

# MARS HILL ACADEMY



*A Classical and Christian School*

## 2023-2024 SCHOOL PROFILE

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Mars Hill Academy is a PK-12 co-educational, independent, day school whose foundation of instruction is the historic Christian tradition and the classical liberal arts and sciences. Our mission is to equip students with the tools of learning; to love truth, goodness, and beauty; and to cultivate virtuous young men and women who will serve the Lord in whatever calling He gives them. We draw students from 62 church homes and 151 different families from six counties in Southwest Ohio. Our Logic and Rhetoric School has 101 students and a faculty-student ratio of 1:10.

### MARS HILL ACADEMY DISTINCTIVES

Mars Hill Academy is a classical Christian school, employing the centuries-proven educational methodology known as the Trivium — or tools of learning — consisting of Grammar, Dialectic (Logic), and Rhetoric. Emphasis is placed upon critical thinking skills in dialectic and rhetoric. Our strong classical methodology challenges students through **engaging, in-depth studies** in Latin, Greek, formal logic, classical rhetoric, science, and math. All students are provided with an **honors-level** curriculum.

The high school **history and literature program** is an intensive study of the great writings, people, events, works, and ideas that have formed and reformed civilization. These disciplines are tightly integrated with special emphasis given to the study of Western Culture. Classic works are studied from a traditionally biblical perspective and within their historical settings, helping students understand how these works and their authors were influenced by those historical settings. Seniors research, write, publicly present, and defend a **Senior Thesis**. Preparation includes formal training in Rhetoric, the art of persuasive expression, or as Aristotle wrote, “the ability to discern in any situation the available means of persuasion.” Texts include Aphthonius’ *Progymnasmata* and Aristotle’s *On Rhetoric*.

**Theology, history, literature, and rhetoric courses** have extensive reading, writing, discussion, and speaking requirements. Students study the rhetorical strategies used by the authors of the greatest speeches of Western Civilization and imitate those strategies in their own compositions and speeches.

Through **science and math studies**, students cultivate an appreciation of the ingenuity, magnitude, and complexity of the creation. They grow to be scientifically literate with the ability to evaluate scientific content objectively and critically using the tenets of classical education blended with modern laboratory practices.

High school **language offerings** include ancient Greek, Hebrew, Spanish, and an elective study of Latin (all students are required to study Latin in fourth through eighth grades). Students also have the opportunity to participate in **interscholastic sports, music, and drama**.

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# GRADUATING CLASSES AT-A-GLANCE

## Class of 2021

Total Graduates: 13

*Average ACT & SAT\**

Total students taking ACT: 8

ACT English: 30

ACT Math: 27

ACT Reading: 30

ACT Science: 27

ACT Composite: 28

National: 20.6; Ohio: 19.9

Total students taking SAT: 4

SAT EBRW: 605

SAT Math: 648

SAT Composite: 1238

National: 1060; Ohio: 1048

\*Many colleges waived test requirements for acceptance due to the Covid pandemic.

## Class of 2022

Total Graduates: 16

*Average ACT & SAT\**

Total students taking ACT: 10

ACT English: 30

ACT Math: 25

ACT Reading: 33

ACT Science: 29

ACT Composite: 28

National: 20.3; Ohio: 19.6

Total students taking SAT: 4

SAT EBRW: 700

SAT Math: 740

SAT Composite: 1440

National: 1060; Ohio: 1042

\*Many colleges waived test requirements for acceptance due to the Covid pandemic.

## Class of 2023

Total Graduates: 18

*Average ACT & SAT\**

Total students taking ACT: 10

ACT English: 32

ACT Math: 27

ACT Reading: 34

ACT Science: 30

ACT Composite: 31

National: 19.8; Ohio: 19.7

Total students taking SAT: 5

SAT EBRW: 670

SAT Math: 678

SAT Composite: 1348

National: 1050; Ohio: 1050

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## ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE



**CLASSIC LEARNING TEST:** For four consecutive years, 2019-2022, Mars Hill Academy was ranked the top performing high school of more than 1,200 schools in the country based on student performance on the Classic Learning Test, a college entrance exam competitor to the ACT and SAT.

**ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) TESTING:** While AP courses are not offered, many Mars Hill Academy students elect to take AP exams. The Class of 2023 took 14 AP exams with 57% scoring a 3 or higher.

**NATIONAL MERIT:** Historically, 20% of our graduates have been selected as National Merit Finalists or Commended Scholars.

**CLAN SYSTEM:** All students and faculty belong to one of four Scottish clans (Campbell, MacGregor, Stewart, and Wallace) which exist to create communities in which virtue can be cultivated in the hearts of students and faculty (e.g., courage, friendship, responsibility, cheerfulness, and devotion). In addition to providing leadership and mentoring opportunities, the clans compete in challenges which include academics, athletics, service, and leadership.

