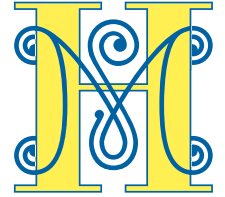


ACADEMICS



“The question is not whether we are ready for the real world after Miss Hall’s, but rather: Is the world ready for us?”





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STUDENT-TO-FACULTY
RATIO

**“I AM SURROUNDED BY YOUNG
WOMEN WHO ENJOY AND VALUE
LEARNING AS MUCH AS I DO.”**

SOPHIE

39

LANGUAGES SPOKEN BY
MISS HALL'S STUDENTS

70+

INNOVATIVE COURSES
OFFERED EACH YEAR

11

AVERAGE CLASS SIZE

**“YOU’LL
EXPLORE NEW
AREAS AND TAKE
INTELLECTUAL
RISKS,
DIVING INTO
PARTICULAR
FIELDS IN
GREATER
DEPTH AS YOUR
INTERESTS
EVOLVE.”**

**MEGHAN SMITH,
DEAN OF TEACHING AND
LEARNING**

**CHALLENGED AND
SUPPORTED**

Guided by our Deans starting in 9th grade, each student builds a strong foundation, chooses electives, and personalizes their learning to follow their passions.



FOUNDATIONAL COURSES



Foundational courses allow every student at Miss Hall's to develop the skills, habits of mind, and core competencies essential for enduring academic success. These student-centered classes are critical for college-prep and lay the groundwork for advanced study.

- » Engineering: Ready, S.E.T., GO (9th Grade)
- » English I, II
- » French, Latin, Spanish, and ESOL I, II, III
- » World History, U.S. History
- » Algebra I, II, Geometry, Geometry Honors, and Algebra II Honors
- » Biology, Chemistry
- » Ceramics and Photo I, II, Studio Art I, II, III, and Theater and Performance



“I love the topic of the class, how passionate the teacher is about the subject, the fact that my classmates are as invested as I am, and the all-around positive energy in the classroom. I thrive in this kind of supportive, fun, and creative environment.”

ANNA

ELECTIVES



Upper Level Electives cover dozens of topics, allowing students to take intellectual risks and explore new areas. Students can challenge themselves by choice, pursuing particular fields in greater depth as their interests dictate.

These classes are a mix of semester and year-long courses, and all offer an engaging academic experience that allows for in-depth study and preparation for college and beyond.

BELOW: Garment and Textile Design class introduces students to the skills needed to design and construct their own clothing, accessories, and fabric arts.



- » Robotics I, II
- » Intro to Computer Science
- » Computers & Programming
- » Engineering & Society
- » Engineering Projects & Principles
- » Literature, Technology & Nature
- » The History and Culture of Fairy Tales
- » Literature and Social Change
- » American Narratives
- » Gallery & Arts Administration
- » Garment & Textile Design
- » Filmmaking
- » History of Race in the U.S.
- » Dark Ages: Reconsidering Medieval Europe
- » They Built a Home Here
- » Precalculus
- » Calculus
- » Neuroscience
- » Biochemistry & the Microbial World
- » Freshwater & Marine Ecosystems
- » Women's Health & Global Issues

HALLMARK COURSES



ABOVE: Hallmark Women's History class researches primary sources such as handwritten records from the Salem Witch Trials, correspondence files of women nurses in the World Wars, and a range of 19th and 20th century diaries at the Massachusetts Historical Society as part of Miss Hall's partnership with the National Women's History Museum.

Our highest-level classes, Hallmark courses provide opportunities for deep inquiry and personalized learning. By taking Hallmark courses, students choose to challenge themselves, lean into sophisticated and advanced study, and work with increased independence.

These innovative, advanced courses will challenge you and sharpen the skills you need to succeed: collaboration, communication, and critical and analytical thinking. Hallmark courses provide our students a window into the college experience and distinguish their transcripts as they apply to colleges and universities. They provide opportunities for faculty to dive into topics and bolster the student experience.

HALLMARK COURSES STRETCH STUDENTS BY PROVIDING IN-DEPTH, CHALLENGING COURSEWORK AND PERSONALIZED LEARNING.

- Anatomy & Physiology
- Art Intensive
- Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning
- Biotechnology
- Calculus
- Calculus II
- Communism in Global History
- Craft & Creative Writing
- Democracy
- Environmental Science**
- Feminist Literature**
- French
- History of Art
- Humanities Seminar
- Independent Projects in Art
- Latin
- Mechanical Engineering
- North Korean History**
- Spanish
- Statistics
- Women's History

Spend time in the field, learning, reflecting, and researching, practicing diverse laboratory experiences such as water quality testing, soil sampling, macroinvertebrate collection, and wetland science.

Explore major works by women writers from 1850 to the present, consider how literary critics view these novels, and track the conversations that take place among the writers themselves.

To answer difficult questions — What were the causes of the Korean War? Is reunification of the Korean peninsula possible? — you will read historians' disagreeing perspectives and learn how to critique them.

STEM

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING & MATH



STEM is hands-on at MHS, learning by doing, whether wading into Perkins Pond to collect water samples or using the laser-cutter in Linn Hall to shape components for a project. We are encouraged to think big, test our hypotheses, make mistakes, and try again.

Linn Hall is a state-of-the-art, multidisciplinary building that is home to our Math, Science, and Engineering and Technology Innovation departments. The Grace Murray Hopper Innovation Lab is where we explore robotics, electronics, computer programming, 3D printing, and more.

