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2024-2025 Profile for College & University Admissions

Established in 1845 by the Religious Society of Friends, Friends' Central School (FCS) is an independent, co-educational Quaker day school for grades nursery through 12.

The campus is just beyond Philadelphia's western border and draws students from the city, four surrounding counties, and southern New Jersey.

881 Total School enrollment

420 Upper School enrollment

41% of students self-identify as students of color

3.7% of students are Quaker

45% of families granted need-based financial aid

NAIS Accredited

ACADEMICS OVERVIEW

Friends' Central does not calculate a grade point average or class rank.

All FCS courses are taught at the honors level. Our highest level, advanced, equals or exceeds the rigor of AP courses.

The English department does not offer an advanced level. All students are required to complete the four-year literature curriculum.

The standard course load is five major courses per year.

CURRICULAR AND PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

United States History Advanced: U.S. History Advanced is a document-based course. Each student completes a capstone, ten-page, thesis-driven, primary source-based research project during the spring semester.

Natural Lands: Natural Lands is a non-credit certificate program that focuses on ecological monitoring and field research. In addition to observation and taking field notes, students also explore the regional policy issues that impact conservation. The program involves extensive outdoor work - from studying insects to habitat restoration.

May Term: Friends' Central School's inaugural May Term will launch in May 2025. May Term is a six-day program at the end of the academic year. Students will participate in interdisciplinary courses, many of which will include community engagement beyond the FCS campus.

Core Teams: Upper School students may join one of three core teams: Justice, Humanities, or Science. Modeled after college-level seminars, Core Teams explore problem solving, collaboration, and inquiry through the lens of their topic. Core Teams invite distinguished speakers and guest lecturers to campus for conversation with our full community.

The Academic Program/Curriculum

Friends' Central Upper School Curriculum Planner 2024-2025

ARTS (4 SEMESTERS REQUIRED)

Partial list of Arts Electives:

Art & Activism
History of African American Music
Introduction to Graphic Arts and Design
Mixed Media: Connections to the real world
Studio Art I: Foundations of Studio Art
Studio Art II: Advanced Topics in Studio Art
Wearable Art: Pattern to Precious Metal Clay

ENGLISH (4 YEARS REQUIRED)

English I: The Journey Begins*
English II: In Pursuit of Justice*
English III: Literature of the United States*
English IV: Gods and Monsters*
Writer's Workshop Adv

MATHEMATICS (3 YEARS REQUIRED)

Algebra I
Algebra II, Algebra II Adv
Geometry, Geometry Adv
Precalculus, Precalculus Adv
Statistics, Statistics Adv
Calculus I, Calculus I Adv
Calculus II Adv
Multivariable Calculus
Linear Algebra Adv
Intro to Economics

HISTORY (2 YEARS REQUIRED)

US History*, US History Adv*
Contemporary Global History*
Religions and Revolutions*

Partial list of History Electives:

Capitalism and Consumption
Constitutional Identity Adv
Creating Africa Adv
International Relations, International Relations Adv
Introduction to Philosophy
Modern Africa Adv
Modern European History Adv
The Sociological Imagination:
Race, Class, and Gender in an Unequal World

SCIENCE (2 YEARS REQUIRED)

Physics I
Astronomy
Atmospheric Science & Climate Change
Biology I, Biology I Adv
Biology II Adv Biodiversity
Biology II Adv...Exp.in Microbiology
Biology of Bodies
Botany
Chemistry I, Chemistry I Adv
Chemistry II Adv: Equilibrium
Chemistry II Adv: Kinetics and Electrochemistry
Experiential Physics
Physics III Adv: Electricity and Circuits
Physics III Adv: Magnetism, Waves, and Optics
Advanced Topics in Organic Chemistry

WORLD LANGUAGES (2 YEARS REQUIRED)

Chinese (Mandarin)
French I, II, II Adv, III, III Adv, IV
French Literature Adv
Greek I
Latin I, II, II Adv, III, III Adv
Latin Literature Advanced: Catullus and Ovid
Spanish I, II, II Adv, III, III Adv, IV
Spanish: The Latino Immigrant Experience
Spanish: History & Culture of Latin America & Spain Advanced
Spanish Literature Advanced:
Gabriel Garcia Marquez, Isabel Allende & Miguel de Unamuno

