



GFS GERMANTOWN FRIENDS SCHOOL

SCHOOL PROFILE 2023-2024

OUR SCHOOL

- Quaker, independent, coed day school for preschool through grade 12
- Founded in 1845 under the care of the Germantown Monthly Meeting and governed by the School Committee
- Located in historic Germantown neighborhood of Philadelphia
- Committed to diversity, as is reflected in our school community
- **Our Mission:** Germantown Friends School is dedicated to reaching that of God in every person. Our mission is to seek truth, challenge the intellect, honor differences, embrace the city, and nurture each student's mind, body, and spirit.

SIMPLICITY | PEACE | INTEGRITY | COMMUNITY EQUALITY | STEWARDSHIP

Our educational philosophy is rooted in Quaker testimonies or SPICES.

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| 1,157 | 439 | 97 | 41% | 5:1 | 100% |
| Students preschool through 12th grade | Upper School Students | Students in Class of 2024 | Students of Color | Student/Faculty Ratio | Senior Class Accepted to 4-Year Colleges or Universities |

OUR ACADEMIC PROGRAM

The intellectual climate at GFS is enhanced by decreased competition. We strive to teach students to seek knowledge for its own sake. Therefore, we do not provide class rank, an official GPA, or academic awards.

Grading Scale: A - F | Pass / Fail

REQUIREMENTS

- Grades 9-11: Must carry 5 major courses per year
- Grade 12: Must carry 4 major courses
- Schedules run on an 8-day cycle



- English:** 4 years
- History:** 3 years
- Math:** 3 years
- Science:** 3 years
- Classical/Modern Language:** 3 levels
- Art/Theatre:** 1 year
- Music:** 1 year
- Health:** 1.5 years
- Athletics/Physical Education:** 3.5 years
- Grade 9-11: full year
- Grade 12: 2 seasons

January Term:
Grades 9, 10, 12
 Program of "mini courses" designed to provide for exploration of learning opportunities outside of the regular curriculum.

Junior Project:
Grade 11
 Self-designed independent study completed under the guidance of a faculty liaison. Used to gain insight into a potential career, to pursue a passion, or do humanitarian work. A final paper and presentation complete the project.

View Course Catalog at https://bit.ly/CourseCatalog23_24

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COVID-19 INFORMATION

GFS welcomed students back to campus in September 2020 with modified on-campus learning experiences and remote options for the 2020-21 school year.

ACCREDITATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

Association of Delaware Valley Independent Schools (ADVIS)

Friends Council on Education

National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS)

Pennsylvania Association of Independent Schools (PAIS)

ADVANCED COURSEWORK

GFS offers advanced coursework which prepares students for upper-level college courses. We do not offer AP curriculum. However, students may choose to take AP exams.

ENGLISH

The Upper School program has been redesigned for 2023-24. Juniors and Seniors now choose full-year, advanced-level English seminars in areas of interest.

- Literature & Composition Part I: Adv.
- Literature & Composition Part II: Adv.

CLASSICAL LANGUAGE

- Ancient Greek IV: Adv.
- Ancient Greek V: Adv.
- Latin IV: Adv.
- Latin V: Adv.

HISTORY

- United States History: Adv. (Required)
- Capitalism & Its Discontents: Adv.
- Applied Economics: Adv.
- Advanced History Electives (Semester)

MATHEMATICS

- (See chart for progression)

MODERN LANGUAGE

- French IV: Adv.
- French V: Adv.
- Mandarin IV: Adv.
- Mandarin V: Adv.
- Spanish IV: Adv.
- Spanish V: Adv.

SCIENCE

- Advanced Biology
- Advanced Chemistry
- Principles of Engineering: Adv.
- Advanced Physics

ART

- Senior Studio: Adv.

MUSIC

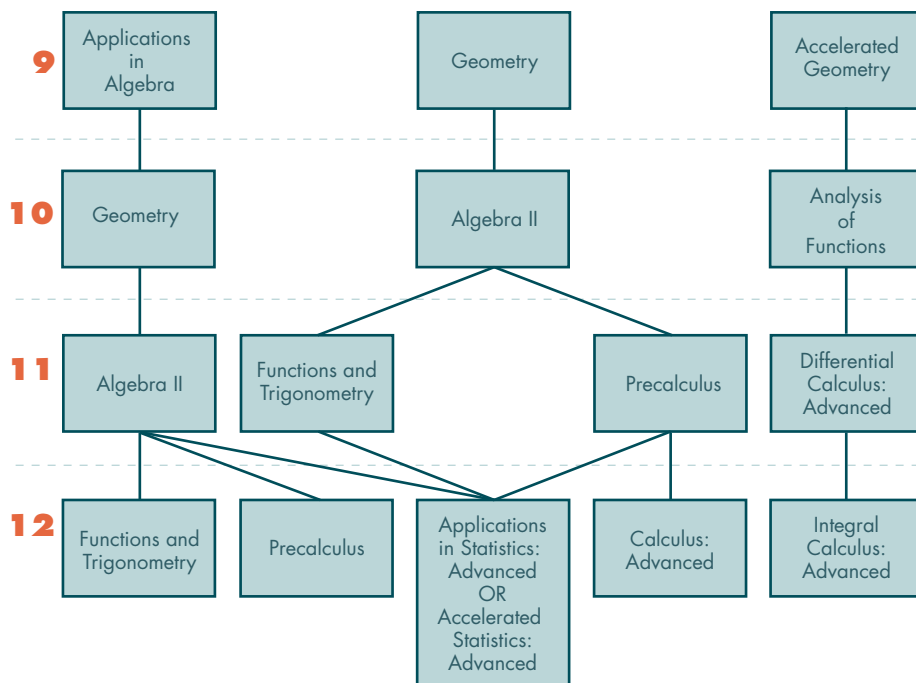
- Music Composition I: Adv.
- Music Composition II: Adv.
- Music Theory II: Adv.

