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2019-2020 Upper School Profile

School Mission

Mount de Sales Academy, an independent Catholic School sponsored and inspired by the Sisters of Mercy, is a diverse college-preparatory community of learners—students and teachers alike—who are poised to discover, challenged to innovate, and motivated to serve.”

Student Population

There are 375 students enrolled in the Upper School in grades 9-12. The senior class consists of 94 students. Historically, 97% of our graduates attend four-year colleges. Notably, the MDS student body is comprised of an ethnically diverse population, with 42% students of color.

Accreditation

Accredited by Southern Association of Independent Schools (SAIS) and Cognia (formerly AdvancED). Mount de Sales holds memberships in the following organizations: Georgia High School Association (GHSAA), Mercy Secondary Education Association (MESA), National Catholic Education Association (NCEA), National Association for Independent Schools (NAIS), Southern Association of Independent Schools (SAIS), Southern Association for College Admissions Counseling (SACAC).

Academic Expectations

English	4 credits
Math	4 credits
Science	4 credits
Social Studies	3 credits
Theology	4 credits
World Languages	2 credits
P.E./Health	1 credit
Fine Arts	1 credit
Technology	.5 credit
Electives	1.5 credits
Total	25 Credits

- ▶ Community outreach is a cornerstone of the school's mission. Mount de Sales requires all students to complete 20 hours of community service per year through our Mercy in Action program, embodying this mission in the practice of Servant Leadership.

Grading Scale

A+	97-100	(4.0)	C+	77-79	(2.5)
A	93-96	(4.0)	C	73-76	(2.0)
A-	90-92	(4.0)	C-	70-72	(2.0)
B+	87-89	(3.5)	D	65-69	(1.0)
B	83-86	(3.0)	F	0-64	(0.0)
B-	80-82	(3.0)			

- ▶ To combat grade inflation, our rigorous curriculum has resulted in a non-weighted, academic cumulative grade point average with a mean of 3.33 on a 4.0 scale.
- ▶ No numerical weight is provided for honors classes. Advanced Placement courses are weighted with 4 points. If the resulting grade is over 100, then 4.5 quality points are used to determine the grade point average. We treat courses taken at Mercer University as AP courses.
- ▶ Due to the highly academic nature of our program, Mount de Sales does not establish a class rank for its students.

Curriculum

Diploma Endorsement Program: Sophomores may choose to pursue a diploma endorsement in one of six concentrations: science, design, and technology; global studies; history and humanities; Mercy in Action; business management; and healthcare studies. Faculty members mentor students as they design a three-year research or creative project, pursue internships, take a concentrated course of study, and prepare a senior capstone presentation.

Dual Enrollment Programs: Mount de Sales partners with Wesleyan College to allow high-achieving seniors joint enrollment privileges. Many of our seniors take a college-level English course administered through Wesleyan and noted on transcripts as College English. Some seniors also take college-level math and history courses that are noted on transcripts as College Algebra, College Statistics, and College World Civilization I and II.

Courses

ENGLISH

English I: Genre and Composition
 English II: Literature and the Writing Process
 American Voices in Literature
 AP English Language and Composition
 British and Western Literature
 AP English Literature and Composition
 College English (H)*

MATHEMATICS

Algebra I/Algebra II/Algebra II (H)
 Advanced Algebra
 Geometry/Geometry (H)
 Pre-Calculus (H)
 AP Calculus AB
 AP Calculus BC
 Discrete Math/Special Topics in Math
 AP Statistics
 College Algebra (H)*
 College Statistics (H)*
 College Readiness Math
 Financial Literacy

THEOLOGY

Theology I: Salvation History/Christology
 Theology II: The Church/Christian Morality
 Theology III: Social Justice/Faith and Reason
 Holocaust Studies
 Prayer and Spirituality
 World Religions
 Liturgy and Worship
 Philosophy (H)
 Christianity and the Arts

SCIENCE

Physics/Physics (H) AP Physics I/AP Physics II
 Biology/Biology (H)/AP Biology
 Biology II
 Chemistry/Chemistry (H)/AP Chemistry
 Organic Chemistry
 Intro to Anatomy and Physiology
 Forensic Science
 Astronomy
 Botany
 Ecology

