



2022-2023 School Profile

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ABOUT

Founded in 2014, Atlanta Classical Academy (ACA) is an open-enrollment, AdvancedEDaccredited, 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.

ENROLLMENT

Upper School (7-12) **288** (28% students from diverse backgrounds)
Elementary School (K-6) **383** (30% students from diverse backgrounds)
Total Enrollment **671** (31% students from diverse backgrounds)

FACULTY

The high school faculty of Atlanta Classical Academy has 34 members. Teachers are hired based on their mastery of academic disciplines in the liberal arts and sciences; certification is not required.

82% of the high-school faculty have a Master's degree or PhD, and **44%** have taught at the college level.

NATIONAL & STATE HONORS

ACA was awarded the Salvatori Prize for Teaching in 2019. ACA is a 2019 AP Honors School in Georgia.

CLASS OF 2023

32 students total
16% of the Class of 2023 are First Generation College Students

DISCIPLINE

Atlanta Classical 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.

CLASS RANK

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.

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 **B** **C** **D**
90-100 (4.0) 80-89 (3.0) 70-79 (2.0) Below 70 (F)

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 an additional 10 percentage points for AP courses.

| Class of 2023 | | Class of 2024 | |
|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| 22% | 3.90 and above | 29% | 3.75 and above |
| 32% | 3.5 to 3.89 | 21% | 3.5 to 3.74 |
| 31% | 3.0 to 3.49 | 32% | 3.0 to 3.49 |
| 15% | 2.0 to 2.9 | 17% | 2.0 to 2.9 |
| 0% | Below 2.0 | 0% | Below 2.0 |

69%

of students scored a 3 or above on Advanced Placements tests. The average score on the A.P. Calculus BC test was 4.5.

70%

of students involved in Athletics

53%

of students involved in Fine Arts

28

Student Clubs

1060-1350

Class of 2023 SAT Composite Middle 50%

\$20.2M

Financial aid recieved by Atlanta Classical Academy's first four graduating classes (Classes of 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022). Each class had a graduation rate of 100%.

Class of 2022 Graduates are attending:

2% military

8% two-year college

90% four-year college

CURRICULUM

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

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.**

| High School Curriculum (Class of 2024 and Beyond) * | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Area of Study | APS Req. Credits | Req. Credits | Duration | Ninth | | Tenth | | Eleventh | | Twelfth | | | |
| Literature | 4 | 4 | Year | Classical Lit | | British Lit | | American Lit | | Modern European Lit. (with senior thesis) | | | |
| History | 3 | 4 | Year | Western Civ I | | Western Civ II | | American History | | Modern European History | | | |
| Math | 4 | 4 (in 9-12) | Year | Algebra I | Geometry | | Algebra II | | Pre-Calculus or Statistics | | | | |
| | | | Year | Geometry | Algebra II | | Pre-Calculus | | Calculus I or AP Calculus BC | | | | |
| | | | Year | Algebra II | Pre-Calculus | | Calculus I | | AP Calculus BC | | | | |
| Science | 4 | 4 | Year | Biology | Chemistry | | Physics | | Physiology | | | | |
| | | | | Biology | AP Biology | | Chemistry | | Physics or AP Physics | | | | |
| | | | | Biology | Chemistry | | AP Chemistry | | Physics or AP Physics | | | | |
| | | | | Biology | AP Biology (Year) + Chem Intensive (S2) | | AP Chemistry | | AP Physics | | | | |
| Foreign Language | 2 | 3 (in 9-12) 2 Credits of Same Language | Year | Latin III | Latin IV | | Latin V | | Latin VI or AP Latin or Elective | | | | |
| | | | Year | Spanish I | Spanish II | | Spanish III | | Spanish IV or Elective | | | | |
| Fine Arts | 1 | 0.5 | Semester | | | | | Fine Arts Comprehensive | | | | | |
| Personal Fitness / Health | 1 | 1 | Semester | Personal Fitness | Health | | | | | | | | |
| Additional ACA Requirements | N/A | 3 | Semester | Composition | | | Moral Philosophy | | | American Government | Political Philosophy | Economics | Lessons in Wonder |
| Electives | 4 | 0.5 | Semester | Students take one semester-long elective course any time during 9-12 grade. An elective course is any credit-earning course that is not listed as a graduation requirement elsewhere. | | | | | | | | | |
| Credits Required for Graduation | 24 | 24 | | | | | | | | | | | |

Notes:

- Students must take Biology, Chemistry, and Physics (or AP Physics) to graduate
- Health and Personal fitness supersede students' elective preferences if not completed by the end of 9th grade
- All AP Classes require teacher approval
- No credit for Study Skills/Study Hall

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Beginning with our first graduating class in 2019, Atlanta Classical Academy students have been accepted to the following colleges and universities.

