	9	14	2	0	French II	1	1	0	0
English Language & Composition AP	14	15	0	0	French III	3	0	0	0
English Independent Study (Fall)	4	0	0	0	Latin III	1	1	1	0
English Independent Study (Spring)	2	0	0	0	Latin IV	3	4	0	0
Journalism (Fall)	2	0	0	0	Latin AP	3	0	0	0
<b>MATHEMATICS</b>					<b>ARTS</b>				
Algebra II	0	1	1	0	*Advanced Portfolio	5	0	0	0
Pre-Calculus	13	13	5	0	*Ceramics	8	0	0	0
Pre-Calculus, Honors	4	3	1	0	*Ceramics II	6	0	0	0
Calculus	2	5	0	0	*Computer Graphics & Design	4	0	0	0
Calculus AB AP	3	2	0	0	*Mixed Media Foundations (Fall)	6	0	0	0
<b>SCIENCE</b>					<b>TECHNOLOGY</b>				
Biology	11	9	7	1	*Intro to Technology (Fall)	8	0	0	0
Biology AP	11	8	0	0	<b>ELECTIVE</b>				
Physics 1, Honors	1	4	0	0	Yearbook (Fall)	14	0	0	0
Physics 1 AP	2	2	0	0	Yearbook (Spring)	7	0	0	0
*Astronomy (Fall)	4	0	0	0					
*Astronomy (Spring)	3	0	0	0					
Anatomy (Fall)	0	4	0	0					
Intro to Engineering (Fall)	4	0	0	0					
Intro to Engineering (Spring)	2	2	0	0					

# COLLEGE MATRICULATION 2019-2023

Auburn University  
Auburn University at Montgomery  
Baylor University  
Belmont University  
Berry College  
Boston College  
Campbell University  
Citadel Military College  
Clemson University  
College of Charleston  
College of William & Mary  
Creighton University  
Dartmouth College  
Duke University  
Elon University  
Emory University  
Florida State University  
Georgetown University  
Georgia Institute of Technology  
Georgia State University  
Hampden-Sydney College  
Hanyang University (Korea)  
High Point University  
Huntingdon College  
Jacksonville State University  
Louisiana State University  
Loyola University New Orleans  
Mississippi State University  
Morgan State University  
New York University  
North Central College  
Northwestern University  
Oregon State University  
Rhodes College  
Samford University  
Sewanee: The University of the South

Smith College  
Southeastern University  
Southern Methodist University  
Southern Union State Community College  
Texas A&M University  
Texas Christian University  
The Citadel  
Troy University  
Tuskegee University  
United States Air Force Academy  
United States Naval Academy  
University of Alabama  
University of Alabama at Birmingham  
University of Arkansas  
University of Chicago  
University of Colorado, Boulder  
University of Georgia  
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign  
University of Kansas  
University of Kentucky  
University of Michigan  
University of Mississippi  
University of Montevallo  
University of North Alabama  
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
University of Richmond  
University of South Alabama  
University of St. Andrews (Scotland)  
University of Tennessee-Knoxville  
University of Virginia  
Vanderbilt University  
Wake Forest University  
Washington and Lee University  
Washington University in St. Louis  
Wesleyan University  
Wofford College

*The Montgomery Academy admits students of every color, gender, national or ethnic origin, religion, sexual orientation, or other legally protected status to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school.*

MEMBER



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS

*The Montgomery Academy is accredited by the Southern Association of Independent Schools and Cognia. It is a member of The College Board, Educational Records Bureau, School Scholarship Service, Southern Association for College Admission Counseling, the National Association for College Admission Counseling, Cum Laude Society, and the National Association of Independent Schools, Southern Association of Independent Schools, and Alabama Independent Schools Association.*