



SAINT LOUIS PRIORY SCHOOL

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS OF A PRIORY EDUCATION

For more than 65 years, the monks and lay faculty of Saint Louis Abbey, guided by the Rule of Saint Benedict, have taught young men the intellectual skills and disciplines inherent in a comprehensive liberal arts program of study.

- Saint Louis Priory School welcomes students of all faith backgrounds
- Students attend from 50 different ZIP codes in the St. Louis metro area
- More than 40% of the student body receives financial aid
- 100% of the graduating seniors attend a four-year college

PROGRAM OF STUDY AND CURRICULUM

- Students typically enroll in eight courses each trimester in the freshman and sophomore years and seven in the junior year.
- Courses meet from two to five class periods each week.
- AP courses are offered starting in the junior year. (Sophomores who take World History have the option to take the AP World History exam as exam-only students.)
- A student may enroll in no more than three AP courses in the junior year and three AP courses in the senior year, with few exceptions.
- The senior year has five academic core disciplines in the first term, intentionally resembling the first year of university studies, with an increase in instructional time in each discipline.

Click here to view the 2023-2024 curriculum map. Grade Key:

Form I: 7th grade	Form II: 8th grade	Form III: 9th grade
Form IV: 10th grade	Form V: 11th grade	Form VI: 12th grade

Thesis –

All seniors complete the senior thesis, a product of scholarly, scientific, or artistic work of high academic quality. The character of the work leading to the senior thesis is expected to be more advanced than normal course work and should involve high level of initiative, independence, organization, and effort.

GRADING POLICY AND HONORS

Transcript, Grading, and Rank –

Courses are offered for either a single trimester or for the entire year.

We do not rank our students.

Our grading scale is:

A+ = 4.5	B+ = 3.5	C+ = 2.5	D = 1.0
A = 4.3	B = 3.3	C = 2.3	F = 0
A- = 4.0	B- = 3.0	C- = 2.0	

Passing Mark is a 60.

Weighting –

Honors courses with a grade of B- or better receive a .3 GPA increase. AP courses with a grade of B- or better receive a .5 GPA increase.

Honor Roll –

First Honors: Awarded each term to students who earn a 4.00 or better un-weighted cumulative GPA for the term with no grade below a B-.

Second Honors: Awarded each term to students who earn between a 3.50 and 3.99 un-weighted cumulative GPA for the term with no grade below a B-.

Discipline –

Saint Louis Priory School reports academic and behavioral infractions that result in a serious disciplinary response from the school.

The Mission of Saint Louis Priory School

is to provide a Benedictine, Catholic, college preparatory education of the highest excellence so as to help talented and motivated young men develop their full potential as children of God.

Administration

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Headmaster

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Independent Schools Association
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MEDIEVAL ARTS GUILD

- Priory is the only high school in the country with a fully-functioning medieval arts guild and curricular medieval arts courses.
- All students learn the history and beauty of medieval arts, including calligraphy, stained glass, and heraldry.
- Students may progress through the guild system, potentially achieving Guild Master status and sealing a personal coat of arms onto the Craftsman Table.

COLLEGE COUNSELING AND OUTCOMES DATA

Advanced Placement Exams

Priory offers 12 AP courses to junior and senior students.

National Merit Scholarship Program

On average, the National Merit Scholarship Corporation has recognized approximately 21% of our seniors as a National Merit Finalist, Semi-Finalist, Commended Student, or as part of the National Recognition Program.

Testing Results: Three-Year Profile

Total Students, Classes of 2021-23: 186
(2021: 74, 2022: 60, 2023: 52)

ACT Composite Data

Tested: 181; Mean: 30;
Middle 50%: 28-33

AP exam	grade year taken	# 2023 exams taken	% score 3+ at Priory	% score 3+ in MO	% score 3+ global
World History: Modern*	sophomore	29	83%	71%	65%
Calculus AB	jr/sr	22	59%	32%	58%
English Literature and Composition*	jr/sr	1	100%	83%	77%
Calculus BC	junior	13	85%	80%	78%
Calculus BC: AB subscore	junior	13	92%	87%	85%
Latin	junior	15	93%	69%	57%
Physics 1	junior	35	80%	53%	46%
United States History	junior	22	86%	49%	48%
Biology	senior	23	74%	72%	64%
Chemistry	senior	8	100%	73%	75%
Computer Science A	senior	20	80%	70%	68%
Environmental Science*	senior	6	50%	62%	54%
European History	senior	11	91%	58%	60%
Microeconomics**	senior	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Physics C: Mechanics*	senior	1	100%	76%	73%
Spanish Language and Culture	senior	6	84%	81%	84%
Statistics	senior	35	46%	70%	60%

* no formal AP course, exam-only ** 23-24 first year taught

COLLEGE ADMISSION

Graduates from the classes of 2021-2023 were admitted into at least one of the following colleges and universities. Bold indicates at least one student matriculated.

