



VILLA MARIA ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL

EMPOWERING YOUNG WOMEN SINCE 1872

School Profile 2021–2022

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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 58 faculty members, including both religious and lay women and men. 83% hold a master's degree or higher. The VMA Counseling Department consists of 7 full-time staff members.

Enrollment

There are 403 female students enrolled in grades 9 through 12 in the 2021-22 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 2021 applied to 209 schools and currently attend 62 different colleges, with 24% of the class enrolled in honors programs. This class earned a total of over \$25 million in scholarships.

Academic Profile

All VMA students complete 4 years of core courses, 3 lab sciences, at least 3.5 credits in electives, and a Senior Capstone Project. VMA operates on a block schedule with semester and year-end grade reports. In 2021, VMA had 135 AP students; all AP-level students are required to take the AP exam.

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 offerings.

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
 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 28 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	3.50
Health/Physical Education	2.00
Fine Arts (Art and Music)	1.00
Senior Capstone	1.00
Technology	0.50

2019-2021 College Admissions and Enrollment

Enrollment by a member of the Class of 2021 is shown in bold.

Albright College	King's College	The University of Tampa
Alvernia University	Kutztown University of Pennsylvania	The University of Tennessee (Main Campus)
American University	La Salle University	Thomas Jefferson University
Anglo-American University	Lafayette College	Towson University
Arcadia University	Lawrence Technological University	Trinity College Dublin
Arizona State University (Main Campus)	Lebanon Valley College	Tufts University
Auburn University	Lehigh University	Tulane University of Louisiana
Babson College	Liberty University	University of Aberdeen
Bangor University	Lipscomb University	University of Arizona
Baylor University	Lock Haven University	University of California (Berkeley)
Belmont University	Louisiana State University	University of California (Davis)
Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania	Loyola University Chicago	University of California (Irvine)
Bocconi University	Loyola University Maryland	University of California (Los Angeles)
Boston College	Lynn University	University of California (San Diego)
Boston University	Manhattan College	University of California (Santa Barbara)
Brown University	Marist College	University of California (Santa Cruz)
Bryant University	Marquette University	University of Central Florida
Bryn Mawr College	Maryland Institute College of Art	University of Cincinnati (Main Campus)
Bucknell University	Marymount University	University of Colorado Boulder
Butler University	Mercyhurst University	University of Connecticut
Cabrini University	Miami University (Oxford)	University of Dayton
California College of the Arts	Michigan State University	University of Delaware
California Polytechnic State University (San Luis Obispo)	Middle Tennessee State University	University of Florida
Catholic University of America	Millersville University of Pennsylvania	University of Georgia
Chatham University	Moravian College	University of Hartford
Chestnut Hill College	Morgan State University	University of Hawaii at Manoa
Clarkson University	Mount Holyoke College	University of Illinois at Chicago
Clemson University	Mount St Mary's University	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Coastal Carolina University	Muhlenberg College	University of Iowa
Colgate University	Neumann University	University of Kentucky
College of Charleston	New York University	University of La Verne
College of the Holy Cross	Norfolk State University	University of Lynchburg
College of William and Mary	North Carolina State University	University of Maine
Colorado State University (Fort Collins)	Northeastern University	University of Mary Washington
Columbia University	Ohio University (Main Campus)	University of Maryland (Baltimore County)
Cornell University	Old Dominion University	University of Maryland (College Park)
Delaware County Community College	Oregon State University	University of Maryland Eastern Shore
Delaware Valley University	Pace University (New York City)	University of Massachusetts (Amherst)
DePaul University	Palm Beach Atlantic University	University of Miami
DeSales University	Pennsylvania College of Art and Design	University of Minnesota (Twin Cities)
Drew University	Pennsylvania State University (Abington)	University of Mississippi
Drexel University	Pennsylvania State University (Main Campus)	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Duke University	Pennsylvania State University (Schuylkill)	University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Duquesne University	Pepperdine University	University of North Carolina Wilmington
East Carolina University	Pratt Institute (Main Campus)	University of Notre Dame
East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania	Prescott College	University of Pittsburgh (Bradford)
Eastern University	Providence College	University of Pittsburgh (Main Campus)
Elizabethtown College	Purdue University (Main Campus)	University of Rhode Island
Elon University	Quinnipiac University	University of Richmond
Emerson College	Ringling College of Art and Design	University of San Diego
Fairfield University	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of San Francisco
Fairleigh Dickinson University (Florham)	Rosemont College	University of Scranton
Florida Atlantic University	Rutgers University (New Brunswick)	University of South Carolina
Florida Southern College	Saint Francis University	University of South Florida (Main Campus)
Florida State University	Saint Joseph's University	University of Southampton
Fordham University	Saint Michael's College	University of Southern California
Franciscan University of Steubenville	Saint Peter's University	University of the Sciences
Franklin & Marshall College	San Diego State University	University of Utah
Furman University	Savannah College of Art and Design	University of Vermont
George Mason University	School of the Art Institute of Chicago	University of Virginia (Main Campus)
George Washington University	School of Visual Arts	University of Washington (Seattle Campus)
Georgetown University	Seton Hall University	University of Wisconsin (Madison)
Georgia Institute of Technology (Main Campus)	Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania	Ursinus College
Gettysburg College	Siena College	Villanova University
Gwynedd Mercy University	Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania	Virginia Tech
High Point University	Southeastern University	Virginia Wesleyan University
Hofstra University	St John's University (New York)	Wake Forest University
Immaculata University	St Lawrence University	Washington & Jefferson College
Indiana University (Bloomington)	St. Bonaventure University	Washington and Lee University
Indiana University of Pennsylvania (Main Campus)	Susquehanna University	Washington College
Ithaca College	Swarthmore College	Wellesley College
James Madison University	Sweet Briar College	Wentworth Institute of Technology
Jefferson (East Falls Campus)	Syracuse University	West Chester University of Pennsylvania
John Cabot University	Temple University	West Virginia University
Johns Hopkins University	Texas A & M University	Western Oregon University
Juniata College	The Ohio State University (Main Campus)	Westfield State University
Kent State University	The University of Alabama	Widener University
	The University of Edinburgh	Wingate University
	The University of Manchester	Xavier University
		York College Pennsylvania