



DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS OF A PRIORY EDUCATION

For more than 60 years, the monks and lay faculty of Saint Louis Abbey, guided by the Rule of Saint Benedict, have taught young men the intellectual skills and disciplines inherent in a comprehensive liberal arts program of study. Centered in the spirit of Christian love and committed to service of all its members, Saint Louis Priory School welcomes students of all faith backgrounds from over 65 different zip codes. More than 30% of the entire student body receives financial aid.

PROGRAM OF STUDY AND CURRICULUM

Course of Study – Students typically enroll in 8 courses each trimester in the freshman and sophomore years and 7 in the junior year. Courses meet from 2 to 5 class periods each week. Without exception, a student may enroll in no more than 4 AP courses in the junior year and 3 AP courses in the senior year. The senior year has five academic core disciplines in the first term, an intentional structuring that more closely resembles the first year of university studies, with an increase in instructional time in each discipline.

(* Students may select only one elective course from the appropriate list; *Italicized courses are available in honors.*)

Grade 9

Theology; English; *Latin III* or Latin for Transfer;
French III or *Spanish III*; *Geometry*;
Biology; World History I

Electives*: Greek I or Fine Arts (Medieval or Theatre Arts, Photography, Studio Art, or Vocal Music)

Grade 10

Theology; English; *French IV*,
Spanish IV, or Mandarin I;
Pre-calculus; *Chemistry*; World History II; Seminar

Elective One*: *Latin IV* or Greek/Roman Culture, or

Elective Two*: Greek II or Fine Arts (Medieval Arts, Mass Media & Video Production, Photography, Studio Art, Vocal Music)

Grade 11

Theology; English; *French V*, *Spanish V*, or Mandarin II; AP Calculus BC or AB or Analytic Geometry and Trigonometry; AP Physics or Physics; AP U.S. History or U.S. History; Art History (one term);

Electives*: AP Latin, Latin V, Computer Science, Vocal Music, Visual and Performing Arts, or Study Hall

Priory is the only high school in the country with a fully-functioning **medieval arts** guild and curricular medieval arts courses. All students learn the history and beauty of medieval arts, including calligraphy, stained glass and heraldry. Outside of class, interested students may progress through the Guild system, with those achieving Master status sealing his personal coat of arms onto the Craftsman Table.

Grade 12

Theology (two terms); English: Thesis I in first term and Electives in the winter and spring; Senior Honors Thesis (winter term only); AP Statistics and Physics C, AP Statistics and Probability, or AP Calculus (AB);

Electives* (students choose one class each from two of the categories below):

- AP French, AP Spanish or Spanish VI, or Mandarin III
- AP Chemistry or AP Biology or Neuroscience and Human Genetics
- AP U.S. Government & Politics or Social Studies Seminar or AP Computer Science

Thesis – All seniors complete the senior thesis, a product of scholarly, scientific, or artistic work of high academic quality. The character of the work leading to the senior thesis is expected to be more advanced than normal course work and should involve an unusually high level of initiative, independence, organization, and effort. In the second term of the senior year, Thesis II is an independent, honors level course.

GRADING POLICY AND HONORS

Transcript, Grading, and Rank – Courses are offered for either a single trimester or for the entire year. All courses, except Art History, have a final grade incorporating work from each of the three trimesters for students; some courses also include a comprehensive final exam.

Separate trimester grades are recorded in all subjects for seniors with no final grade. **We do not rank our students.** Our grading scale is:

A+ = 4.5	B+ = 3.5	C+ = 2.5	D = 1.0
A = 4.3	B = 3.3	C = 2.3	F = 0
A- = 4.0	B- = 3.0	C- = 2.0	

Passing Mark is a 60.

Weighting – Students who earn a B- or better in an honors course receive an additional .3 for that course. Students who earn a B- or better in an AP course receive an additional .5 for that course.

Honor Roll – At the end of each year, students who earn a 4.00 or better un-weighted cumulative GPA for the year with no C for an end-of-year grade are awarded First Honors.

Students who earn between a 3.50 and 3.99 un-weighted cumulative GPA for the year with no C for an end-of-year grade are awarded Second Honors.

Discipline – Saint Louis Priory School reports academic and behavioral infractions that result in a serious disciplinary response from the school.

The Mission of Saint Louis Priory School is to provide a Benedictine, Catholic, college preparatory education of the highest excellence so as to help talented and motivated young men develop their full potential as children of God.

ADMINISTRATION

Rev. Cuthbert Elliott, O.S.B.
Headmaster

Dr. Jared M. Rashford
Assistant Headmaster

Mr. Michael J. Nickolai
Director of the High School

ACCREDITATION

Independent Schools Association
of the Central States

COLLEGE COUNSELING AND OUTCOMES DATA

ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMS

Priory offers 14 AP courses in the junior and senior years. Junior and senior students may enroll in a maximum of three AP courses per year.