American University
Appalachian State University
Arizona State University
Auburn University
Bard College
Baylor University
Bellarmine University
Belmont University
Beloit College
Benedictine College
Bentley University
Boston College
Boston University
Bradley University
Bucknell University
Butler University
Carnegie Mellon University
Case Western Reserve University
Catholic University of America
Centre College
Chapman University
Citadel Military College of South Carolina
Clemson University
College of the Holy Cross
College of William and Mary
College of Wooster
Colorado School of Mines
Cornell College
Creighton University
Culver-Stockton College
Davidson College
Denison University
DePaul University
DePauw University
Drake University
Drexel University
Drury University
Elon University
Emory University
Fairfield University
Florida Institute of Technology
Fordham University

Franciscan University Steubenville
Furman University
George Mason University
George Washington University
Georgetown University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Gonzaga University
Grinnell College
Hampton University
Harvard University
Hawaii Pacific University
Hendrix College
High Point University
Hobart William Smith Colleges
Holy Cross College Notre Dame
Hope College
Illinois Institute of Technology
Illinois Wesleyan University
Indiana University-Bloomington
John Carroll University
Kalamazoo College
Kansas State University
Kenyon College
Knox College
Lafayette College
Lawrence University
Lewis & Clark College
Lewis University
Lindenwood University
Linfield University
Loyola Marymount University
Loyola University Chicago
Loyola University New Orleans
Macalester College
Marquette University
Maryville University
McPherson College
Miami University, Oxford
Michigan State University
Missouri Baptist University
Missouri State University
Missouri U of Science & Technology
Montana Technological University
Murray State University
Newman University
North Carolina State University
Northeastern University
Norwich University
Oberlin College
Oklahoma State University- Main Campus
Pennsylvania State University

Providence College
Purdue University
Quincy University
Ranken Technical College
Regis University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rhodes College
Rice University
Rockhurst University
Rollins College
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
Saint Louis University
Santa Clara University
Seton Hall University
Sewanee, University of the South
South Dakota School of Mines
Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville
Southern Methodist University
Southwest Baptist University
Spring Hill College
St. Olaf College
St. John's University
St. Mary's University
Stevens Institute of Technology
Syracuse University
Texas A & M University
Texas Christian University
The Ohio State University
Trinity University
Truman State University
Tufts University
Tulane University
United States Merchant Marine Academy
United States Military Academy
University College Dublin
University of Alabama
University of Arizona
University of Arkansas
University of California-Los Angeles
University of California-Santa Cruz
University of Central Missouri
University of Chicago
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Dallas
University of Dayton
University of Denver
University of Evansville
University of Georgia
University of Health Sciences & Pharmacy

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
University of Iowa
University of Kansas
University of Kentucky
University of Louisiana at Lafayette
University of Louisville
University of Memphis
University of Miami
University of Minnesota
University of Mississippi
University of Missouri-Columbia
University of Missouri-Kansas City
University of Missouri-St Louis
University of North Dakota
University of North Georgia
University of Notre Dame
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of Puget Sound
University of Redlands
University of Richmond
University of San Diego
University of San Francisco
University of South Carolina
University of Southern California
University of St. Thomas
University of Tampa
University of Tennessee
University of Texas at Austin
University of Texas at Dallas
University of the Pacific
University of Tulsa
University of Utah
University of Wisconsin-Madison
Valparaiso University
Vanderbilt University
Villanova University
Virginia Military Institute
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Wake Forest University
Washington and Lee University
Washington University in St Louis
Webster University
Wesleyan University
Willamette University
William Jewell College
Xavier University
Yale University

	FORM I	FORM II	FORM III	FORM IV	FORM V	FORM VI
HUMANITIES	Grammar, Writing and Reading	Portfolio Writing and Reading	Writing Drama and Novel	Short Story, Novel, Drama and Poetry w/ Writing	Literary Themes	<p>REQUIRED: Theology Electives (incl. New Testament Greek)</p> <p>English Electives</p> <p>Math AP Calculus (AB) or AP Statistics or Advanced Mathematics</p> <p>Thesis</p> <p>REQUIRED ELECTIVES:</p> <p>Students must choose two blocks, and one course from each chosen block</p> <p>Block A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AP Social Studies US Government and AP Microeconomics AP Computer Science A <p>Block B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AP French French V AP Spanish Spanish V <p>Block C</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AP Biology AP Chemistry Environmental Science <p>OPTIONAL ELECTIVES: Visual and Performing Arts Student Council Yearbook/Newspaper</p>
	Geography	American Government and Politics	World History I	World History II	AP U.S. History or U.S. History	
THEOLOGY	Scripture I: The Old Testament	Scripture II: The New Testament	Faith, Science and Reason	Christology	Fundamentals of Catholic Moral Theology	
MODERN AND CLASSICAL LANGUAGES	Latin I	Latin II*	Latin III* Greek I^	Latin IV** Greek II^	AP Latin# or Latin V#	
		French I or Spanish I	French II or Spanish II	French III* or Spanish III*	French IV* or Spanish IV*	
SCIENCE, MATH AND TECHNOLOGY	Beginning Algebra or Algebra I	Algebra I or Algebra II	Geometry*	Algebra II or Precalculus	AP Calculus (AB or BC) or Precalculus	
	Earth Science	Physical Science	Biology*	Chemistry*	AP Physics or Physics	
	Introduction to Computer Programming	Computer Programming		Introduction to Python^ or Principles of Entrepreneurship^	STEM Electives# (1 term each)	
VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS	Visual and Performing Arts Seminar I	Visual and Performing Arts Seminar II	Visual and Performing Arts^	Visual and Performing Arts^	Art History and Visual and Performing Arts Electives#	
NOTES	In Forms I and II, the Visual and Performing Arts Seminar has 8-week units in vocal music, studio art, theatre/communication arts and medieval arts (heraldry and calligraphy)		^ = In Forms III and IV, students choose between Greek and Visual and Performing Arts (Medieval, Theatre and Video Production, Studio or Vocal) ^ = In Form IV, students choose between Latin, Introduction to Python and Principles of Entrepreneurship		* = Courses may be offered in honors and regular sets # = Electives	

FORM VI COURSE OPTIONS