

Profile 2021-22

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Founded in 1799 by the Religious Society of Friends, Westtown School continues to be one of the nation's best-known Quaker schools. Situated on 600 acres in Chester County, Pennsylvania, Westtown is accredited by the Pennsylvania Association of Independent Schools.

Students at Westtown are challenged to realize their intellectual, physical, emotional, and spiritual potential. Truth, openness, and honesty are values which undergird the school community. A spirit of inquiry reigns in the classroom, and students are encouraged to think creatively, to feel the condition of others, and to listen

to their inner selves. Westtown expects students to be critical, independent thinkers who can work with a spirit of cooperation, understanding, and tolerance of the views of others.

The Westtown experience is defined by rigorous academic preparation for college, community living in a diverse environment, weekly Meeting for Worship, and participation in the school's unique Work Program (detailed below). These shared events reflect and teach the fundamental Quaker values of consensus, nonviolent resolution of conflict, and the dignity of physical work.

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ENROLLMENT

- Coeducational since the school's founding, Westtown's student body consists of 694 students in grades Pre-K through 12.
- Students come from 16 states and 13 countries.
- The Upper School (grades 9-12) enrolls 372 students (119 day students and 253 boarding).
- 7.3% are Quakers, 43.7% are American students of color, and 12.1% are international students.
- Need-based financial aid is received by 59% of students in the Upper School.
- All Westtown graduates enroll in college, some after taking a gap year.
- The 87 members of the class of 2021 enrolled in 66 colleges and universities in 22 states and four countries. The class of 2022 totals 91.

SPECIAL FEATURES OF THE CURRICULUM:

New in 2021: Engineering and computer science integrated study. Students who have interests in engineering, computer science, and designing for change can choose among a variety of courses focused on these areas. This program provides broad opportunities for students to learn and practice the skills needed to understand, use, and build new and future engineering and computer science technologies. Some students will build physical machines or devices; some students will design and craft integrated software solutions; some students will learn how to plan and organize initiatives to seek changes. The overall focus of the program is to provide technological and management skills to envision, design, create, and implement solutions to problems that matter. New courses include Introduction to Mechanical Engineering, Human Centered Design, and Design Engineering Solutions 1 (Adv) and 2 (Adv).

Service Learning: Through Westtown's Service Network, school trips, or other projects, students gain an understanding of the world around them, experience with human service institutions, appreciation for lifestyles that differ from their own, interpersonal skills, and the value of helping others. The service requirement was suspended for the class of 2021 and 2022.

Deep Dive Certificate Program: Students may choose to participate in one of five interdisciplinary programs of study: Social Entrepreneurship; Sustainability Leadership; Diversity, Inclusion, & Social Change; Global Citizenship; and Data-Driven Change. The programs include coursework, research projects, mentorship, experiential learning, and leadership on campus.

Work Program: In accordance with Quaker values, Work Program reaffirms the goodness of service to others and the dignity of all work. Students are exposed to a variety of working experiences through helping with service, janitorial, recycling, and harvesting efforts in the kitchen, library, dorms, and garden. By taking part in the daily working life of the school, students learn to respect what it means to be part of a community and to understand the impact of their behavior on others. This program was set aside in the 2020-21 school year and modified for 2021-22.

Independent Research: A junior or senior with a defined area of academic interest may propose and carry out a supervised semester or year-long advanced scholarly research project. Scientific Research (Advanced) is a course that brings together students focused on long-term scientific studies.

Discipline Council: When major school infractions arise, consequences are determined by a panel of nine students and five faculty members. Elected by their peers, students serving on Discipline Council are seen as moral and ethical leaders in the community; this group is committed to understanding discipline as an opportunity for learning and growth. Westtown reports to colleges disciplinary incidents resulting in dismissal or withdrawal.

CURRICULUM

Course levels: All courses are college preparatory. Academic departments identify their most rigorous (college level) courses as Advanced. There are 50+ Advanced courses offered; it is impossible to take all of them. A complete description of our curriculum is available in our [Curriculum Guide at westtown.edu](#).

