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The Hill School School Profile 2024-2025

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Characteristics

- Founded in 1851.
- A coeducational college preparatory boarding school, third through sixth form (grades 9 through 12); a Post Graduate year is also offered.
- All students must reside on campus for one year.
- Enrollment: 527 students from 26 states and 17 countries.
- 43% students of color; 15% international students.
- 34% receive financial support.
- 17% of students live within 10 miles of the school that includes low-income, rural, and post-industrial towns.
- Student Teacher Ratio: 7-1; Average Class Size: 11 students.
- Accredited by The Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools; licensed by The Pennsylvania Department of Education; Member of NACAC, PACAC, IACAC, and ACCIS.
- The College Counseling Office limits students to 12 college applications. Students are supported and encouraged to make thoughtful choices in their college process.

Academic Overview

- **Calendar** | Trimester.
- **Academics** | Five classes are required; students may enroll in a sixth graded course and may take a seventh ungraded.
- **Pottstown** | Uniquely situated in a once-thriving industrial city, Hill's setting offers authentic, place-based learning experiences for students. Classes often bring students into the community and use local, regional, and global contexts to drive inquiry.
- **Independent Study** | Students may submit a proposal to pursue an Independent Study with a faculty mentor in a specialized area not covered by our curriculum for two terms. Honors IS (Independent Study) is a full year commitment.
- **Liberal Arts** | Hill's courses in History, English, World Languages, Religious Studies, Humanities, and Classics emphasize the development of critical analysis, creative thinking, and effective oral and written communication skills.
- **Engineering and Computer Science** | Students may engage in a unique, multi-year track of either Engineering or Computer Science. Course work emphasizes peer collaboration and computational thinking. Equipped with practical skills in software use, mechanical engineering, and programming, students gain expertise in presentation, project management, professionalism, and entrepreneurship. Students will use the newest educational technologies, and gain expertise in programming, rapid manufacturing, and project management.

Signature Programs

Eudemonia | Eudemonia is a required course for all students every year intended to bolster resiliency, decision-making skills, and social and emotional health.

H-Term | H-Term is a three-week winter term experience where classes focus on increasing collaboration, creativity, critical thinking, and cultural competency. The program emphasizes exploration of theme-based interdisciplinary content and provides an opportunity for students to do more hands-on experiential work.

Prefect | Selection for this critical residential student leadership role is competitive. Prefects are responsible for building community within the dorms as well as upholding and enforcing rules and norms. Given this important leadership role, prefects receive extensive training.

Classics | Students enrolled in Classics courses at Hill work with passionate and dedicated teachers who infuse their lessons with grammar and translation of Latin and ancient Greek, complimented by mythologies, histories, influences, and legacies of two powerful cultures. Qualified and motivated students can study both languages through the author-level (including AP Latin), with a chance to read seminal works of Western literature. Upper-level courses dovetail nicely with Humanities.

The Hobart's Run Neighborhood Initiative | In 2016, The Hill School launched a 501(c)(3) that supports revitalization efforts throughout Pottstown. The non-profit works to foster inclusivity, provide incentives for home ownership and property pride, and generate quality business development. Hill students are actively involved with Hobart's Run through various opportunities ranging from local service projects to serving on the Hobart's Run Student Leadership Council.

Graduation Requirements

- English** | Four years.
- Mathematics** | Completion of Integrated Math 31 or higher.
- Language** | Three years of a single language or two years of two world languages.
- Science** | Two years of laboratory science.
- History and Social Sciences** | Two years; U.S. History is required.
- Religious Studies & Philosophy** | One year.
- Arts** | Requirements vary depending on point of entry.

Course Offerings & Progressions

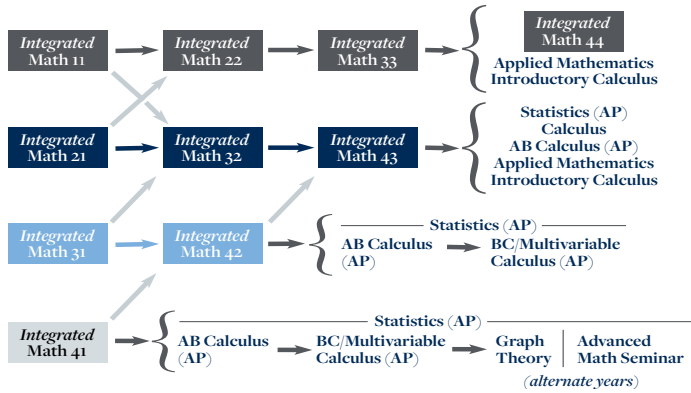
With the exception of math, computer science, and world language, students are only allowed to take AP and CL classes in their fifth and sixth form years.