### ACCREDITATION & AFFILIATIONS

Association of Classical and Christian Schools (ACCS), Accredited in April 2005, Reaccredited in December 2022

Ohio Christian School Athletic Association

Ohio Valley Christian Conference

### HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS

79% of Rhetoric School faculty hold a graduate degree; 41% hold a terminal degree (PhD, JD)

### MATRICULATIONS TO FOUR-YEAR COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

2019	100% College
2020	93% College
2021	92% College
2022	88% College
2023	83% College

# CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

## COURSE OF STUDY 2023-24

Discipline	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Bible</b>	OT Survey	NT Survey	Biblical Hermeneutics+	Systematic Theology+	Apologetics+	Worldview+
<b>Language</b>	Latin 7	Latin Literature	Greek I+ Spanish I *Advanced Latin+	Greek II+ Spanish II	*Greek III *Spanish III *Hebrew I+	*Spanish IV *Hebrew II+
<b>Classical Studies</b>	Logic I	Logic II	<i>Via Antiquity</i>	<i>Via Christendom</i>	Rhetoric I	Rhetoric II+ & Senior Thesis+
<b>Humanities<sup>1</sup></b>	Lit-Comp	Lit-Comp American History	Antiquity+	Christendom+	Early American Humanities+	Modernity+
<b>Math</b>	Pre-Algebra	Algebra I+	Geometry+	Algebra II+ Algebra IIA	Pre-Calculus+ Algebra IIB	Calculus+ Statistics Pre-Calculus
<b>Science</b>	Earth Science	<i>Inductive/ Deductive Reasoning via Logic II</i>	Conceptual Physics	Biology+	Chemistry	Advanced Physics+ Anatomy & Physiology** Astronomy
<b>Music</b>	Music 7	Music 8	*Choir	*Choir	*Choir	*Choir
<b>Art</b>	*Studio Art 7	*Studio Art 8	*Studio Art 9	*Studio Art 10	*Studio Art 11	*Studio Art 12
<b>General Electives</b>	*Science Olympiad	*Science Olympiad	*Science Olympiad *Yearbook	*Science Olympiad *Yearbook	*Science Olympiad *Yearbook	*Science Olympiad *Yearbook *Economics

\*Electives

+Denotes Honors Designated Course

\*\*Not offered in 2023-2024 only

<sup>1</sup>The integrated curriculum for Humanities in 9-12 serve as "History" and "English" equivalents in most schools. They are worth 2.0 credits each.

## MINIMUM GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

(NB: College admissions standards vary by institution and program)

Subject	Credit	Specific Courses Available to Fulfill Requirements
Bible	4.0	Biblical Hermeneutics, Systematic Theology, Apologetics, and Worldview
Foreign Language	2.0	Greek I, II, Spanish I, II; <b>Greek III (.5), Spanish III, IV, Hebrew I, II</b>
Humanities	8.0	Antiquity, Christendom, American Humanities, Modernity
Mathematics	4.5	Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Algebra IIA, Algebra IIB, Pre-Calculus, <b>Statistics (.5)</b> , Calculus
Rhetoric	2.0	Rhetoric I, Rhetoric II (.5), and Sr. Thesis (.5)
Science	3.5	Conceptual Physics, Biology, Chemistry, Advanced Physics, Anatomy & Physiology, <b>Astronomy (.5)</b>
Fine Art Elective	1.0	<b>Choir, Chamber Singers, Art 9-12 (All .5 per year)</b>
General Elective	1.0	Economics, Science Olympiad, Yearbook (All .5 per year), Directed Independent Study, or courses in <b>blue</b> (once the subject graduation requirement is fulfilled)
<b>Total</b>	<b>26</b>	





# COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES

\*Bold indicates Matriculations

Anderson University

Asbury University

**Baylor University\***

**Belmont University\***

Bowling Green State University

Butler University

**Calvin University\***

Carnegie Mellon University

**Cedarville University\***

**Cincinnati State Technical and Community College\***

**Colorado Christian University\***

**Concordia University\***

**Covenant College\***

**Dordt University\***

Drexel University

**Geneva College\***

**Gordon College\***

**Grace College\***

**Grove City College\***

Hanover College

**Hillsdale College\***

Hope College

Huntington University

Judson University

**Lee University\***

LeTourneau University

**Liberty University\***

**Miami University\***

New Saint Andrews College

Northern Kentucky University

**Nyack College\***

Ohio Northern University

Ohio University

**Otterbein University\***

Patrick Henry College

**Pensacola Christian College\***

Princeton University

**Purdue University\***

Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology

**Taylor University\***

The Citadel

The College of Wooster

**The King's College\***

**The Ohio State University\***

**Trevecca Nazarene University\***

**United States Air Force Academy\***

**U.S. Army\***

**University of Cincinnati\***

**University of Cincinnati Conservatory of Music\***

University of Dayton

**University of Kentucky\***

University of Michigan

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

**Virginia Military Institute\***

Wabash College

**Wheaton College\***

**Wittenberg University\***

**Word of Life Bible Institute\***

**Wright State University\***

**Xavier University\***