



VILLA MARIA ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL

EMPOWERING YOUNG WOMEN SINCE 1872

School Profile 2020–2021

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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.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

VMA is committed to creating an inclusive and diverse community, which respects and promotes the integration of underrepresented groups into its community. VMA recognizes the many dimensions of diversity and the broad, complex, and dynamic nature of human difference and similarity. Diversity and inclusion are essential in an educational environment, including preparing students for citizenship in a global society and sharing VMA's mission as a Catholic and IHM Congregational school.

Faculty

There are 57 faculty members, including both religious and lay women and men. 86% hold a master's degree or higher. The VMA Counseling Department consists of 5 full-time staff members.

Enrollment

There are 393 female students enrolled in grades 9 through 12 in the 2020-21 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 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 2020 applied to 217 schools and currently attend 64 different colleges. 17% of the Class of 2020 were invited into 24 honors programs. This class earned a total of \$19.1 million in scholarships.

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 and year-end grade reports. In 2020, VMA had 154 AP students; all AP level students are required to take the AP exam. 43% were recognized as AP scholars, with honor, with distinction and with national rank.

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 discipline infractions that occur after applications have been submitted to colleges.

Senior Capstone Program

This program is an inquiry-based experience, driven by student interest, and 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

VMA 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 with Immaculata University. This is suitable for students who have exceeded the high school curriculum offering.

VMA Scholars Program

This program is an invitation-based opportunity for students who excel on their high school entrance exam and receive an academic scholarship to attend Villa Maria. Students asked to be a part of this program demonstrate the highest level of cognitive aptitude, intellectual curiosity, and a thirst for learning.

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 to have a GPA greater than 4.1.

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 Courses

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

Graduation Requirements

Villa Maria offers a four-year, eight-semester, college preparatory program. All students take a minimum of 27 credits. Each major subject equals one credit. All courses are offered at college prep, honors, or advanced placement levels.

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

2018-2020 College Admissions and Enrollment

Enrollment by a member of the Class of 2020 is shown in bold.

American University (3)	Pennsylvania State University (Main Campus) (27)
Auburn University (4)	Pepperdine University
Babson College	Pratt Institute (Main Campus)
Baylor University (2)	Providence College
Belmont University	Purdue University (Main Campus)
Boston College (4)	Radford University
Boston University (4)	Rhode Island School of Design
Brown University	Rochester Institute of Technology
Bryant University	Saint Joseph's University (13)
Bucknell University (5)	Saint Mary's College
Cabrini University (2)	San Diego State University (4)
California College of the Arts	School of Visual Arts
California Polytechnic State University (San Luis Obispo)	Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania (2)
Catholic University of America (15)	Stevens Institute of Technology
Clemson University (3)	Susquehanna University
Colgate University	Syracuse University (3)
College of Charleston (3)	Temple University (4)
College of William and Mary	The Ohio State University (Main Campus)
College of the Holy Cross	The University of Alabama (2)
Columbia University	The University of Tampa
Cornell University (2)	The University of Tennessee (Knoxville)
Delaware County Community College	Towson University
DeSales University (4)	Tulane University of Louisiana
Dickinson College	United States Naval Academy
Drexel University (7)	University of Aberdeen
Duke University (2)	University of Arizona
Duquesne University (2)	University of California (Berkeley)
East Carolina University	University of California (Los Angeles) (2)
Elizabethtown College	University of Cincinnati (Main Campus)
Elon University (3)	University of Connecticut
Fairfield University (7)	University of Delaware (10)
Florida Atlantic University	University of Florida
Fordham University (4)	University of Hartford
Franciscan University of Steubenville	University of Iowa
Franklin & Marshall College (5)	University of Kentucky
George Washington University	University of La Verne
Georgetown University	University of Lynchburg
Georgia Institute of Technology (Main Campus)	University of Massachusetts (Amherst) (2)
Gettysburg College (2)	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (2)
High Point University (3)	University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Immaculata University (2)	University of Notre Dame (7)
Indiana University (Bloomington)	University of Pittsburgh (Main Campus) (21)
James Madison University (7)	University of Richmond (2)
Jefferson (East Falls Campus)	University of Rochester
Johns Hopkins University (2)	University of San Francisco
La Salle University (2)	University of Scranton (6)
Lehigh University (2)	University of South Carolina (8)
Lipscomb University	University of Southern California (2)
Lock Haven University	University of Vermont
Loyola Marymount University	University of Virginia (Main Campus)
Loyola University Maryland (11)	University of Washington (Seattle Campus) (2)
Michigan State University	University of Wisconsin (Madison) (2)
Millersville University of Pennsylvania	Ursinus College
Morgan State University	Vanderbilt University
Mount St Mary's University (2)	Villanova University (9)
Neumann University	Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (3)
New York University (2)	Wake Forest University
Northwestern University	West Chester University of Pennsylvania (17)
Old Dominion University	West Virginia University
Oregon State University	Widener University
Parsons School of Design at The New School	Wingate University
Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts	Xavier University
Pennsylvania State University (Abington)	