



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 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.

Course	Credit	Course	Credit
Theology	4.00	Electives	4.00
English	4.00	Wellness/Counseling	1.00
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 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.

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

Standardized Testing for the Class of 2019

VMA reports the middle 50% range of standardized testing.

SAT 1210-1320	EBRW 580-670	Math 550-640	ACT 23-30
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College Acceptances for the Classes of 2016–2019

Enrollment reflected in bold.

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