2023-2024 School Profile

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ABOUT

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.

ENROLLMENT

Upper School (7-12) Elementary School (K-6) Total Enrollment 291 (30% students from diverse backgrounds)

387 (34% students from diverse backgrounds)

678 (32% students from diverse backgrounds)

FACULTY

The high school faculty of Atlanta Classical Academy has 35 members. Teachers are hired based on their mastery of academic disciplines in the liberal arts and sciences; certification is not required.

69% of the high-school faculty have a Master's degree or PhD, and **28%** have taught at the college level.

NATIONAL & STATE HONORS

ACA was awarded the Salvatori Prize for Teaching in 2019 and 2023. ACA is an AP Honors School in Georgia.

CLASS OF 2023

32 students total 19% of the Class of 2024 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		

100%

of students scored a 3 or above on the Advanced Placement Biology test. The average score on the AP Latin test was 4.75.

70%

of students involved in Athletics

56%

of students involved in Fine Arts

28

Student Clubs

1050-1310

Class of 2024 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%.

100%

of the Class of 2023 attends four-year colleges.

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)												
Area of Study	APS Req. Credits	Req. Credits	Duration	n Ninth		Tenth	Eleventh		Twelfth			
Literature	4	4.5	Year Semester	Classical Lit		British Lit	American Lit		Modern European Lit. (with senior thesis)			
History	3	4	Year	·		Western Civ II	American History		Modern European History			
			Year	Algebra I		Geometry	Algebra II		Pre-Calculus (or AMDM)			
Math	4	4 (during 9-12)	Year	Geometry		Algebra II	Pre-Calculus		Calculus I or AP Calculus BC			
				Biology		Chemistry	Physics		Physiology			
				Biology		AP Biology	Chemistry		Physics or AP Physics			
Science	4	4	Year	Biology		Chemistry	AP Chemistry		Physics or AP Physics			
		3 (in 9-12)	Year	Latin III		Latin IV	AP Latin or Latin V		Latin VI or AP Latin			
Foreign Language	2	2 Credits of Same Language	Year	Spanish I		Spanish II	Spanish III		Spanish IV			
Personal Fitness / Health	1	1	Semester	Personal Fitness	Health							
Additional ACA Requirements	N/A	2.5	Semester			Moral Philosophy	American Government	Political Philosophy	Economics	Lessons in Wonder		
Electives	4	1	Semester	Students take two 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										

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Beginning with our first graduating class in 2019, Atlanta Classical Academy students have been accepted to colleges and universities across the globe, including the institutions listed below.

Agnes Scott College Alabana State University Albany State University Allegheny College

Appalachian State University

Arcadia University Arizona State University Atlanta Metro State College Auburn University

Augusta University Babson University Baylor University **Belmont University** Berry College **Boston College Boston University Brandeis University Brenau University Bucknell University**

California College of the Arts Case Western University Cedarville University Centre College

Citadel Military College

Chattahoochee Technical College Christopher Newport University

Clark Atlanta University Clayton State University Clemson University Coastal Carolina University College of Charleston College of Coastal Georgia College of the Holy Cross The College of William and Mary

The College of Wooster Columbia University Concordia University Connecticut College The Cooper Union Davidson College Denison College DePaul University DePauw University

Dickinson College **Drexel University Duke University** Elon University **Emerson College** Emory & Henry College **Emory University**

Erasmus School of Economics

Fisk University Flagler College

Florida Southern College Florida State University

Fordham University Fort Valley State University Furman University Gardner-Webb University

George Washington University Georgia College & State University Georgia Institute of Technology Georgia Southern University Georgia State University Grove City College Guilford College

Hampton College Harvard College High Point University Hillsdale College

Hobart William Smith College

Hollins University Houghton College Howard University Indiana University Jackson State University Jacksonville University Kennesaw State University Kentucky State University

Kenyon College Lafayette College Louisiana State University

Loyola University (Chicago) Loyola University (Maryland) Loyola University (New Orleans)

Macalester College Marquette University Mercer University Miami University (OH) Michigan State University Middle Tennessee State University

Middlebury College Mississippi State University Morgan State University Morehouse College The New School

North Carolina A&T State University North Carolina Central University Oglethorpe University

The Ohio State University The Pennsylvania State University

Piedmont College Presbyterian College **Purdue University**

Queens College of Charlotte

Randolph College

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Rhodes College

Rochester Institute of Technology

Rollins College Samford University

Savannah College of Art & Design (SCAD)

Seton Hall University

Sewanee: The University of the South

Shorter University

Southern Methodist University Southern University and A&M College

Spelman College

St. Thomas University (FL) Temple University Tennessee State University Texas A&M University

Texas Christian University Texas Southern University

Toulouse Business School in Barcelona

Tulane University Tuskegee University **Tufts University** Union College (NY) University of Alabama

University of Alabama at Birmingham

University of Arizona University of East London University of California-Davis University of Cincinnati University of Colorado Boulder University of Geneva - Switzerland

University of Georgia University of Kentucky

The University of Lausanne - Switzerland

University of Louisville University of Mississippi University of Missouri University of Montana University of New Haven University of North Carolina University of North Georgia University of North Texas University of Notre Dame University of Pittsburgh University of Richmond University of South Carolina University of St. Andrews

University of St. Thomas (MN) University of Tennessee University of Vermont University of Virginia University of West Georgia University of West Virginia University of Wyoming Ursinus College Valdosta State University Vanderbilt University

Virginia Commonwealth University Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State

University

Wake Forest University Washington & Lee University West Virginia University Western Carolina University

Wheaton College Wingate University Wofford College Woodbury University Xavier University of Louisiana

Young Harris College