



# VILLA MARIA ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL

## School Profile

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#### Mission Statement

Villa Maria Academy, a Catholic college preparatory school for girls, rooted in the charism of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, empowers young women to lead lives of spiritual growth, intellectual inquiry and Christian service.

#### Faculty

There are 59 faculty members, including both religious and lay women and men. 83% hold a master's degree or higher, with 6 at the doctorate level.

#### Enrollment

There are 446 female students enrolled in grades 9 through 12 in the 2017-2018 academic year. The student-to-faculty ratio is 7 to 1; the average class size is 15.

#### College Profile

100% of VMA graduates plan to attend a four-year college or university. The Class of 2017 applied to 148 different schools and currently attends 61 different colleges, including service academies. 18.5% of the Class of 2017 was invited into 26 honors programs. The class together earned \$15.3 million in merit scholarships.

We currently have four full-time college counselors, making our senior college counselor-to-student ratio 1 to 28 on average. We also host graduate interns each year to enhance the resources available to our students.

On average, 85% of VMA graduates complete their undergraduate programs within 4 years or less and graduate from the college or university they entered upon graduation from VMA.

#### Academic Profile

All VMA students complete 4 years of core courses, 3 lab sciences, at least 4 credits in electives, and a Senior Capstone Project.

Over the past 7 years, up to 10% of each senior class has been recognized by the National Merit Corporation for scholarly excellence.

In 2017, VMA had 156 AP students: 100% took the AP exams, 20% were recognized as AP scholars, and 11% were recognized with Honors or Distinction.

### Villa Maria Academy graduates have recently attended the following schools

American University	Fordham University	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Syracuse University	University of Montana
Arizona State University	Franklin and Marshall College	McGill University	Temple University	University of North Carolina
Boston College	George Washington University	Mount Saint Mary's University	Tufts University	University of Notre Dame
Boston University	Georgetown University	Muhlenberg College	United States Air Force Academy	University of Pennsylvania
Bucknell University	Gettysburg College	New York University	United States Coast Guard Academy	University of Pittsburgh
Carnegie Mellon University	Hawaii Pacific University	Northeastern University	United States Military Academy	University of Richmond
Catholic University of America	Hobart and William Smith Colleges	Northwestern University	United States Naval Academy	University of Scranton
Clemson University	Ithaca College	Ohio State University	University of California, Los Angeles	University of South Carolina
Colgate University	James Madison University	Pennsylvania State University	University of Colorado Boulder	University of St. Andrews (Scotland)
College of William and Mary	John Cabot University (Rome)	Providence College	University of Delaware	University of Virginia
Columbia University	Johns Hopkins University	Purdue University	University of Edinburgh (Scotland)	Vanderbilt University
Cornell University	Lafayette College	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	Villanova University
Dickinson College	La Salle University	Saint Joseph's University	University of Maryland, College Park	Virginia Polytechnic Institute
Drexel University	Lehigh University	Saint Mary's College	University of Miami	Wake Forest University
Duke University	Loyola University Maryland	Savannah College of Art and Design	University of Minnesota, Twin Cities	West Chester University
Duquesne University	Marist College	Stanford University		Yale University

## Graduation Requirements

Villa Maria Academy offers a four-year, eight-semester, college preparatory program. All students at VMA are expected to take a minimum of 28 credits. Each major subject is equal to one credit. All courses are offered at college preparatory, honors, or advanced placement levels. Students have opportunities to earn additional credits according to their individual needs and future plans.

Course	Credit	Course	Credit
Theology	4.00	Electives	4.00
English	4.00	Health/Physical Education	2.00
Mathematics	3.00	Senior Capstone	1.00
Social Studies	3.00	Technology	0.50
Science	3.00	Fine Arts (Art and Music)	0.50
World Language	3.00		

## Grading

Villa Maria Academy uses an alpha grading system, with C+ (82) considered college qualifying and D passing. Courses are weighted according to the degree of challenge, making it possible for a student to have a quality point average (GPA) greater than 4.1. The quality point equivalent for college preparatory courses is listed below.

Grade	QPE	Grade	QPE	Grade	QPE	Grade	QPE
A+ (100-98)	4.1	B+ (90-88)	3.5	C+ (82-80)	2.5	D+ (74-73)	1.5
A (97-93)	4.0	B (87-85)	3.0	C (79-77)	2.0	D (72-70)	1.0
A- (92-91)	3.8	B- (84-83)	2.8	C- (76-75)	1.8	F (69 - )	0.0

## Advanced Placement Program

Although 24 AP courses are offered, Villa Maria Academy graduation requirements limit the number AP courses each student is able to take; generally, students may not enroll in more than 7 AP courses while here at VMA.

Art History	Music Theory
Biology	Physics 1
Calculus AB	Physics C: Mechanics
Calculus BC	Physics C: Elec. & Magnetism
Chemistry	Psychology
Computer Science A	Spanish Language & Culture
Computer Science Principles	Statistics
English Language & Composition	Studio Art, Drawing
English Literature	Studio Art, 2 Dimensional
French Language and Culture	U.S. Government
Latin	U.S. History
Microeconomics	World History

## Senior Capstone Program

An inquiry-based experience, driven by student interest, is required for graduation; it involves critical thinking, investigative research, problem solving, summarizing findings, and application of prior and acquired knowledge through documented field experience and/or service.

## Service Learning Experiential Program

Villa Maria offers local, national and international service immersion trips, as well as local and regional service opportunities. Service learning occurs through education, prayer, reflection and action.

## Dual Enrollment

30 students are earning college credits in the first year of the dual enrollment program.

## Diocesan Scholars Program

This opportunity is available to 2% of qualifying seniors who are selected to attend neighboring colleges and take courses, at no charge, for college credit during their senior year.

