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Developing women of courage, compassion and scholarship.

SCHOOL PROFILE 2024-2025

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Accreditations

State of Maryland

Middle States Association of

Secondary Schools and Colleges

Memberships

National Association for College

Admission Counseling (NACAC)

One Schoolhouse

College Board

International Coalition of Girls'

Schools (ICGS)

The Association of Independent

Schools of Greater Washington

(AISGW)

National Catholic Education

Association (NCEA)

Association of Independent

Maryland & DC Schools (AIMS)

Mission

The Academy of the Holy Cross, a Catholic college preparatory school sponsored by the Sisters of the Holy Cross since 1868, is dedicated to educating young women in a Christ-centered community which values diversity. The Academy is committed to developing women of courage, compassion and scholarship who responsibly embrace the social, spiritual and intellectual challenges of the world.

Honor Code

The Academy of the Holy Cross is a Catholic institution that values mutual trust and respect for all. Academic honesty, integrity, and responsibility are the core values that all community members are expected to uphold in all aspects of their lives. Therefore, acts of lying, cheating, and plagiarism will not be tolerated within the Holy Cross community. At the beginning of each academic year, every student is required to recite and sign a pledge stating that she is aware of and willing to adhere to the provisions of the code.

About Holy Cross

Year of Founding: 1868 in Washington, DC

Relocated: 1956 to Kensington, MD

Total Enrollment: 354

Class of 2025: 100

Student to Faculty Ratio: 9:1

Average Class Size: 14

Students come primarily from Montgomery County (MD). Students also come from surrounding counties in Maryland (Prince George's, Howard, Frederick, Charles and Baltimore), as well as the District of Columbia and Northern Virginia. Approximately 57% of students identify themselves as students of color.

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

The Academy is committed to providing for individual needs and differences in learning styles. Faculty involvement with students extends beyond the classroom to co-curricular activities. The school year is divided into two semesters and classes are taught on a block schedule. Culminating assessments take place at the end of each semester and are valued at 10% of the final semester grade.

Due to the highly academic nature of the Academy's program, the school does not establish a class rank for its students.

Grades shown on transcripts reflect a .5 additional weight for Honors level courses and an additional .7 weight for Advanced Placement and Dual Credit level courses.

Graduation Requirements

A minimum of 24 credits is required in the following areas:

English (4 credits)

Health and Physical Education (1½ credits; A dance course can fulfill the PE II requirement)

History and Social Science (3 credits)

Math (4 credits)

Science (3 credits, includes Biology, Chemistry and 1 full elective credit; all science courses have a lab component)

Theology (4 credits)

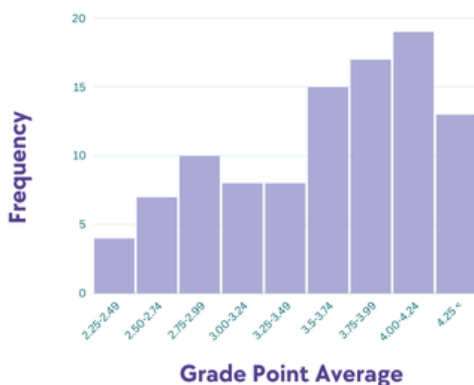
Languages (3 credits; includes 2 credits in the same language)

Performing Arts (½ credit)

Visual Arts (½ credit)

Technology (½ credit)

Six Semester GPA Distribution for Class of 2025



Standardized Testing

SAT Scores for 2024 Graduates

Subject	Mean
Evidence Based Reading & Writing (ERB)	600
Math	549

ACT Scores for 2024 Graduates

Subject	Mean
Composite	26
English	28
Math	25
Reading	28
Science	24

Top 25% of 2024 Graduates

Average SAT Scores:	1292
Average ACT:	29
Average Cumulative GPA:	4.26

National Recognition Programs

National Merit Scholarship Program

- Class of 2024 - 3 Commended
- Class of 2023 - 2 Commended
- Class of 2022 - 1 Commended
- Class of 2021 - 1 Commended
- Class of 2020 - 1 Commended
- Class of 2019 - 2 Commended

