



ATHENS ACADEMY

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COLLEGE PROFILE 2023-24 / CEEB CODE: 110113

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Mission: Athens Academy seeks excellence with honor in the educational and personal experience of each student.

WHAT SETS ATHENS ACADEMY APART?

Innovative Upper School Courses:

- **Capstone Project**—This new program gives students the opportunity to engage in a culminating project demonstrating their knowledge, learning and growth through the completion of a collaborative and multifaceted project. Participants work closely with the Capstone advisors and mentors to identify a project, track progress towards completion, and, ultimately, present and defend their project to the Capstone Advisory Committee.
- **Multivariable Calculus with Linear Algebra**—This year-long, capstone course is for advanced mathematics students who have completed AP Calculus AB or BC prior to their senior year.
- **Forensics**—Rich in exploration and lab investigation, this course applies many disciplines of scientific study such as biology/anatomy, chemistry, and physics to solving crimes. Students are taught the proper collection, preservation, and laboratory analysis of various samples.
- **Evolutionary Genetics**—Capitalizing on a strong connection with researchers and laboratory facilities at the University of Georgia, this lab-intensive course explores evolution and genetics in a collaborative, hands-on environment.
- **Principles of Engineering**—This applied math and science course guides students through the design process, computer programming, electromagnetism, electronics, and bio- and chemical technology. Along the way, they develop skills in writing, public speaking, art and design, and create physical and digital portfolios as a record of their experience.
- **Science, Technology, and Society**—This course explores the intersections of science, technology, and society as they relate to such topics as climate change, warfare, biotechnology, genetically modified foods, education, and health. Each unit involves learning essential science content and researching current conversations in scientific literature and other media.
- **Other Upper School courses**—Advanced Media Production, Writing for Publication, Ceramics

Student-Led Honor Code in Upper School:

- Building on self-respect and empathy developed in earlier grades, an honor code written and upheld by Upper School students promotes an environment in which students do not lie, cheat, steal, or plagiarize the work of others.

Visual and Performing Arts:

- Infused in all aspects of student life, from gallery spaces and exhibits throughout campus to school assemblies and guest artists.

Integration of Media and Technology:

- Courses, clubs, and competitions dedicated to robotics, 3D printing, media production, virtual reality, and webcasting.
- One-to-one wireless device program for students and teachers in Grades 1-12.

International Studies Program:

- School-wide integration of international issues and perspectives, including international travel and cultural exchange opportunities each year.

Service & Leadership Opportunities:

- More than 18,000 voluntary service hours recorded by Upper School students over the last five years (average of 3,600/year).
- Student-initiated service projects through clubs and grade-level programs.

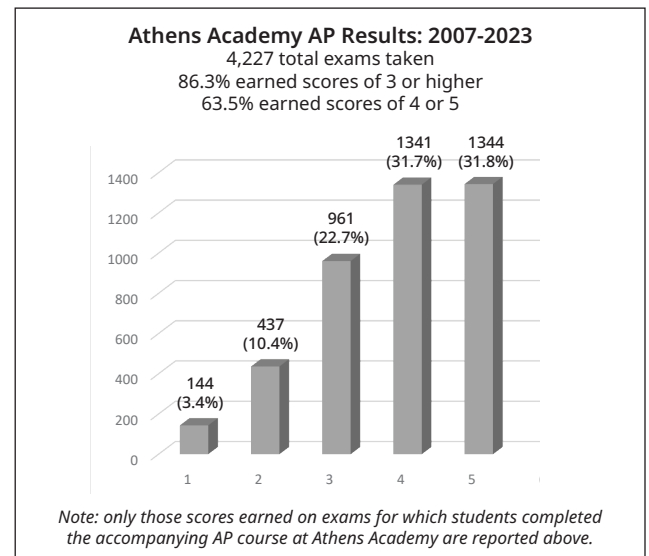
ATHENS ACADEMY AT A GLANCE

School Type	Independent - Grades K3-12 Co-ed - College preparatory Non-sectarian - Day school
Total Enrollment	900
Upper School (9-12) Enrollment	318
Student-Teacher Ratio	7:1
Students of Color	20% (Schoolwide) 24% (Upper School)
Upper School Instructional Staff	48
Upper School Staff Average Total Experience	18 years
Upper School Instructional Staff with Advanced Degrees	80%
Accreditation	Southern Association of Independent Schools & Cognia

ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES OFFERED

Biology	European History
Calculus AB	French Language & Culture
Calculus BC	Latin Language & Culture
Chemistry	Microeconomics
Computer Science A	Physics 1
Computer Science Principles	Physics C: Mechanics
English Language & Composition	Spanish Language & Culture
English Literature & Composition	Statistics
Environmental Science	United States Government & Politics
	United States History

ADVANCED PLACEMENT RESULTS



UPPER SCHOOL COURSES & GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Courses offered at the College Preparatory (CP), Honors (H), and Advanced Placement (AP) levels. Freshmen do not enroll in AP courses, and sophomores are limited to two AP courses.

ACADEMIC STANDING AND GPA CALCULATION:

- Athens Academy does not report rank in class.
- Courses are weighted (+.25 for Honors and +.50 for Advanced Placement) in the cumulative weighted academic GPA calculation, but grades that appear on the transcript are the actual grades earned.

