School Profile

2019–2020

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 60 faculty members, including both religious and lay women and men, of whom 78% hold a master's degree or higher. Six faculty members have achieved the doctorate level.

Enrollment
There are 430 female students enrolled in grades 9 through 12 in the 2019–2020 academic year. The student-to-faculty ratio is 9 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, and the National and Pennsylvania Associations for College Admissions Counseling.

College Profile
Proudly, 100% of VMA graduates plan to attend a four-year college or university. The Class of 2019 applied to 204 different schools and currently attends 57 different colleges in the U.S. and abroad. Of the Class of 2019, 9% was invited into 16 honors programs. On average, 87% 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 2019, VMA had 163 AP students: 100% took the AP exams, and 13% were recognized as AP scholars.

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, summarized 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.

VMA Scholars Program
This invitation-based program is for students who receive an academic scholarship. VMA Scholars demonstrate the highest level of cognitive aptitude, intellectual curiosity, and a thirst for learning.
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 27 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.

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<td>Senior Capstone</td>
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<td>Fine Arts (Art and Music)</td>
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Grading
Villa Maria Academy uses a five-point grading system for college entrance, with a minimum of 27 credits required for graduation. Students have opportunities to earn additional credits according to their individual needs and future plans.

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<th>Grade</th>
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Advanced Placement Program
Although 23 AP courses are offered, Villa Maria Academy graduation requirements limit the number of AP courses each student is able to take; generally, students may not enroll in more than 7 AP courses while at VMA.

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<td>Computer Science Principles</td>
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<td>Music Theory</td>
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Standardized Testing for the Class of 2019
VMA reports the middle 50% range of standardized testing.

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<td>550-640</td>
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<td>ACT</td>
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College Acceptances for the Classes of 2016–2019
Enrollment reflected in bold.

- Albright College (2)
- Alvernia University
- American University (4)
- Arcadia University
- Arizona State University
- Art Academy of Cincinnati
- Assumption College
- Auburn University (2)
- Babson College
- Baylor University
- Beloit University
- Bloomsburg University
- Boston College (5)
- Boston University (4)
- Brown University
- Bryant University
- Bucknell University (6)
- Butler University
- Cabrini University (5)
- California College of the Arts
- California Polytechnic State University
- Case Western Reserve University
- Catholic University of America (19)
- Clemson University
- Coastal Carolina University
- Colgate University
- College of Charleston (2)
- College of the Holy Cross (2)
- College of William and Mary
- Colorado State University
- Dickinson College
- Drexel University (9)
- Duke University (2)
- Duquesne University (5)
- East Carolina University (2)
- Eckerd College
- Elizabethtown College
- Elmira College
- Elon University (4)
- Emerson College
- Emory University
- Fairfield University (6)
- Florida Atlantic University
- Florida State University
- Fordham University (7)
- Franklin & Marshall College (6)
- George Washington University (2)
- Georgetown University (2)
- Georgia Institute of Technology
- Gettysburg College (5)
- Gwynedd Mercy University
- High Point University
- Hobart and William Smith Colleges
- Hofstra University
- Hope College
- Illinois Institute of Technology
- Immaculata University (5)
- Ithaca College
- James Madison University (8)
- John Cabot University (Rome)
- Johns Hopkins University (4)
- King's College
- La Salle University (2)
- Lafayette College
- Lebanon Valley College
- Lehigh University (4)
- Liberty University
- Long Island University – Post
- Louisiana State University Abington
- Loyola Marymount University
- Loyola University Chicago
- Loyola University Maryland (12)
- Loyola University New Orleans
- Manhattan College
- Marist College (2)
- Michigan State University (2)
- Misericordia University
- Monmouth University (2)
- Mount Saint Mary's University (4)
- Neumann University
- New York University
- North Carolina State University
- Northeastern University (2)
- Northwestern University
- Ohio State University
- Old Dominion University
- Pace University
- Parsons The New School for Design
- Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts
- Pennsylvania State University (48)
- Pepperdine University
- Pratt Institute (2)
- Providence College (2)
- Purdue University
- Quinnipiac University (3)
- Radford University (2)
- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
- Rhode Island School of Design
- Roanoke College
- Robert Morris University
- Rochester Institute of Technology (2)
- Rowan University
- Rutgers University
- Sacred Heart University
- Saint Francis University
- Saint John's University
- Saint Joseph's University (19)
- Saint Mary's College
- Savannah College of Art and Design (2)
- San Diego State University (5)
- Seton Hall University
- South Dakota State University
- Stevens Institute of Technology
- Syracuse University (7)
- Temple University (11)
- Texas A&M University
- The College of New Jersey
- The New School
- Thomas Edison State College
- Thomas Jefferson University
- Towson University
- Tulane University
- United States Air Force Academy
- United States Merchant Marine Academy
- United States Naval Academy (2)
- University of Aberdeen (Scotland)
- University of Alabama (5)
- University of Arizona
- University of California, Berkeley
- University of California, Los Angeles
- University of California, San Diego
- University of Cincinnati
- University of Colorado Boulder
- University of Connecticut
- University of Dayton
- University of Delaware (14)
- University of Edinburgh (Scotland)
- University of Hartford
- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- University of Kentucky
- University of Maryland, College Park
- University of Massachusetts – Amherst
- University of Miami
- University of Michigan - Ann Arbor
- University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
- University of Mississippi
- University of New Hampshire
- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- University of Notre Dame (6)
- University of Pittsburgh (17)
- University of Rhode Island (2)
- University of Richmond (2)
- University of Rochester
- University of San Diego
- University of San Francisco
- University of Scranton (9)
- University of South Carolina (12)
- University of Southern California (2)
- University of Tennessee
- University of the Sciences
- University of Vermont (2)
- University of Virginia (2)
- University of Washington - Seattle (2)
- University of Wisconsin - Madison (5)
- Ursinus College
- Vanderbilt University
- Villanova University (13)
- Virginia Polytechnic Institute (4)
- Wake Forest University
- Washington College
- West Chester University (13)
- West Virginia University
- Widener University (2)
- Wilkes University
- Wingate University
- Worcester Polytechnic Institute
- Xavier University
- York College of Pennsylvania