



# MERCERSBURG ACADEMY

## Profile 2021-2022

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### NEW TO MERCERSBURG ACADEMY

- » **Mercersburg Academy has moved beyond the Advanced Placement (AP) curriculum.** Transcripts may include AP courses taken prior to the 2020-2021 school year but will include newly designed courses in **Advanced Studies (AS)** thereafter.
- » In 2021-2022, classes will be taught on a block schedule. **Most students will be enrolled in no more than five courses concurrently**, earning five credits per term; students will receive a grade of record in each class at the conclusion of each trimester.
- » In response to the pandemic, students participated in **virtual learning** during the spring term of 2020. In 2020-2021, students had the option to participate in virtual learning by trimester. **Most students were enrolled in no more than two courses concurrently**, earning six credits per trimester. Three-credit classes received two grades of record in marking period one and marking period two; one-credit classes received a single grade of record.

### SCHOOL PROFILE

- » Founded in 1893; a coeducational boarding and day school enrolling students in grades 9-12 and offering a postgraduate year.
- » 445 students from 29 states and the District of Columbia and 36 nations; 29 percent of domestic students identify as students of color; 49 percent of students receive financial aid.
- » 4:1 student-to-faculty ratio; average class size of 12 students.
- » 100 percent of graduates attend a four-year college or university.
- » Accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

### ACADEMIC PROGRAM

- » In 2020-2021, students earned 18-19 credits; most earned six credits per term and one credit through our winter intensive. In most years, students in grades 9 and 10 earn 17-18 credits, while students in grades 11 and 12 earn 15 credits.
- » **Advanced Studies represents the highest level of rigor in all academic disciplines.** Some classes in AS are designed to prepare students for an AP test. In most cases, students may complete a maximum of 12 credits in AS per year.
- » In 2020-2021, the school introduced the Mercersburg Intensive, a three-week immersion in which students and teachers worked as equal learners to explore a topic, genre, question, theme, or skill. This year, our intensives will be a two-week immersion.
- » Successful completion of a capstone experience (MAPS or Springboard) is a graduation requirement for all seniors.
- » Springboard courses are designed using the Challenge-Based Learning model. Each course culminates in student-designed projects that are publishable, permanent, or viewed by the public.
- » MAPS is a selective two-year program that requires language study through level IV or beyond, advanced coursework in at least four core disciplines, and a commitment to community service. MAPS culminates in the completion and defense of a 25- to 30-page thesis (SEARCH) and a 10- to 15-page actionable proposal based upon the thesis.

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### SCHEDULE A VISIT

Mercersburg Academy is located in the Cumberland Valley of Pennsylvania, a few miles north of the Maryland state line. The Washington, D.C./Baltimore area is a 90-minute drive from campus. College admission representatives may schedule an in-person or virtual visit at [maialearning.com](http://maialearning.com).

## STATEMENT ON GPA AND RANK

Mercersburg Academy does not report GPA or class rank. We strongly believe in multiple entry points for students and intentionally grow the class each year. Therefore, cumulative GPA would not accurately reflect the Mercersburg experience, as it would include grades from many different institutions. Official grades for all courses attempted are reported on the transcript.

## STATEMENT ON DISCIPLINE

While seeking to develop self-discipline and responsibility in every student, Mercersburg recognizes the importance of clear boundaries and resulting consequences for overstepping those boundaries in a successful community. While Mercersburg does not report disciplinary infractions to post-secondary institutions, students are expected to self-report the details of final warnings, suspensions, and required withdrawals when asked.

## 2021-2022 COURSE OFFERINGS

### ADVANCED STUDIES

#### English

Language, Rhetoric, and Composition\*  
Literature and Composition

#### History

Art History  
Comparative Government\*  
History of Race and Ethnicity in the U.S.  
World History\*  
U.S. History

#### Language

Francophone Literature  
French Language\*

Hispanic Literature  
Latin Literature  
Latin Vergil/Caesar\*  
Spanish\*

#### Math

Calculus I\*  
Calculus II\*  
Computer Science\*  
Economics\*  
Linear Algebra with Applications  
Statistics

#### Science

Biology  
Chemistry  
Environmental Science  
Organic Chemistry

Physics C Electricity and Magnetism\*  
Physics C Mechanics\*

### HONORS

#### English

Power, Justice, and Authority

#### History

Quinn-Ferguson Honors Seminar

#### Language

Second-Year French  
Second-Year Latin  
Second-Year Spanish  
Third-Year French  
Third-Year German  
Third-Year Latin  
Third-Year Spanish

#### Math

Algebra II  
Precalculus

#### Science

Chemistry  
Physics

### ACCELERATED

#### Mathematics

Algebra II  
Geometry  
Precalculus

### SENIOR CAPSTONE

#### MAPS

SEARCH: Global Studies Research Thesis

Thought, Knowledge, and Belief

#### Springboard

Application Design  
Commarts: The Art and Business of Graphic Design  
Applied Economics: Entrepreneurship  
Food for Thought  
Maker's Lab  
Open Topic  
Positive Psychology  
The Fight Against Disease  
Write Your Novel

\*Courses aligned with the AP curriculum

A complete list of courses and descriptions can be found at [mercersburg.edu/courses](http://mercersburg.edu/courses).

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

English	Four years
History	Three years, including a course in U.S. history
Mathematics	Through Algebra II
Science	Three years; includes biology and either chemistry or physics
Religion	One term
Languages	Through the third year of a language or until graduation
Arts	Four terms in two areas
Interdisciplinary	Completion of MAPS or Springboard

Graduation requirements vary depending on year of entry.

## SAT/ACT SUMMARY (CLASS OF 2021)

SAT: 42 Test Takers	Middle 50%	Mean
EBRW	630-730	672
MATH	610-800	689
ACT: 65 Test Takers	Middle 50%	Mean
	26-31	28

Each member of the graduating class is represented in SAT or ACT results, not both. These summaries do not include one-year seniors or postgraduate students.

For a complete list of college, university, and service academy acceptances for our senior class, visit [mercersburg.edu/acceptances](http://mercersburg.edu/acceptances).