



ATLANTA CLASSICAL ACADEMY

2020-2021 SCHOOL PROFILE

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History & Mission

Founded in 2014, Atlanta Classical Academy (ACA) is an open-enrollment, AdvancedED-accredited, K-12 public charter school for students who live in the Atlanta Public Schools district.

The mission of Atlanta Classical Academy is to develop students in mind and character through a classical, content-rich curriculum that emphasizes the principles of virtuous living, traditional learning, and civic responsibility.

National and State Honors

ACA was awarded the Salvatori Prize for Teaching in 2019.

ACA is a 2019 AP Honors School in Georgia.

The Classes of 2019 and 2020 included three National Merit SemiFinalists and one National Merit Commended Scholar.

Atlanta Classical Academy's first and second graduating classes (Classes of 2019 and 2020) had a 100% college acceptance rate and received \$8.3 million in scholarship money.

2021 SAT Scores

SAT (Class of 2021):

Ranked at/above 90th percentile: **15%**
Ranked at/above 75th percentile: **34%**
ELA ranked at/above 90th percentile: **24%**
ELA ranked at/above 75% percentile: **39%**
Math ranked at/above 90% percentile: **12%**
Math ranked at/above 75% percentile: **29%**

Faculty

The high school faculty of Atlanta Classical Academy has 36 members. Teachers are hired based on their mastery of academic disciplines in the liberal arts and sciences; certification is not required.

76% of the high-school faculty have a Master's degree or PhD, and **29%** have taught at the college level.

Enrollment

Upper School (7-12) - **308** (38% students from diverse backgrounds)
Elementary School (K-6) - **379** (29% students from diverse backgrounds)
Total Enrollment - **687** (33% students from diverse backgrounds)

Class of 2021: 42 Students

19% of the Class of 2021 are **First Generation College Students**

Grading & Grade Point Average

Grade point averages are computed using semester grades and the grading scale below. Atlanta Classical Academy strongly discourages grade inflation.

A 94-100 (4.0)	A- 90-93 (3.7)	B+ 87-89 (3.3)
B 84-86 (3.0)	B- 80-83 (2.7)	C+ 77-79 (2.3)
C 74-76 (2.0)	C- 70-73 (1.7)	F Below 70 (0.0)

Two GPAs are computed for grades 9-12: a cumulative overall GPA and a cumulative overall weighted GPA. The cumulative overall GPA is based on semester grades earned in all credited subjects graded A-F. The cumulative overall weighted GPA includes additional AP credits earned (+.5).

Cumulative Unweighted GPAs:

Class of 2021		Class of 2022	
20%	3.75 and above	31%	3.75 and above
17%	3.5 to 3.75	18%	3.5 to 3.75
29%	3.0 to 3.5	23%	3.0 to 3.5
22%	2.5 to 3.0	12%	2.5 to 3.0
12%	Below 2.5	16%	Below 2.5

Atlanta Classical Academy does not share disciplinary infractions with post-secondary institutions. Students are expected to honestly answer questions regarding their disciplinary history, and to disclose any disciplinary infractions.

60%

of students participate
in Sports or Athletic Clubs

53%

of students participate
in Fine Arts programs

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student-led
Clubs

Because of the rigorous nature of our program, our students' high standing on national norms, and the small size of our program, Atlanta Classical Academy does not calculate class rank.

A CLASSICAL EDUCATION FOR MODERN TIMES

A classical education is a liberal arts education intended to equip students for virtuous, knowledgeable, and happy lives. Our students will be engaged citizens and intellectually rigorous contributors, well qualified for future studies in law, medicine, business, engineering, technology, theology or any other professional or vocational pursuit.