***Indicates a required course**

2020-2024 College Acceptances

Adelphi University	Commonwealth University (Bloomsburg)	Hampshire College	Millersville University of Pennsylvania
Albright College	Connecticut College	Hampton University (5)	Misericordia University
Alvernia University	Cornell College	Harvard University	Mississippi State University
American Musical and Dramatic Academy	Cornell University (6)	Harvey Mudd College	Monmouth University
American University (4)	D'Youville University	Haverford College (3)	Montclair State University
Amherst College	Dartmouth College	High Point University	Moore College of Art and Design
Arcadia University (2)	Davidson College	Hobart and William Smith Colleges	Moravian University
Arizona State University (Tempe)	Dean College	Hofstra University (2)	Morgan State University (4)
Auburn University	Delaware State University	Hood College	Mount Holyoke College
Babson College	Delaware Valley University	Howard University (6)	Mount St Mary's University
Ball State University	DePaul University	Illinois Institute of Technology	Muhlenberg College (2)
Bard College (2)	DeSales University	Illinois Wesleyan University	Neumann University
Barnard College	Dickinson College (6)	Immaculata University	New York University (7)
Bates College	Drew University	Indiana University (Bloomington) (4)	Newcastle University
Baylor University	Drexel University (15)	Indiana University of Pennsylvania (Main Campus)	Norfolk State University
Bennington College	Duke University	Ithaca College (2)	North Carolina A & T State University
Bentley University	Duquesne University	Jacksonville University	North Carolina Central University
Berklee College of Music	Earlham College	James Madison University	Northeastern University (7)
Boston College (2)	East Carolina University	Johns Hopkins University (2)	Northwestern University (2)
Boston University (6)	East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania	Juniata College (4)	NYU Shanghai
Bowdoin College (3)	Eastern University	Kenyon College (2)	Oberlin College
Bowling Green State University (Main Campus)	Eckerd College	Kutztown University of Pennsylvania	Occidental College (2)
Brandeis University	Elizabethtown College	La Salle University	Ohio University (Main Campus)
Brown University (3)	Elon University (2)	Lafayette College (2)	Ohio Wesleyan University
Bryn Athyn College	Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (Daytona Beach)	Lake Forest College	Olin College of Engineering
Bryn Mawr College (2)	Emerson College	Lehigh University (3)	Pace University (New York City)
Bucknell University	Emmanuel College	Lewis & Clark College	Parsons School of Design at The New School (2)
Butler University	Emory University (2)	Lincoln University (2)	Penn State University (Abington)
Carleton College	Fairfield University	Long Island University (Brooklyn)	Penn State University (Altoona) (2)
Carnegie Mellon University (2)	Fairleigh Dickinson University (Florham)	Louisiana State University	Penn State University (Behrend)
Carthage College	Fairleigh Dickinson University (Metropolitan Campus)	Loyola Marymount University (3)	Penn State University (Brandywine)
Case Western Reserve University (2)	Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University	Loyola University Chicago	Penn State University (Harrisburg) (2)
Cecil College	Florida International University	Loyola University Maryland	Penn State University (Lehigh Valley)
Champlain College (4)	Florida Southern College	Loyola University New Orleans	Penn State University (University Park) (15)
Chapman University	Fordham University	Lycoming College	Penn State University (World Campus)
Cheyney University of Pennsylvania	Franklin & Marshall College (9)	Macalester College (2)	Pennsylvania College of Technology
Claremont McKenna College	Furman University	Manhattan College (2)	Pennsylvania State University (Shreyer Honors College)
Clark Atlanta University	George Mason University	Manhattan School of Music	PennWest California
Clark University	George Washington University (4)	Manhattan University	PennWest Edinboro
Clemson University	Georgetown University	Manhattanville University	Pepperdine University
Coastal Carolina University	Georgia Institute of Technology	Marist College (3)	Philadelphia University
Colby College	Gettysburg College	Marquette University	Pitzer College
Colgate University	Goucher College	Maryland Institute College of Art	Point Park University
College of Charleston	Grinnell College	Marymount Manhattan College	Pratt Institute
College of the Holy Cross	Guilford College	Marymount University	Princeton University (2)
Colorado College	Gwynedd Mercy University	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Providence College
Colorado School of Mines	Hamilton College	McDaniel College	
Colorado State University		McGill University	
Columbia College (Chicago)		Miami University (Oxford)	
Columbia University		Michigan State University	
		Middlebury College (4)	

