



VILLA MARIA ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL

School Profile

2018 - 2019

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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 49 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 429 female students enrolled in grades 9 through 12 in the 2018-2019 academic year. The student-to-faculty ratio is 8 to 1; the average class size is 14.

Accreditation

The school is accredited by the Pennsylvania Association of Independent Schools and Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. Memberships include NAIS, PAIS, ADVIS, NCGS, National and Pennsylvania Associations for College Admissions Counseling.

College Profile

100% of VMA graduates plan to attend a four-year college or university. The Class of 2018 applied to 201 different schools and currently attends 56 different colleges, including service academies. 19% of the Class of 2019 was invited into 23 honors programs. 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. VMA operates on a block schedule with semester year end grade reports. In 2018, VMA had 185 AP students: 100% took the AP exams, 14% were recognized as AP scholars, and 13% were recognized with Honors or Distinction.

Discipline Code

Discipline infractions that result in suspension or expulsion will be reported by VMA to colleges and universities. We will guide our senior students to fully disclose any serious infractions that occur after applications have been submitted to colleges.

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

Students have the opportunity to earn college credits. This is suitable for students who have exceeded the high school curriculum offering.

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.

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

Standardized Testing for the Class of 2018

VMA reports the Middle 50 % range of standardized testing.

SAT 1120-1310	EBRW 550-650	Math 540- 660	ACT 22-27
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College Acceptances for the Classes of 2015-2018

Enrollment reflected in bold.

Albright College (2)	Lehigh University (4)	University of California, Los Angeles
Alvernia University	Long Island University – Post	University of California, San Diego
American University (4)	Loyola Marymount University	University of Colorado Boulder
Arcadia University	Loyola University Chicago	University of Connecticut (2)
Arizona State University	Loyola University Maryland (10)	University of Dayton
Assumption College	Manhattan College	University of Delaware (19)
Auburn University	Marist College (3)	University of Edinburgh (Scotland)
Baylor University	McGill University	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania	Michigan State University	University of Kentucky
Boston College (4)	Monmouth University	University of Maryland, College Park
Boston University (4)	Mount Saint Mary's University (4)	University of Massachusetts - Amherst
Bryant University	Muhlenberg College	University of Miami
Bucknell University (6)	New York University	University of Michigan - Ann Arbor
Butler University	Northeastern University (2)	University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
Cabrini University (4)	Northwestern University	University of Mississippi
Carnegie Mellon University	Ohio State University	University of Montana
Case Western Reserve University	Old Dominion University	University of New Hampshire
Catholic University of America (16)	Pace University	University of North Carolina - Wilmington
Cedar Crest College	Parsons The New School for Design	University of Notre Dame (4)
Clemson University	Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts	University of Pittsburgh (14)
Colgate University (2)	Pennsylvania State University (53)	University of Richmond
College of William and Mary	Pratt Institute	University of Rhode Island (2)
Colorado State University	Providence College (4)	University of Rochester
Columbia University	Purdue University	University of San Diego
Cornell University (2)	Quinnipiac University (4)	University of San Francisco
DeSales University (3)	Radford University (2)	University of Scranton (16)
Dickinson College	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of South Carolina (8)
Drexel University (8)	Rhode Island School of Design	University of Southern California
East Carolina University	Roanoke College	University of St. Andrews (Scotland)
Eckerd College	Robert Morris University	University of Tampa
Elmira College	Rochester Institute of Technology (2)	University of Tennessee
Elon University (3)	Saint Francis University	University of Texas
Emerson College	Saint Joseph's University (20)	University of Vermont
Emory University	Saint Mary's College	University of Virginia (2)
Eugene Lang College of Liberal Arts at The New School	Savannah College of Art and Design (2)	University of Washington - Seattle
Fairfield University (8)	San Diego State University	University of Wisconsin - Madison (2)
Fordham University (5)	South Dakota State University	Ursinus College (2)
Franklin and Marshall College (5)	Stevens Institute of Technology	Vanderbilt University
George Washington University	Syracuse University (5)	Villanova University (14)
Georgetown University (4)	Temple University (12)	Virginia Polytechnic Institute
Gettysburg College (3)	Texas A&M University	Wake Forest University
Gwynedd – Mercy College	The College of New Jersey	Washington College
High Point University	Thomas Edison State College	West Chester University (10)
Hobart and William Smith Colleges	Thomas Jefferson University – East Falls (2)	West Virginia University
Hofstra University	Towson University (2)	Widener University (2)
Hope College	Tulane University	Wilkes University
Immaculata University (3)	United States Air Force Academy	Wingate University
Ithaca College	United States Merchant Marine Academy	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
James Madison University (6)	United States Naval Academy (2)	Xavier University
John Cabot University (Rome)	University of Alabama (3)	York College of Pennsylvania
Johns Hopkins University (3)	University of Arizona	
King's College		
Lafayette College		
La Salle University (3)		
Lebanon Valley College		