Course load: A typical course load for freshmen and sophomores consists of five year-long courses and one or more semester-long courses. The minimum requirement for juniors and seniors is five courses per semester. The academic program offers students both breadth and depth of study across the curriculum; the faculty emphasizes the quality of study over quantity, especially in the junior and senior years. Summer courses for credit show the course, credit, and grade on the transcript.

GRADING

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Upper School was in distance learning for the last quarter of the 2019-20 school year. Students chose pass or numeric grades for their transcripts during the spring semester 2020. During the 2020-21 school year, the Upper School used hybrid learning, with some students fully remote the entire year. Students attended online or hybrid classes daily, with adjusted assessments. Students earned numeric grades for all semesters after spring 2020.

GPA: The GPA is calculated on a 100 point scale at the end of each school year. Only Westtown credit-bearing classes are included in the GPA. We include all graded courses and do not weight any class more heavily than another.

Highest in Class of 2022	Lowest GPA	Mean GPA
98.4	75.29	90.58

Reflecting the Quaker testimony of equality, comparative statistics (class rank, checkboxes) are not calculated. When students repeat a course, both grades appear on the transcript. Credit is awarded for the most recent course.

ELEVENTH AND TWELFTH GRADE COURSES

ENGLISH

20th Century Dramatic Literature 1, 2 (Adv)
20th Century Literature 1, 2
American Literature 2 (Adv)
Classical Connections (Adv)
Contemporary Fiction 1, 2
Contemporary World Literature (English 11)
Creative Writing (Adv)
Dystopian Literature
English Literature/Language Seminar: Int'l Stud
Harlem Renaissance (Adv)
Nonfiction Writing 1, 2
The Essay (English 12)
World Mythology
Writing with Power*

HISTORY

African American Experience*
Ancient World 1: Egypt, India, China*
Ancient World 2: Western Africa, Europe*
Asian American Experience*
Contemporary Affairs*
Genocide Studies*
Hiroshima to 9/11: Part 1*
Hiroshima to 9/11: Part 2*
Latin American Experience*
Microeconomics/Macroeconomics
Modern Africa*
Modern Asia*
Modern Europe: 20th Century Russia*
Modern Latin America*
World History*
World History: 1300-1800* & 1800-2000*

MATHEMATICS

Calculus 1*
Calculus 2 (Adv)
Computer Aided Design 2
Differential Equations (Adv)
Linear Algebra (Adv)
Multivariable Calculus (Adv)
Statistics

ENGINEERING & COMPUTER SCIENCE

Computer Science 1, 2 (Adv)
Design Engineering
Design Engineering Solutions 1, 2 (Adv)
Dynamic Application Development
Web Development
Studio Art Forum
Computer Science Research

WORLD & CLASSICAL LANGUAGES

Chinese 3, 4 (Adv), 5 (Adv), 6 (Adv), 7 (Adv)
French 3, 4 (Adv), 5 (Adv), 6 (Adv)
Latin 3, 4 (Adv), 5 (Adv)
Spanish 3, 4 (Adv), 5 (Adv), 6 (Adv), 7 (Adv)

SCIENCE

Anatomy & Physiology (Adv)
Applied Chemistry
Astrophysics
Biology of Disease
Biology of Sexuality and Drugs
Chemical Bonding/Equilibrium (Adv)
Chemical Reactions (Adv)
Electricity & Magnetism (Adv)
Environmental Science 1, 2*
Environmental Research (Adv)
Evolution (Adv)
Modern Physics (Adv)
Scientific Research (Adv)

RELIGION

Business and the Good Society (Adv)
Environmental Justice*
Religion, Gender, and Sexuality*
Religion, Resistance, and Revolution*
World Religions 1:
 Judaism and Christianity
World Religions 2:
 Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam

*The classes with an asterisk * can be taken with an advanced option.*

Graduation requirements include the following:

4 English	3 Mathematics	2 Lab Science	1.75 Religion
2 History (including US)	2 Language	1.5 Art	(World Religions 1, World Religions 2, & 1 elective)