Based on faculty and assistant headmaster approval, a limited number of juniors are allowed to enroll in 4 APs.

From 2015 to 2017, Priory students have scored a 3 or better on 78% of the tests taken. Almost 60% of 2018 graduates were recognized with an AP Scholar or higher designation.

In May 2018, 104 students (78% of all juniors and seniors) sat for 267 exams. A total of 100% of Priory students will complete an AP class before graduating.

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

On average, the National Merit Scholarship Corporation has recognized approximately 20% of our seniors as a National Merit Finalist, Semi-Finalist, or Commended Student, or as a National Hispanic Scholar.

TESTING RESULTS: THREE-YEAR PROFILE

Total Students, Classes of 2016-18: 207
(2016: 80; 2017: 62; 2018: 65)

ACT Composite Data

Tested: 203; Mean: 31; Middle 50%: 28-33

OFFICE OF COLLEGE COUNSELING

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COLLEGE ADMISSION

207 Graduates from the classes of 2016-2018 were admitted into at least one of the following colleges and universities. Bold indicates at least one student matriculated.

Priory **CEEB Code: 260782**

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The University of Alabama at Huntsville
The University of Alabama
Allegheny College
American University
Arizona State University
The University of Arizona
University of Arkansas
Auburn University
Babson College
Bard College
Baylor University
Belmont University
Benedictine College
Bentley University
Boston College
Boston University
Bowdoin College
Bradley University
Brown University
Bucknell University
Butler University
California Institute of Technology
California Polytechnic, San Luis Obispo
University of California, Los Angeles
Carleton College
Case Western Reserve University
The Catholic University of America
Centre College
Champlain College
Chapman University
College of Charleston
University of Chicago
University of Cincinnati
Colgate University
University of Colorado at Boulder
Colorado School of Mines
Colorado State University
Columbia College Chicago

Columbia University
Cornell College
Covenant College
Creighton University
University of Dallas
Dartmouth College
University of Dayton
Denison University
University of Denver
DePaul University
DePauw University
Dickinson College
Drake University
Drury University
Duke University
Earlham College
Elon University
Emory University
University of Evansville
Fairfield University
Florida Institute of Technology
Florida Southern College
Fordham University
Franciscan University of Steubenville
Franklin and Marshall College
Furman University
Gettysburg College
The George Washington University
Georgetown University
Georgia Institute of Technology
The University of Georgia
University of Glasgow (Scotland)
Graceland University
Grand View University
Gustavus Adolphus College
Hampshire College
Haverford College
Harvard University
High Point University

College of the Holy Cross
Hope College
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
Illinois Wesleyan University
Indiana University at Bloomington
Iowa State University
Johns Hopkins University
University of Kansas
University of Kentucky
Kettering University
Knox College
Lake Forest College
Lehigh University
Loyola Marymount University
Loyola University Chicago
Loyola University Maryland
Loyola University New Orleans
Marquette University
University of Maryland, College Park
University of Massachusetts, Amherst
McKendree University
Miami University, Oxford
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
University of Mississippi
Missouri State University
Missouri University of Science and Technology
University of Missouri, Columbia
University of Missouri, Kansas City
University of Missouri, Kansas City School of Medicine
University of Missouri, St. Louis
The University of Montana, Missoula
New York University
The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

North Carolina State University
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
University of Notre Dame
The Ohio State University
Ohio Wesleyan University
The University of Oklahoma
University of Oregon
Oxford College of Emory University
University of Pennsylvania
Pitzer College
University of Portland
Princeton University
Providence College
Purdue University
Quincy University
Regis University
Rhodes College
Rice University
University of Richmond
Rochester Institute of Technology
University of Rochester
Rockhurst University
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
Saint Louis University
Samford University
University of San Diego
Santa Clara University
University of San Francisco
St. Ambrose University
St. Olaf College
Seton Hall University
Stanford University
University of South Carolina
University of Southampton (England)
University of Southern California
Southern Illinois University-Carbondale
Southern Methodist University
Spring Hill College

University of St. Andrews (Scotland)
St. Mary's University of San Antonio
University of St. Thomas
Swansea University (England)
Syracuse University
Temple University
Texas A&M University
Texas Christian University
The University of Texas, Austin
Thomas Aquinas College
Trinity College
Trinity University
Truman State University
Tulane University
University of Tulsa
United States Merchant Marine
United States Military Academy
United States Naval Academy
Vanderbilt University
University of Vermont
Villanova University
Virginia Tech
University of Virginia
Wabash College
Wake Forest University
Washington and Lee University
Washington University in St. Louis
Wesleyan University
Wheaton College IL
College of William and Mary
William Jewell College
Williams College
University of Wisconsin, Madison
The College of Wooster
Xavier University
Yale University