National Indigenous Recognition Program

- Class of 2024 - 1 Scholar

National Hispanic Recognition Program

- Class of 2025 - 2 Scholars
- Class of 2024 - 2 Scholars
- Class of 2023 - 2 Scholars
- Class of 2020 - 1 Scholar
- Class of 2019 - 1 Scholar

National African American Recognition Program

- Class of 2025 - 6 Scholars
- Class of 2024 - 2 Scholars
- Class of 2023 - 4 Scholars

First Generation Recognition Program

- Class of 2025 - 4 Scholars

Curriculum

Students are not permitted to take Advanced Placement courses in the 9th grade. The following AP courses have been made available to the Class of 2025. For a complete listing of courses available, visit the Academy's Program of Studies at: <http://www.academyoftheholycross.org/programofstudies>.

English

AP English Language and Composition

AP English Literature and Composition

History and Social Studies

AP Comparative Government and Politics

AP Human Geography

AP Psychology

AP US Government and Politics

AP US History

Mathematics

AP Calculus AB

AP Calculus BC

AP Statistics

Science

AP Biology

AP Environmental Science

AP Chemistry

AP Computer Science A

AP Computer Science Principles

AP Physics 1 (see Project Lead The Way below)

World Languages

AP French Language and Culture

AP Latin

AP Spanish Language and Culture

The Arts

AP 2D Art and Design

AP 3D Art and Design

AP Drawing

AP Music Theory

AP Studio Art

Dual Credit with Marymount University

Beginning in the fall of 2017, The Academy began a dual credit program in partnership with Marymount University to afford eligible students opportunities to earn college credit. Dual credit courses are taught on our campus during the school day by Holy Cross faculty members who have achieved adjunct faculty status at Marymount. As with AP courses, students enrolled in these courses receive 0.7 additional grade points towards their GPA upon successful completion of the course with a grade of C- or higher.

Dual Credit Courses in the current Program of Studies include (3) DC Courses:

DC Short Fiction, DC The Movie or the Book?, and DC Religions of the World

Project Lead The Way (PLTW)

The Academy introduces students to the field of engineering through a nationally-recognized, hands-on, project-based curriculum that draws upon their knowledge of math and science through the model of Project Lead The Way (PLTW) and VEX Robotics. Students enrolled in PLTW receive 0.5 additional grade points towards their GPA upon successful completion of the course with a grade of C- or higher.

PLTW Courses in the current Program of Studies include (3) PLTW Courses:

PLTW Honors Intro to Engineering Design, PLTW Honors Principles of Engineering, and PLTW Honors Environmental Sustainability

Signature Programs

All students commit to performing service through **Holy Cross Social Justice**. Incoming freshmen with exceptional academic achievement are invited to become **Sancta Crux Scholars**. Scholars must take four honors classes each semester and maintain a 3.5 weighted grade point average throughout the program. Students become **Madeleva Scholars** by pursuing additional service hours, leadership, and advanced-level work in the classroom. All seniors must participate in **Senior Internship**, a 60-hour internship.

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES 2022-2024

Those listed in **bold** represent the colleges and universities attended by the Class of 2024.

Allegheny College
American University
Appalachian State University
Art Center College of Design
Auburn University
Baldwin Wallace University
Bard College
Bates College
Baylor University
Belmont Abbey College
Bethune-Cookman University
Binghamton University
Boston College
Boston University
Bowie State University
Bridgewater College
Bryn Mawr College
Bucknell University
Butler University
California College of the Arts
California Poly (San Luis Obispo)
Canisius University
Catholic University of America
Cedar Crest College
Chapman University
Charleston Southern University
Christopher Newport University
Clark Atlanta University
Clark University
Clarkson University
Clemson University
Coastal Carolina University
Colgate University
College of Charleston
College of the Holy Cross
Colorado School of Mines
Colorado State University (Fort Collins)
Connecticut College
Cornell University
Culinary Institute of America
CUNY City College
Denison University
DePaul University
Dickinson College
Dillard University
Drew University
Drexel University
Duquesne University
East Carolina University
Eckerd College
Elizabethtown College
Elon University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Fairfield University
Fairleigh Dickinson University
Florida A&M University
Florida Memorial University
Fordham University
Franklin & Marshall College
Frostburg State University
Furman University
George Mason University
George Washington University
Georgetown University
Georgia State University
Georgian Court University
Gettysburg College
Goucher College
Grand Valley State University
Grinnell College
Hampton University