Purdue University (Main Campus)	SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry	University of California (Santa Cruz)	University of San Diego
Queen Mary University of London	SUNY University at Buffalo	University of Chicago (2)	University of San Francisco
Queen's University	Susquehanna University	University of Cincinnati (Main Campus)	University of Scranton
Quinnipiac University	Swarthmore College	University of Colorado Boulder	University of South Carolina
Randolph-Macon College	Sweet Briar College	University of Connecticut	University of South Florida (Main Campus)
Reed College (2)	Syracuse University	University of Delaware (3)	University of Southern California (3)
Regis University	Talladega College	University of Denver	University of Southern Mississippi
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	Temple University (10)	University of Florida	University of St Andrews (5)
Rhode Island School of Design	Temple University, Japan Campus	University of Georgia	University of Sydney
Rice University	Tennessee State University	University of Glasgow	University of the District of Columbia
Rider University	Texas Christian University	University of Hartford	University of the Sciences
Robert Morris University	Texas State University	University of Houston	University of Toronto (2)
Roberts Wesleyan University	The Boston Conservatory at Berklee (2)	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	University of Utah
Rochester Institute of Technology	The College of New Jersey	University of Iowa	University of Vermont (2)
Rollins College	The New School	University of Maine	University of Virginia (3)
Roosevelt University	The Ohio State University	University of Mary Washington	University of Washington (Seattle Campus)
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	The Peabody Institute of The Johns Hopkins University	University of Maryland (Baltimore County)	University of Winchester
Rosemont College	The University of Alabama	University of Maryland (College Park) (3)	University of Wisconsin (Madison) (5)
Rutgers University (Camden)	The University of Edinburgh	University of Maryland Eastern Shore	University of York
Rutgers University (New Brunswick)	The University of Manchester	University of Massachusetts (Amherst)	Ursinus College (4)
Rutgers University (Newark)	The University of Tampa	University of Massachusetts (Boston)	Utica University
Saint Joseph's University (3)	The University of Texas at Austin	University of Memphis	Vanderbilt University (2)
Saint Louis University	The University of Texas at San Antonio	University of Miami	Vassar College (3)
Saint Michael's College	Thomas Jefferson University	University of Michigan (4)	Villanova University (5)
Saint Peter's University	Toronto Metropolitan University	University of Minnesota (Twin Cities)	Virginia Commonwealth University
Salisbury University	Towson University	University of New Hampshire (Main Campus)	Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
San Diego State University	Trinity College	University of New Haven	Virginia State University
Santa Clara University	Trinity College Dublin	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	Virginia Wesleyan University
Sarah Lawrence College	Tufts University (9)	University of North Carolina at Greensboro	Wagner College
Savannah College of Art and Design	Tulane University of Louisiana (2)	University of North Carolina School of the Arts	Wake Forest University (4)
School of the Art Institute of Chicago	Tuskegee University	University of North Dakota	Washington & Jefferson College
Scripps College	Union College	University of North Florida	Washington College
Seattle University	United States Air Force Academy	University of Oregon	Washington University in St. Louis (10)
Seton Hall University	United States Coast Guard Academy	University of Ottawa	Wellesley College (2)
Seton Hill University	United States Military Academy at West Point	University of Pennsylvania (20)	Wentworth Institute of Technology
Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania	United States Naval Academy	University of Pittsburgh (Bradford)	Wesleyan University (7)
Siena College	University College Dublin	University of Pittsburgh (Greensburg)	West Chester University of Pennsylvania (4)
Simmons University	University of Arizona	University of Pittsburgh (Johnstown)	West Virginia University
Skidmore College (4)	University of Birmingham	University of Puget Sound	Wheaton College - MA
Smith College (7)	University of Bristol	University of Redlands	Widener University (2)
Southwest Mississippi Community College	University of British Columbia	University of Rhode Island	William & Mary (2)
Spelman College	University of California (Berkeley) (3)	University of Richmond	Williams College
St. John's College (Annapolis)	University of California (Davis)	University of Rochester (3)	Worcester Polytechnic Institute (3)
St. John's College (Santa Fe)	University of California (Irvine)		Xavier University
St. John's University (2)	University of California (Los Angeles) (3)		Xavier University of Louisiana
St. Lawrence University	University of California (Merced)		Yale University
Stanford University	University of California (Riverside)		York College of Pennsylvania (3)
Stevens Institute of Technology	University of California (San Diego) (3)		York University
Stevenson University (2)	University of California (Santa Barbara)		
Stony Brook University			
Suffolk University			
SUNY at Albany			
SUNY at New Paltz			
SUNY at Purchase College			