COLLEGE MATRICULATIONS 2017-2021

American University	9	Johns Hopkins University	4	The College of New Jersey	
Babson College		Juniata College		The College of Wooster	
Bard College	2	Kenyon College	3	The George Washington University	3
Barnard College	3	La Roche College		The New School - All Divisions	4
Bates College		Lafayette College	9	The University of Alabama	
Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania		Lehigh University	2	The University of Arizona	2
Boston College	3	Lewis & Clark College		The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	2
Boston University	2	Limestone College		The University of Tampa	
Bowdoin College	2	Long Island University		The University of Tennessee-Knoxville	
Brown University	2	Loughborough University		The University of Texas, Austin	3
Bryn Mawr College	8	Loyola University Maryland		The University of the Arts	2
Bucknell University	3	Loyola University New Orleans		Tufts University	3
Caldwell University		Macalester College	3	Tulane University	3
Carleton College	2	Manhattan College		United States Military Academy	
California Institute of the Arts		Massachusetts Institute of Technology		University of California, Berkeley	3
Carnegie Mellon University	3	Middlebury College	3	University of California, Irvine	2
Case Western Reserve University	2	Montana State University, Bozeman		University of California, Los Angeles	4
Chatham University		Mount Holyoke College	2	University of California, San Diego	
Coastal Carolina University		New York University	7	University of Chicago	3
Colgate University	4	Northeastern University	6	University of Colorado at Boulder	3
College of Charleston	2	Northwestern University	3	University of Connecticut	
College of William & Mary	3	Oberlin College of Arts and Sciences		University of Delaware	
Colorado College		Ohio Wesleyan University		University of Lynchburg	2
Connecticut College		Olin College of Engineering		University of Maryland, College Park	3
Cornell University	4	Oxford College of Emory University		University of Massachusetts-Amherst	
Dartmouth College	2	Pace University		University of Miami	5
Davidson College	3	Pennsylvania State University	13	University of Michigan	
Dickinson College	4	Pitzer College	2	University of Minnesota, Twin Cities	
DigiPen Institute of Technology		Pomona College	2	University of Mississippi	
Drexel University	15	Prescott College		University of North Carolina at Asheville	2
Duke University		Princeton University		University of Pennsylvania	11
Durham University		Purdue University	3	University of Pittsburgh	13
Dusquesne University		Quinnipiac University		University of Richmond	7
Earlham College	2	Reed College	2	University of Southern California	2
Elizabethtown College		Regent University		University of St Andrews	
Elon University	5	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute		University of Toronto	
Emerson College		Rhodes College	2	University of Vermont	3
Emory University	2	Roanoke College		University of Virginia	3
Fairfield University		Rochester Institute of Technology	3	University of Washington	
Fordham University	2	Rosemont College		University of Wisconsin-Madison	2
Franklin & Marshall College	8	Rutgers University		Ursinus College	5
George Mason University		Salisbury University		Vanderbilt University	2
Georgetown University	2	San Jose State University		Vassar College	
Gettysburg College	2	Santa Clara University		Villanova University	4
Goucher College	2	Sarah Lawrence College		Virginia Military Academy	
Grinnell College		School of the Art Institute of Chicago		Virginia Tech	
Guilford College	2	School of Visual Arts		Wake Forest University	
Hamilton College - NY	3	Scripps College	2	Washington and Lee University	2
Hampshire College		Skidmore College	9	Washington College	
Hampton University	2	Smith College		Washington University in St. Louis	4
Harvard College		Spelman College		Wellesley College	4
Haverford College	13	St. Edward's University		Wesleyan University	
High Point University		St. John's College NM		West Chester University of Pennsylvania	2
Hofstra University	2	St. Mary's College of Maryland		Westminster College	
Illinois Wesleyan University		Stetson University		West Virginia University	
Immaculata University		Stony Brook University		Wheaton College MA	2
Indiana University at Bloomington		SUNY Albany	2	Whittier College	
Iona College		Swarthmore College	6	Williams College	3
Jefferson (Philadelphia University + Thomas Jefferson University)	3	Syracuse University	5	Xavier University	
		Temple University	2		