Haverford College
High Point University
Hobart and William Smith Colleges
Hollins University
Holy Cross College
Hood College
Hope College
Howard University
Indiana University (Bloomington)
Indiana University of Pennsylvania
Iona University
Ithaca College
James Madison University
Johns Hopkins University
Johnson & Wales University (Providence)
Kansas State University
Kenyon College
La Salle University
Lake Superior State University
Le Moyne College
Lehigh University
Lincoln University
Louisiana State University
Loyola University Chicago
Loyola University Maryland
Loyola University New Orleans
Lynn University
Macalester College
Manhattan School of Music
Manhattan University
Marist College
Marquette University
Maryland Institute College of Art
Marymount Manhattan College
Marymount University
McDaniel College
McGill University
Merrimack College
Miami University (Oxford)
Michigan State University
Michigan Technological University
Montclair State University
Montgomery College
Morgan State University
Mount Holyoke College
Mount St Mary's University
Neumann University
New Jersey Institute of Technology
New York University
Norfolk State University
North Carolina A & T State University
North Carolina Central University
North Carolina State University
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
Notre Dame of Maryland University
Oberlin College
Occidental College
Ohio University
Otterbein University
Pace University (New York City)
Palm Beach Atlantic University
Parsons School of Design
Penn State University
PennWest Clarion
Pepperdine University
Pratt Institute
Providence College
Purdue University
Quinnipiac University

Radford University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rhodes College
Rider University
Roanoke College
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rollins College
Rutgers University (Camden)
Rutgers University (New Brunswick)
Sacred Heart University
Saint Cloud State University
Saint Francis University
Saint Joseph's University
Saint Louis University
Saint Mary's College
Saint Michael's College
Salisbury University
Salve Regina University
San Diego State University
Savannah College of Art and Design
School of Visual Arts
Seattle University
Seton Hall University
Shenandoah University
Shepherd University
Siena College
Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania
Smith College
South Carolina State University
Southern University and A&M College
Spelman College
St Mary's College of Maryland
St. Edward's University
St. John's University
State College of Florida
Stevens Institute of Technology
Stevenson University
Stonehill College
Stony Brook University
Suffolk University
SUNY Buffalo State University
SUNY College at Potsdam
SUNY Cobleskill
SUNY University at Buffalo
Susquehanna University
Sweet Briar College
Syracuse University
Temple University
Texas Southern University
The Boston Conservatory at Berklee
The College of New Jersey
The College of Wooster
The Ohio State University
The University of Alabama
The University of Tampa
The University of Tennessee (Knoxville)
The University of Texas at Austin
Thomas Jefferson University
Towson University
Trinity Washington University
Tufts University
Tulane University of Louisiana
Union College
United States Coast Guard Academy
United States Naval Academy
University of Arizona
University of Birmingham
University of California (Riverside)
University of Charleston
University of Cincinnati (Main Campus)
University of Colorado (Colorado Springs)

University of Colorado Boulder
University of Colorado Denver
University of Connecticut
University of Dayton
University of Delaware
University of Denver
University of Georgia
University of Glasgow
University of Greenwich
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
University of Kansas
University of Kentucky
University of Maine
University of Mary Washington
University of Maryland (Baltimore County)
University of Maryland (College Park)
University of Maryland Eastern Shore
University of Massachusetts (Amherst)
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of Minnesota (Twin Cities)
University of Mississippi
University of New England
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
University of North Carolina at Charlotte
University of North Carolina at Greensboro
University of North Carolina Wilmington
University of Notre Dame
University of Oregon
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of Portland
University of Rhode Island
University of Richmond
University of Rochester
University of Saint Joseph
University of San Diego
University of Scranton
University of South Carolina
University of South Florida
University of the District of Columbia
University of Vermont
University of Virginia
University of Washington
University of West London
University of Wisconsin (Madison)
Ursinus College
Villanova University
Virginia Commonwealth University
Virginia Tech
Virginia Wesleyan University
Washington College
West Virginia University
Whitman College
Widener University
William & Mary
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Xavier University
Xavier University of Louisiana