



DURHAM ACADEMY

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SCHOOL PROFILE 2022-2023

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THE MISSION

The purpose of a Durham Academy education is to prepare each student to live a *moral, happy and productive* life. The development of intellect is central to such a life and, thus, intellectual endeavor and growth are the primary work of the school. The acquisition of knowledge; the development of skills, critical judgment and intellectual curiosity; and increased understanding are the goals of the school's academic program.

THE SCHOOL

Founded in 1933 for grades kindergarten through 8, Durham Academy is a coeducational, nonsectarian day school. In 1972 Durham Academy instituted a secondary school, graduating its first Upper School class in 1975. Today, the school consists of pre-kindergarten through grade 12 with a total of 1,237 students; 457 are enrolled in grades 9 through 12. Admission to Durham Academy is highly selective and based on a student's ability to perform satisfactorily in a college preparatory curriculum. Durham Academy does not discriminate in regard to race, creed, color, or national origin. Students of color comprise 45% of the school population.

UPPER SCHOOL STUDENT PROFILE

DA Upper School enrolls 457 students in grades 9 through 12. Average class size is 15 with a student-faculty ratio of 8:1.

GRADING SYSTEM & GPA DISTRIBUTION

Cumulative grade point averages are based on final grades earned in Durham Academy courses.

GRADING SCALE

Grades are based on a 100-point scale. GPAs are UNWEIGHTED and based on a 4.33 scale.

A+	97-100	4.33	B+	87-89	3.33	C+	77-79	2.33	D+	67-69	1.33	F	< 60	0.0
A	93-96	4.0	B	83-86	3.0	C	73-76	2.0	D	63-66	1.0			
A-	90-92	3.67	B-	80-82	2.67	C-	70-72	1.67	D-	60-62	0.67			

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Students must earn departmental approval to enroll in Honors, AP courses and post-AP courses and are limited to four (4) Honors, AP and Post-AP courses in one year. Students must seek permission from the Academic Committee to enroll in five advanced courses; no student is permitted to take more than five advanced courses in one year.

Advanced course offerings are detailed below.

SUBJECT	HONORS COURSES	AP COURSES	POST-AP COURSES
English*	English 11	English Language, English Literature	
History*		Art History, European History, Human Geography, Micro/Macro Economics, US Government & Politics, US History	
Mathematics	Precalculus	Calculus AB, Calculus C**, Calculus BC, Statistics	Multivariable Calculus** Geometries & Topologies**
Science	Chemistry	Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science, Physics	
World Languages***		Chinese Language, French Language, Latin: Vergil****, Spanish Language, Spanish Literature	Chinese Heritage & Adv. Topics, French & Francophone Literature, Advanced Latin Poetry/Literature***
Fine Arts		Music Theory, Portfolio Art	
Technology		Computer Science	
Interdisciplinary		Psychology, Seminar	

*English 12 and upper-level history electives are designed by semester. Some of the offerings include: English 12: Literature of War, Hero to Anti-Hero, Shakespeare, Historical Fiction; History: Crimes & Punishments, Modern Global Issues, Introduction to Economics. **There is little difference in rigor among English 12 and AP English 12 offerings; the latter include instruction on the essay format of the AP English Literature exam.**

**Students who complete AP Calculus AB may enroll in Calculus C and are prepared to take the AP Calculus BC exam.

Post-AP math courses rotate by year.

***Beginning in 2019-2020, Durham Academy's World Languages Department adopted recommendations from the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) and transitioned to language course placement based on proficiency skills rather than number of years studied. For more information, visit www.actfl.org.

****AP Latin: Vergil and Advanced Latin Lyric Poetry/Literature rotate by year.

Courses in the Modern (spoken) World Languages have been renamed to reflect these proficiency levels:

- Level 1 = Novice
- Level 2 = Novice High
- Level 3 = Intermediate
- Level 4 = Intermediate Mid

Advanced Placement courses are offered in Chinese, French, Latin and Spanish.