THEATRE

- Theatre Lab: Adv.
- Filmmaking III: Adv.



MATHEMATICS PROGRESSION



ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Classes of 2021 - 2023

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| NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM Finalists 13 Scholars 1 | SCHOLARS PROGRAMS Morehead-Cain University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill Bonner Scholar Program Morehouse College Karsh STEM Scholars Howard University Questbridge Scholar University of Pennsylvania | TESTING Median SAT Score: 1370 Middle 50%: 1240-1470 Median ACT Score: 30 Middle 50%: 29-33 |
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SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Directed Independent Study (DIS), Grades 9-12

Self-designed courses to pursue interests outside the regular curriculum, individually or in groups, under the direction of a faculty member. Students must spend a minimum of 2.5 hours per 8-day cycle meeting with their faculty advisor, and otherwise work independently. Requires a formal proposal and approval by DIS director and grade dean. This course is not graded.

Essentially English, Grades 10-12

In the fourth quarter of spring term, students choose from a varied set of courses taught by GFS faculty and scholars from the local community. The program includes opportunities to examine particular authors and genres, consider how literature reflects ideological and cultural patterns, or develop creative and non-fiction writing. Courses are open to parents and alumni alongside students. This program ended in 2022-23.

Global Online Academy (GOA), Grades 9-12

Consortium of 70 leading independent schools offering online coursework. The mission is to replicate in online classrooms the programs and teaching that are hallmarks of member schools; to foster new, effective ways for students to learn; and to promote students' global awareness by creating diverse, worldwide, online communities.

GERMANTOWN FRIENDS SCHOOL

COLLEGE MATRICULATION 2021-2023

Three-year List (Classes of 2021, 2022, 2023)

| | | |
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| American University (4) | Kenyon College (2) | University of Delaware |
| Amherst College (2) | Lehigh University (2) | University of Georgia |
| Arcadia University | Loyola Marymount University | University of Kentucky |
| Bard College (3) | Maastricht University | University of Maryland (3) |
| Barnard College (5) | Macalester College (2) | University of Miami (3) |
| Bates College | Manhattan School of Music | University of Michigan (2) |
| Bennington College | Massachusetts Institute of Technology | University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill (4) |
| Berklee College of Music | McDaniel College | University of North Carolina, Greensboro |
| Binghamton University | Michigan State University | University of Pennsylvania (31) |
| Boston University (3) | Middlebury College (5) | University of Pittsburgh (5) |
| Bowdoin College | Morehouse College (5) | University of Southern California |
| Brandeis University | New York University (4) | University of St Andrews (2) |
| Brown University (2) | Northeastern University | University of the Arts |
| Bryn Mawr College (2) | Northwestern University (5) | University of Vermont (3) |
| Bucknell University (2) | Oberlin College (4) | University of Virginia (6) |
| Carnegie Mellon University (6) | Pennsylvania State University - Abington | University of Wisconsin, Madison (2) |
| Case Western Reserve University (3) | Pennsylvania State University - Behrend | Ursinus College |
| Claremont McKenna College | Pennsylvania State University - Schreyer Honors College | Vassar College (6) |
| College of the Holy Cross | Pomona College (3) | Villanova University |
| College of William & Mary (2) | Pratt Institute (3) | Virginia Tech |
| Columbia University (3) | Princeton University (5) | Washington University in St. Louis (2) |
| Connecticut College (3) | Reed College | Wesleyan University (6) |
| Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science & Art | Rhode Island School of Design | Widener University |
| Cornell University (4) | Rice University | Williams College (2) |
| Courtauld Institute of Art, University of London | Ringling College of Art & Design | Worcester Polytechnic Institute |
| Dartmouth College (3) | Rochester Institute of Technology | |
| Davidson College | Santa Clara University | |
| DePaul University (2) | Sarah Lawrence College (2) | |
| Drexel University (6) | Skidmore College | |
| Duke University (3) | Smith College | |
| Duquesne University | St. Lawrence University | |
| Eckerd College | Stanford University (2) | |
| Eindhoven University of Technology | Syracuse University (5) | |
| Emerson College | Temple University (3) | |
| Emory University (2) | The George Washington University (10) | |
| Fordham University (3) | The New School (3) | |
| Franklin & Marshall College (4) | The University of Texas, Austin | |
| Georgetown University (3) | Towson University | |
| Grinnell College (3) | Trinity College | |
| Guilford College | Tufts University (9) | |
| Hamilton College | Tulane University | |
| Harvard University (4) | Tuskegee University | |
| Haverford College (3) | Union College - New York | |
| Hofstra University | University of California, Berkeley | |
| Howard University (2) | University of California, Davis (2) | |
| Johns Hopkins University | University of California, Los Angeles (3) | |
| | University of Chicago (3) | |