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| Agnes Scott College | George Washington University | Spelman College |
| Alabama State University | Georgia College & State University | St. Thomas University (FL) |
| Albany State University | Georgia Institute of Technology | Temple University |
| Allegheny College | Georgia Southern University | Tennessee State University |
| Appalachian State University | Georgia State University | Texas A&M University |
| Arcadia University | Grand Canyon University | Texas Christian University |
| Arizona State University | Grove City College | Texas Southern University |
| Atlanta Metro State College | Guilford College | Toulouse Business School in Barcelona |
| Auburn University | Hampton College | Tulane University |
| Augusta University | Harvard College | Tuskegee University |
| Babson University | High Point University | Tufts University |
| Baylor University | Hillsdale College | Union College (NY) |
| Belmont University | Hobart William Smith Colleges | University of Alabama |
| Berry College | Hollins University | University of Alabama at Birmingham |
| Boston College | Houghton College | University of Arizona |
| Boston University | Howard University | University of East London |
| Brandeis University | Indiana University | University of California-Davis |
| Brenau University | Jackson State University | University of Cincinnati |
| Bucknell University | Jacksonville University | University of Colorado Boulder |
| Case Western University | Kennesaw State University | University of Geneva - Switzerland |
| Cedarville University | Kentucky State University | University of Georgia |
| Centre College | Kenyon College | University of Kentucky |
| Citadel Military College | Lafayette College | The University of Lausanne - Switzerland |
| Chattahoochee Technical College | Louisiana State University | University of Louisville |
| Chowan University | Loyola University (Chicago) | University of Mississippi |
| Christopher Newport University | Loyola University (Maryland) | University of Missouri |
| Clark Atlanta University | Loyola University (New Orleans) | University of New Haven |
| Clayton State University | Macalester College | University of North Carolina |
| Clemson University | Marquette University | University of North Georgia |
| Coastal Carolina University | Mercer University | University of North Texas |
| College of Charleston | Miami University (OH) | University of Notre Dame |
| College of Coastal Georgia | Michigan State University | University of Pittsburgh |
| College of the Holy Cross | Middle Tennessee State University | University of Richmond |
| The College of William and Mary | Middlebury College | University of South Carolina |
| The College of Wooster | Mississippi State University | University of St. Andrews |
| Columbia University | Morgan State University | University of St. Thomas (MN) |
| Concordia University | The New School | University of Tennessee |
| Connecticut College | North Carolina A&T State University | University of Vermont |
| The Cooper Union | North Carolina Central University | University of Virginia |
| Davidson College | Oglethorpe University | University of West Georgia |
| Denison College | The Ohio State University | University of West Virginia |
| DePaul University | The Pennsylvania State University | University of Wyoming |
| DePauw University | Peru State College | Ursinus College |
| Dickinson College | Piedmont College | Valdosta State University |
| Drexel University | Presbyterian College | Vanderbilt University |
| Duke University | Purdue University | Virginia Commonwealth University |
| Elon University | Queens College of Charlotte | Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University |
| Emerson College | Randolph College | Wake Forest University |
| Emory & Henry College | Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute | Washington & Lee University |
| Emory University | Rhodes College | West Virginia University |
| Erasmus School of Economics | Rochester Institute of Technology | Western Carolina University |
| Fisk University | Rollins College | Wheaton College |
| Flagler College | Samford University | William & Mary |
| Florida Southern College | Savannah College of Art & Design (SCAD) | Wingate University |
| Florida State University | Seton Hall University | Wofford College |
| Fordham University | Sewanee: The University of the South | Woodbury University |
| Fort Valley State University | Shorter University | Xavier University of Louisiana |
| Furman University | Southern Methodist University | Young Harris College |
| Gardner-Webb University | Southern University and A&M College | |