UNIQUE ACADEMIC OFFERINGS

Peer Educators: Eight seniors are selected from over three-dozen applicants to co-teach the Life Skills course to ninth-graders. Peer Educators sign a contract agreeing to serve as role models for their younger peers, both on and off campus.
Teaching Literacy Skills: For credit, students travel to a neighboring elementary school, 4 class periods out of the 7-day rotation, to tutor students identified as reading well below grade level.

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College Matriculation Classes of 2018–2022

Durham Academy graduates have attended 139 different colleges and universities since 2018.

American University (4)	Hillsdale College	University of California (Santa Barbara)
Amherst College (2)	Hollins University	University of Chicago (12)
Appalachian State University (4)	Johns Hopkins University	University of Colorado Boulder (4)
Arizona State University	Kenyon College (3)	University of Georgia
Babson College	Landmark College	University of Louisville
Barnard College (3)	Loyola Marymount University	University of Mary Washington
Bates College	Loyola University Chicago	University of Maryland (College Park) (2)
Boston College (4)	Loyola University Maryland	University of Miami (4)
Boston University	Middlebury College (6)	University of Michigan (8)
Bowdoin College	Morehouse College	University of Nevada (Las Vegas)
Brandeis University (3)	New York University (5)	University of North Carolina at Asheville (2)
Brown University (11)	North Carolina State University (12)	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (70)
Bryn Mawr College (2)	Northeastern University (6)	University of North Carolina at Charlotte (4)
Butler University	Northwestern University (3)	University of North Carolina at Greensboro (6)
Carleton College (4)	Occidental College	University of North Carolina School of the Arts
Carnegie Mellon University	Ohio Wesleyan University	University of North Carolina Wilmington (4)
Carroll College	Olin College of Engineering	University of North Florida
Case Western Reserve University (8)	Oxford College of Emory University	University of Notre Dame (5)
Catholic University of America	Parsons School of Design at The New School (2)	University of Oklahoma
Chapman University	Penn State University (University Park) (2)	University of Pennsylvania (4)
Claremont McKenna College	Princeton University (6)	University of Pittsburgh (Pittsburgh) (3)
Clemson University (3)	Purdue University (Main Campus) (6)	University of Redlands
Colgate University	Queens University of Charlotte	University of Richmond (3)
Colorado College (3)	Reed College	University of South Carolina (5)
Cornell University (3)	Rhode Island School of Design	University of Southern California (11)
Dartmouth College (6)	Rice University	University of St Andrews
Davidson College (13)	Roanoke College (2)	University of Tokyo
Dickinson College (2)	Santa Clara University (2)	University of Vermont (2)
Drew University	Savannah College of Art and Design	University of Virginia (Main Campus) (6)
Duke University (48)	Seattle University	University of Wisconsin (Madison)
East Carolina University (3)	Sewanee: The University of the South	Vanderbilt University (4)
Elon University (21)	Skidmore College	Vassar College (2)
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	Smith College	Villanova University (4)
Emory University (6)	Southern Methodist University	Virginia Commonwealth University
Florida International University	Spelman College	Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (4)
Florida State University	Stanford University (5)	Wake Forest University (21)
Fordham University	Stevens Institute of Technology	Washington University in St. Louis (5)
Franklin & Marshall College	Swarthmore College	Wellesley College (2)
Furman University (4)	Sweet Briar College	Williams College
George Washington University (2)	Syracuse University (3)	Wofford College
Georgetown University (5)	The American University of Paris	Worcester Polytechnic Institute (2)
Georgia Institute of Technology (5)	The College of William and Mary (3)	Xavier University
Gettysburg College (2)	The New School (2)	Yale University (4)
Grinnell College	The Ohio State University	
Hampden-Sydney College	The University of Tennessee (Knoxville)	
Harvard University	The University of Texas at Austin (3)	
Haverford College (3)	Tufts University (4)	
High Point University (6)	Tulane University of Louisiana	

COVID-19 UPDATE

Due to COVID-19 Global Pandemic, DA shifted to virtual learning from March–June 2020; operated in a hybrid (virtual/in-person) model in the 2020–2021 school year. Student class time remained equivalent to in-person instruction. We were still able to evaluate students and offer end-of-year grades.