SCHEDULE: For the 2020-21 school year, Athens Academy's Upper School adopted a block schedule as a safety precaution. Each one-semester block course yielded one Carnegie unit of credit. For 2021-22, the school returned to a two-semester calendar year with each semester concluding with a semester assessment. Each two-semester academic course yields one Carnegie unit of credit.

DISCLOSURE OF RECORDS: As a member of NACAC, Athens Academy will, when requested on the institution's application, report student conduct records of serious disciplinary violations, suspension, or dismissal.

DUAL ENROLLMENT: Athens Academy does not offer dual enrollment courses.

English 4 units	English 9, 10, 11, and 12 (CP, H) AP English Language and Composition AP English Literature and Composition
Math 4 units (required: Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II)	Algebra I Advanced (CP) Algebra II Advanced (CP) Algebra II Honors Algebra III Honors Algebra III (CP) Geometry Advanced (CP) Geometry Honors Precalculus Advanced (CP) Precalculus Honors Calculus (CP) AP Statistics AP Calculus AB AP Calculus BC AP Computer Science A AP Computer Science Principles Multivariable Calculus with Linear Algebra (H)
Science 4 units (required: Biology and Chemistry)	Biology (CP, H) Chemistry (CP, H) Evolutionary Genetics Honors Science, Technology, and Society Honors Human Anatomy and Physiology (CP, H) Physics (CP, H) Principles of Engineering Honors Forensic Science (CP, H) AP Environmental Science AP Biology AP Chemistry AP Physics 1 AP Physics C: Mechanics
History 3 units (required: United States History)	World History (CP, H) European History (CP, H) United States History (CP, H) Economics (H) Political Science (H) American Visions in Literature, Film, and History (H) Global Challenges (H) AP European History AP United States History AP United States Government AP Microeconomics
World Languages 2 units (required: completion of the third level)	French I, II, III, IV, V (CP, H) AP French Language and Culture Latin I, II, III, IV (CP, H) AP Latin Language and Culture Spanish I, II, III, IV, V (CP, H) AP Spanish Language and Culture
Fine Arts 1 unit	String Orchestra, Band, Studio Art I and II, Painting and Drawing (introduction and advanced), Photography, Ceramics, Introduction to Acting, Advanced Acting, Graphic Design, Media Production/Webcasting, Senior Portfolio Honors, Instrument Building
Physical Education 1 unit	Strength and Conditioning, Introduction to Racquet Sports, Athletic Development, Advanced Strength and Conditioning
Other Electives 3 units	Public Speaking, Honors Writing for Publication, Yearbook, Newspaper/Journalism, STEAM: Robotics, Freshman Seminar, Sophomore Seminar, Junior Seminar, Senior Seminar

GRADE DISTRIBUTION: Class of 2024 (Grades 9-11)

Third	Range of Weighted GPAs	Mean Weighted GPA
1	4.36-4.11	4.25
2	4.08-3.91	3.91
3	3.67-2.60	2.60

ACT RESULTS: Average super scores by graduating class (2019-2023)

Class of	Average Composite Score
2019	27.5
2020	28.2
2021	27
2022	25.6
2023	24.6
Five-year average:	26.6

SAT RESULTS: Average super scores by graduating class (2019-2023)

Class of	Mean Critical Reading/EBR-W	Mean Mathematics	Mean Total
2019	643	622	1265
2020	628	616	1244
2021	626	620	1246
2022	622	600	1222
2023	616	600	1216
Five-year Averages:	627	612	1239

RECENT COLLEGE MATRICULATION: Classes of 2021-2023

Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College	Princeton University
Agnes Scott College	Rhodes College
Arkansas State University	Samford University
Auburn University	Savannah College of Art & Design
Augusta University	Sewanee: The University of the South
Berry College	Shenandoah University
Charleston Southern University	Southern Methodist University
Clemson University	Springfield College
College of Charleston	Texas A&M University
Colorado State University	Texas Christian University
Columbia University	The Ohio State University
Cornell College	Tulane University
Cornell University	United States Air Force Academy
Duke University	United States Naval Academy
East Carolina University	University of Alabama
East Tennessee State University	University of Colorado Boulder
Eastern University	University of Connecticut
Elon University	University of Georgia
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	University of Michigan
Emory University	University of Mississippi
Furman University	University of Montevallo
George Washington University	University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Georgetown University	University of North Georgia
Georgia College & State University	University of Pennsylvania
Georgia Institute of Technology	University of South Carolina
Georgia Military College	University of Southern California
Georgia Southern University	University of Tennessee
Georgia State University	University of Utah
Harvard University	University of Virginia
Hawai'i Pacific University	University of Washington
Indiana University at Bloomington	Valdosta State University
Kennesaw State University	Valparaiso University
Loyola University Chicago	Vanderbilt University
Macalester College	Virginia Military Institute
Mars Hill University	Washington and Lee University
McGill University	Washington College
Mercer University	Wellesley College
New York University	Western Carolina University
Occidental College	William and Mary
Piedmont University	Wofford College
Presbyterian College	Young Harris College