



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.

Spring 2020 Virtual Learning and Grading, 2020-21 Academic Year

VMA transitioned to virtual learning on March 30th, 2020, at the end of the 3rd quarter. Remote classes were 60 minutes in a block schedule with each day beginning at 8:30 a.m. and ending at 2:30 p.m. The school mantra for this unique experience was, "The school building might be closed, but school is not." Online classes were live and included lectures, class discussions, homework, and assessments. VMA students earned complete, alpha/numeric Semester 2 grades. VMA welcomed all students back for in person instruction during the 2020-2021 school year. VMA implemented a 3-phase safety plan, each with specific protocols and a plan for virtual learning if necessary. Classes were 5 days a week, structured with a 4x4 block schedule for 2 semesters. Normal letter grading was in place for the 2020-2021 academic year.

Fall 2021 Academic Plan

VMA began the 2021-2022 academic year in-person, on August 27, 2021, returning to our pre-COVID modified AB block schedule. Normal letter grading remains in place.

Advanced Placement Program

VMA offers 23 AP courses. Students are limited in the amount of AP courses they can take during grades 9 and 10.

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

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 28 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	Course	Credit
Theology	4.00	Science	3.00	Senior Capstone	1.00
English.....	4.00	World Language	3.00	Fine Arts (Art & Music).....	1.00
Mathematics.....	3.00	Electives.....	3.50	Technology.....	0.50
Social Studies.....	3.00	Health/Phys. Ed.....	2.00		

Grading Scale

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	B+ (90-88).....	3.5	C+ (82-80).....	2.5	D+ (74-73).....	1.5
A (97-93).....	4.0	B (87-85).....	3.0	C (79-77).....	2.0	D (72-70).....	1.0
A- (92-91).....	3.8	B- (84-83).....	2.8	C- (76-75).....	1.8	F (69).....	0.0

Standardized Testing

Villa Maria reports the middle 50% range of standardized testing.

Class of 2021

SAT: 1110 – 1320	EBRW: 520 – 770	Math 430 – 740	ACT: 21 – 28
Mean: 1242	Mean: 627	Mean: 614	Mean: 26

Class of 2020

SAT: 1110 - 1320	EBRW: 570 - 660	Math: 530 - 670	ACT: 21 – 28
Mean: 1166	Mean: 585	Mean: 580	Mean: 24

Class of 2019

SAT: 1110-1360	EBRW: 570-680	Math: 550-680	ACT: 20-28
Mean: 1202	Mean: 607	Mean: 595	Mean: 26

College Enrollments for the Class of 2021

Alvernia University
 American University
 Anglo-American University
 Baylor University
 Bocconi University
 Boston College
 Boston University
 Bryn Mawr College (2)
 Bucknell University
 California Polytechnic State University (San Luis Obispo)
 Catholic University of America (3)
 Clemson University
 College of Charleston (2)
 Cornell University
 Elizabethtown College
 Elon University
 Fairfield University (3)
 Fordham University (2)
 Franklin & Marshall College
 Furman University
 Georgetown University
 Gettysburg College
 James Madison University (2)
 Jefferson (East Falls Campus)
 Lehigh University (2)
 Marist College
 Marymount University
 Middle Tennessee State University
 Mount Holyoke College
 Mount St Mary's University
 Pennsylvania State University (Main Campus) (8)
 Pepperdine University
 Providence College (2)
 Saint Joseph's University (2)
 Savannah College of Art and Design (2)
 School of Visual Arts
 Southeastern University
 Swarthmore College
 Sweet Briar College
 Syracuse University (3)
 Temple University (4)
 The Ohio State University (Main Campus)
 The University of Alabama
 Towson University
 Trinity College Dublin
 Tufts University
 Tulane University of Louisiana
 University of California (Davis)
 University of California (Los Angeles)
 University of California (Santa Barbara)
 University of Central Florida
 University of Delaware (6)
 University of Miami
 University of Notre Dame (2)
 University of Pittsburgh (Main Campus) (8)
 University of Richmond (2)
 University of Scranton (5)
 University of South Carolina (3)
 University of Virginia (Main Campus)
 Villanova University (4)
 West Chester University of Pennsylvania (3)
 Xavier University