GIRLS' SCHOOL GRADUATES ARE **6X** MORE LIKELY TO CONSIDER MAJORING IN STEM SUBJECTS, COMPARED TO GIRLS WHO ATTEND CO-ED SCHOOLS, AND **3X** MORE LIKELY TO CONSIDER ENGINEERING CAREERS.

—INTERNATIONAL COALITION OF GIRLS' SCHOOLS



Wildlife Ecology students immerse themselves in the natural wonders of our campus. Robotics II students design and build their own robots.

DESIGN YOUR OWN PASSION PROJECTS

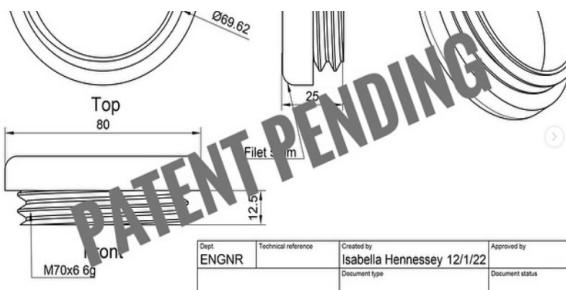


At Miss Hall's, each student is encouraged to develop their own voice and pursue their dreams.

After more than a year of meticulous research and development, prototyping, and testing, Cora's vision for an environmentally sustainable, comfy, and pretty cool-looking chair – “Triar,” the triangular chair – took shape.

Izzy submitted 2 patent applications for innovative electronic device holders she designed using CAD and prototyped on 3D printers in our Hopper Innovation Lab.

Through Miss Hall's partnership with the Berkshire Innovation Center, Izzy also helped produce TEDx Berkshires as part of her 2-year onsite Horizons internship at the BIC.



“The sustainability of our planet is incredibly important to me, and I want to gain as many skills and as much understanding as I can to be able to do something about it.”

ACADEMIC SKILLS CENTER

FEE-FREE



Students work one-on-one, in groups, and in grade-level clusters on everything from executive function skills to subject-specific course work and study skills. Any MHS student can drop into the Leonhardt Academic Skills Center for tips and coaching. More intensive academic support is provided by a team of Learning Specialists — all with no extra fees.

“THE ACADEMIC SKILLS CENTER IS A PLACE WHERE ALL STUDENTS CAN RECEIVE ACADEMIC COACHING, EXPERIENCE MULTIMODAL METHODS OF INSTRUCTION, DEVELOP STRATEGIES TO IMPROVE THEIR ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE, AND LEARN TO ADVOCATE FOR THEIR INDIVIDUAL LEARNING NEEDS. EVEN MORE IMPORTANTLY, WE ARE BUILDING A COMMUNITY OF STUDENTS WHO SUPPORT EACH OTHER IN THEIR JOURNEY TO BECOME RESILIENT, CREATIVE, AND SELF-DIRECTED LIFE-LONG LEARNERS.”

ALICE ESTEVES
ACADEMIC SUPPORT LEARNING SPECIALIST

STUDENT RESOURCES



Students come to MHS from all over the world and from a range of academic backgrounds. That's why we make sure each student has the skills they need for success inside and outside of the classroom. In addition to the Leonhardt Academic Skills Center, there are myriad formal and informal avenues for academic support.

HUMES EUSTON HALL LIBRARY

With thousands of books and periodicals, extensive digital resources, and comfy chairs around the fireplace. The Library is a hub of imagination and curiosity, a place where students become ethical users and creators of information.

MORE ACADEMIC SUPPORT:

- » **The Math Center**, featuring individual and small-group tutoring sessions.
- » **Science Peer Tutors** are upperclasswomen who excel in science and enjoy sharing their expertise with other students.
- » All faculty offer **Extra-Help Periods** and office hours for one-on-one work.
- » A **90-minute Study Hall** Sunday through Thursday nights is required, with faculty often available for in-the-moment assistance.
- » You will see your teachers at breakfast, lunch, and dinner, at your games and concerts and art shows. They will be your biggest fans — and **they will be there to help you when you need it.**

COLLEGE READINESS

Thanks to tailored, individualized college counseling, MHS students are accepted at prestigious colleges and universities of their choice around the globe, including:

American University
 Amherst College
 Brown University
 Bryn Mawr College
 Carnegie Mellon University
 Columbia University
 Cornell University
 Dartmouth College
 Dickinson College
 Duke University
 Emory University
 Harvard University
 Johns Hopkins University
 Massachusetts Institute of Technology
 Mount Holyoke College
 New York University
 Northeastern University
 Northwestern University
 Oberlin College
 Princeton University
 Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
 Rhode Island School of Design
 Sarah Lawrence College
 School of the Art Institute of Chicago
 Smith College
 Spelman College
 Trinity College
 UC Berkeley
 University of Chicago
 University of Pennsylvania
 Wellesley College
 Williams College
 Yale University



“THIS IS WHY I SENT MY DAUGHTER TO MISS HALL’S SCHOOL, BECAUSE I KNOW SHE IS BEING LOOKED OUT FOR AND GIVEN COLLEGE ADVICE SHE WOULD HAVE NEVER RECEIVED AT HER OLD HIGH SCHOOL.”

**DARICE
MOM OF SAM**



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The Miss Hall's School graduate is a thinker, a creator, and a contributor to the common good. She is a global citizen, a self-aware, resilient, and courageous participant in a multicultural society. Empowered by skills and knowledge, the Miss Hall's School graduate is able to solve problems with intellect and creativity while embracing a spirit of exploration and curiosity. Through her words and actions, and aligned with her core values, she is prepared to navigate varied contexts with the fluency, generosity of spirit, and wisdom to lead a purposeful life.