Detailed course descriptions can be found at www.thehill.org/academics/course-offerings.

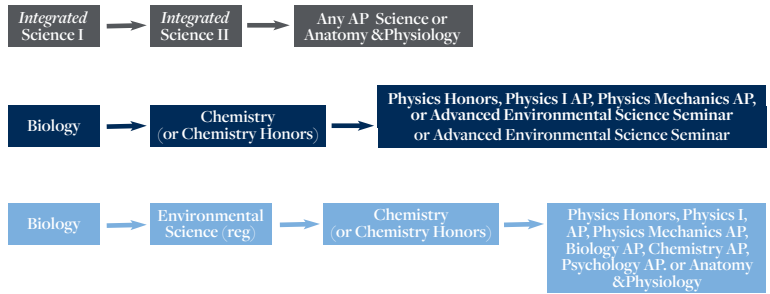
College Level courses represent the highest level of rigor and are offered in World Languages, Mathematics, Computer Science, Economics, History and Science.

Students are not required to take the AP exam at the completion of the course.

The Mathematics Sequence of Courses at The Hill School



The Science Sequence of Courses at The Hill School



Mathematics | All students participate in the integrated curriculum, combining key elements of traditional high school courses with Introductory Statistics, Coding, and Financial Literacy through a multi-tiered, multi-year approach. Cross-curricular connections are emphasized between concepts to develop skills in critical thinking and synthesis.

Sciences | Students may follow either a traditional track of Biology, Chemistry, Physics, or apply for acceptance into an Advanced Integrated Science two-year track that equips them to enroll in advanced science coursework at an accelerated pace.

COLLEGE LEVEL

Arts

Advanced Art History Seminar
Advanced Studio Art Seminar

Classics

Advanced Latin/Greek Seminar
Advanced Latin Seminar

Computer Science

Computer Science 3: Data Science and AI
Computer Science 4: Advanced Computer Science Seminar

Engineering & Design

Engineering Disciplines Seminar
Accelerated Engineering: Exploring Engineering as a Multidisciplinary Practice

History & Social Sciences

Advanced Economics Seminar
Advanced History Seminar

Mathematics

Higher Mathematics and Proof Seminar

Religious Studies & Philosophy

Advanced Topics in Religious Studies and Philosophy

Science

Advanced Environmental Science Seminar
Quadrivium Scholars

World Languages

Arabic 4 Seminar
Advanced French Cinema Seminar
Advanced French Seminar
Chinese 5: Advanced Seminar
Spanish 5 Advanced Seminar in Literature
Advanced Spanish-American Cinema Seminar

AP

Arts

2-D Art and Design
3-D Art and Design
AP Drawing

Classics

Latin

Computer Science

Computer Science Principles

English

English 2 Seminar: Global Cultures and People
English 3 Language
English 4 Literature

History & Social Sciences

Economics
U.S. Government & Politics
U.S. History

Humanities

Humanities 3 English Language
Humanities 4 English Literature

Mathematics

BC/Multivariable Calculus
Calculus AB
Statistics

Science

Biology
Chemistry
Physics 1
Physics C Electricity & Magnetism
Physics C Mechanics
Psychology

World Languages

Chinese
French
Spanish Language & Culture

HONORS

Arts

Studio Art 3

Classics

Greek 2
Latin 1, 3
Latin 2/Greek 1

Engineering

Engineering 2: Engineering of Smart Toys
Engineering 3: Multidisciplinary Engineering Design and Integrative Product Design

English

English 2, 3, 4
English 5 for Post-Graduates
Good and Evil: A Religious and Philosophical Inquiry
Multimedia Journalism 2

History & Social Sciences

U.S. History
Power and Identity in World History
War Series

Mathematics

Calculus
Integrated Mathematics (31, 41, 42, 43)

Religion Studies & Philosophy

Philosophy and Religion in China and Beyond
Religion and Film in Contemporary Society
Worldviews and World Religions

Science

Anatomy and Physiology
Chemistry 1
Integrated Science 1, 2
Physics 1

World Languages

Arabic 2, 3
Chinese 2, 3, 4
French 2, 3, 4
Spanish 2, 3, 4