



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 49 different ZIP codes in the St. Louis metro area.
- More than 38% of the student body receives financial aid.
- 99% of the graduating seniors attend a four-year college.

MEDIEVAL ARTS GUILD

- Priory is the only high school in the country with a fully functioning medieval arts guild and curricular medieval arts courses.
- Guild students learn the history and beauty of medieval arts, including calligraphy, stained glass, and heraldry.

THESIS

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 coursework and should involve a high level of initiative, independence, organization, and effort.

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.
- 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.
- Courses meet from two to five class periods each week.

Advanced Placement (designated as "AP" on transcript; course list on back)

- Priory offers AP courses in the **junior and senior year curriculum**.
- A student may enroll in an AP course with the approval of the department chair and may enroll in **no more than three AP courses per academic year**.
- The rigor of the curriculum prepares students to take a number of additional AP exams as exam-only students.

Advanced College Credit (designated as "ACC" on transcript)

- Priory offers dual credit courses taught by credentialed Priory faculty through the Saint Louis University 1818 dual credit program.

See full curriculum offerings/options on page 3.

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.

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GRADING POLICY

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.

OUTCOMES

Testing

Middle 50% ACT: 30-32

National Merit Scholarship Program

On average, the National Merit Scholarship Corporation has recognized 20% of our seniors as a National Merit Finalist, Semi-Finalist, Commended Student, or as part of the National Recognition Program.

College Matriculation, Class of 2026

- Attending Out-of-State Colleges: 74%
- Attending In-State Colleges: 26%
- Attending Catholic Colleges: 31%
- Attending Private Colleges: 55%
- Attending Public Colleges: 45%

COLLEGE ADMISSION

Graduates from the classes of 2022-2026 were admitted into the colleges and universities below.

Bold indicates at least one student matriculated.

AP courses offered in the junior and senior years:

3 maximum permitted per academic year

AP course	grade year	May 2026 # exams	% scoring 3+
AP Calculus AB	junior	19	79%
AP Calculus BC	junior	9	100%
AP Latin	junior	11	91%
AP Physics 1	junior	26	96%
AP US History	junior	30	83%
AP Biology	senior	15	53%
AP Calculus AB	senior	see above	see above
AP Chemistry	senior	9	100%
AP Computer Science	senior	5	80%
AP French Language and Culture	senior	4	75%
AP Spanish Language and Culture	senior	5	80%
AP Statistics	senior	11	100%
AP US Government and Politics	senior	new course 26-27	n/a

American University
Arizona State University
Auburn University
Ball State University
Baylor University
Bellarmine University
Belmont University
Benedictine College
Bentley University
Berklee College of Music
Berry College
Boston College
Boston University
Bradley University
Bucknell University
Butler University
Case Western Reserve University
Carnegie Mellon University
Catholic University of America
Christian Brothers University
Citadel Military College
Clemson University
College of Charleston
College of the Holy Cross
College of William and Mary
Colorado School of Mines
Columbia University
Cornell College
Cornell University
Creighton University
Davidson College
DePaul University
DePauw University
Drake University
Drexel University
Drury University
Elon University
Embry-Riddle University
Fairfield University
Florida Institute of Technology

Florida State University
Fordham University
Furman University
George Mason University
George Washington University
Georgetown University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Gonzaga University
Grinnell College
Hannibal-LaGrange University
Hampton University
Hillsdale College
Hobart William Smith Colleges
Hope College
Illinois Wesleyan University
Indiana University-Bloomington
Kansas City Art Institute
Kansas State University
Kenrick-Glennon Seminary
Lafayette College
Loyola Marymount University
Loyola University Chicago
Loyola University New Orleans
Marquette University
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Miami University, Oxford
Michigan State University
Missouri Baptist University
Missouri U of Science & Technology
Murray State University
North Carolina State University
Northeastern University
Norwich University
Oberlin College
Pennsylvania State University
Princeton University
Providence College
Purdue University

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rhodes College
Rice University
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rockhurst University
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
Saint Louis University
Santa Clara University
Savannah College of Art and Design
Seton Hall University
Sewanee, University of the South
Southern Methodist University
Stanford University
St. Mary's University
St. Olaf College
Stevens Institute of Technology
Texas A & M University
Texas Christian University
The Ohio State University
Truman State University
Tufts University
Tulane University
United States Coast Guard Academy
United States Merchant Marine Academy
United States Military Academy
University of Alabama
University of Arizona
University of Arkansas
University of Central Missouri
University of Chicago
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Connecticut
University of Dallas
University of Dayton
University of Denver
University of Georgia
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

University of Iowa
University of Kansas
University of Kentucky
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 North Dakota
University of Notre Dame
University of Pennsylvania
University of Redlands
University of Richmond
University of San Diego
University of South Carolina
University of Southern California
University of St. Thomas
University of Tampa
University of Tennessee
University of Texas at Dallas
University of Toronto
University of Tulsa
University of Utah
University of Wisconsin-Madison
University of Wyoming
Utah State University
Valparaiso University
Vanderbilt University
Villanova University
Virginia Military Institute
Wake Forest University
Washington and Lee University
Washington University in St Louis
Webster University
Xavier University

CURRICULUM OFFERINGS/OPTIONS

	Grade	Course Options
MATH	9th	Geometry*
	10th	Algebra II, Precalculus
	11th	Precalculus, AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC
	12th	AP Calculus AB, AP Statistics, Multivariable Calculus
SCIENCE	9th	Biology*
	10th	Chemistry*
	11th	Physics, AP Physics
	12th	AP Biology, AP Chemistry, Environmental Science
SOCIAL SCIENCE	9th	World History I
	10th	World History II
	11th	US History, AP US History
	12th	AP US Government + Constitutional Law
ENGLISH	9th	All four years, no AP program
	10th	
	11th	
	12th	
MODERN LANGUAGE	9th	French II, Spanish II
	10th	French III*, Spanish III*
	11th	French IV*, Spanish IV*
	12th	French V, AP French, Spanish V, AP Spanish
CLASSICAL LANGUAGE	9th	Latin III, Greek I**
	10th	Latin IV*, Greek II **
	11th	AP Latin
	12th	New Testament Greek
ARTS	9th	Medieval Arts, Theatre/Video Production, Studio Art, Vocal **
	10th	Same as 9th above
	11th	Art History + options above
	12th	Electives
THEOLOGY	9th	All four years
	10th	
	11th	
	12th	
ELECTIVES	10th	Introduction to Python***
	11th	STEM electives
	12th	AP Computer Science, Record (school newspaper), Yearbook

NOTES

* = honors or regular

** Students choose between Greek and VPA

*** Students choose between Latin and Intro to Python

Seniors drop either Science, Modern Language, or Social Science