In the **humanities**, students engage in Socratic discussion, as teachers propose questions based on close readings of complete works. Freshmen read *The Iliad* and *The Aeneid* and delve into the works of historians and philosophers such as Thucydides, Herodotus, Plato, and Plutarch. In their sophomore year, students read Shakespeare, Chaucer, Dickens, and Austen, while considering the religious and political contributions of Augustine through Adam Smith. Students discover America in their junior year, completing courses in American Literature, American History, and American Government. They read the founding documents as well as the influential Federalist papers and other writings of the founders, presidents, authors, and activists of the 19th century. Finally, the senior year focuses on modern times with works by Fyodor Dostoyevsky and George Orwell and a study of the presidencies, wars, politics, and theories that shaped the era.

Mathematics and **science** classes place an emphasis on the search for truth and beauty and the primacy of logic (including Euclidian Geometry), as well as deductive reasoning as students move from foundational to more advanced courses.

After three years of **Latin** in grades 6-8, students take 3 years of Spanish or Latin in high school, with at least two consecutive years in the same language.

Other required courses include at least one semester of **Composition** that emphasizes coherent, concise, and compelling writing and habits of clear thinking. Tenth grade students take **Moral Philosophy**, with a focus on the moral traditions of Western Civilization.

Students may continue to build upon **music theory** and **art history** instruction received during their elementary and middle school years by participating in **performance ensembles** and **advanced art classes**.

Seniors must write a 15-page **Senior Thesis** and defend it before faculty members and peers.

Curriculum (24 credits required)

English (4.0 credits)

Classical Literature
British Literature
American Literature
Modern European Literature

History (4.5 credits)

Western Civilization I (Classical)
Western Civilization II (Medieval)
American History (1.5 credits)
Modern European History

Mathematics (4.0 credits)

Algebra I
Geometry
Algebra II
Pre-Calculus
Calculus

Science (4.0 credits)

Biology
Chemistry
Physics

Foreign Language (3.0 credits)

Latin I-VI
Spanish I-III

Additional Requirements (3.0 credits)

Composition, Moral Philosophy,
American Government, Economics,
Political Philosophy

Electives (1.5 credits)

Advanced Composition, Computer
Science I, Leadership, Performance
Ensemble I-IV, Studio Art I-III,
Personal Fitness/Health, German

AP Offerings: Computer Science
Principles, Computer Science A,
Latin, Biology, Art History,
Chemistry, Physics I, Calculus BC

Advanced Placement (AP)

Advanced Placement coursework is available in 10th grade, with additional AP courses offered in following years, particularly in math, science, and Latin. Students enrolled in an AP course are expected to take the corresponding exam. Because all our high school courses are rigorous and follow a coherent trajectory, Atlanta Classical Academy offers AP courses only when they closely align with the curriculum. **Students must first complete the non-AP core course and may take optional follow-on AP courses only when this is recommended by their teachers.**

The Classes of 2019 and 2020 have been accepted into the following institutions:

Auburn University	Emory University	Kenyon College	
Agnes Scott College	Erasmus School of Economics	Loyola University (Chicago)	
Babson University	Fisk University	Loyola University (New Orleans)	University of Georgia
Belmont University	Florida State University	Macalester College	University of North Carolina
Berry College	Fordham University	Marquette University	University of Notre Dame
Boston College	Furman University	Mercer University	University of Richmond
Brandeis University	George Washington University	Oglethorpe University	University of South Carolina
Bucknell University	Georgia College & State University	Rhodes College	University of St. Andrews
Case Western University	Georgia Southern University	Samford University	University of Virginia
Cedarville University	Georgia State University	Sewanee: University of the South	University of West Virginia
Concordia University	Georgia Institute of Technology	Southern Methodist University	Ursinus College
Connecticut College	High Point University	Texas Christian University	Wake Forest University
Davidson College	Hillsdale College	Tufts University	Washington & Lee University
Denison College	Hollins University	University of Alabama	The College of William & Mary
DePauw University	Howard University	University of Geneva	Young Harris College

Courage

Courtesy

Honesty

Perseverance

Self-Government

Service