Genetics
 Geology
 Essentials of Healthcare
 AP Environmental Science

TECHNOLOGY

Computer Assisted Design
 AP Computer Science Principles
 Introduction to Programming (H)
 App Design

WORLD LANGUAGES

French I/French II/French III (H)/French IV-V (H)/AP French
 Spanish I/Spanish II/Spanish III (H)/Spanish IV (H)/AP Spanish
 Latin I/Latin II/Latin III (H)/AP Latin

SOCIAL STUDIES

US History/AP US History
 World History/AP World History
 US Government/AP Government
 Economics/AP Macroeconomics
 AP Art History
 AP Psychology
 College World Civilization I (H)*/
 College World Civilization II (H)*

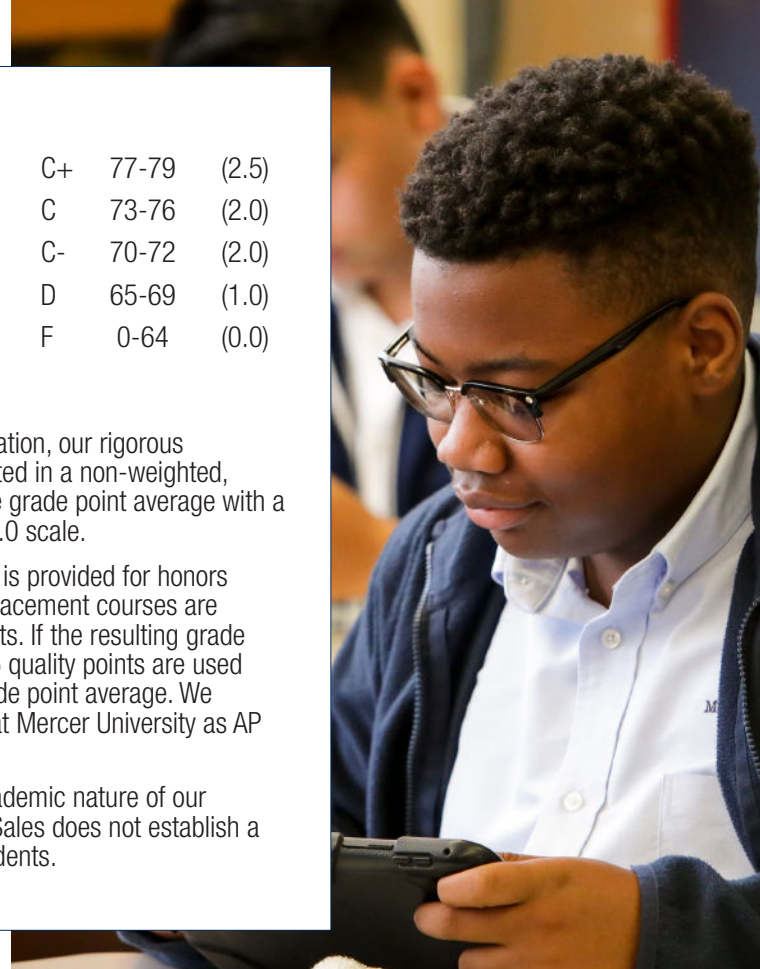
PERFORMING & VISUAL ARTS

Band/Advanced Band (Marching/Concert)
 Portfolio Development/Advanced Portfolio Development
 Acting/Characterization
 Technical Drama
 Advanced Technical Drama
 Dance/Movement
 Speech
 Introduction to Choral Music
 Concert Choir
 Chorale
 Piano/Intermediate Piano
 Drawing and Painting I/Drawing and Painting II
 Yearbook
 Art I/Art II/Art III

SPECIALTY

SAT Prep and Practice
 Leadership and Career Interest Challenge

*dual enrollment



Advanced Placement (AP) Courses

Registration for these courses requires administrative approval. Given the intensity of these courses, students are encouraged to take no more than two their tenth grade year, three for their eleventh grade year, and three for their twelfth grade year for a total of eight courses. Taking more AP courses than this requires an administrative waiver.

Art History
English Language and Composition
English Literature and Composition
Biology

Chemistry
Physics I
Physics II
Calculus AB
Calculus BC
Statistics

Spanish
United States History
World History
Government and Politics
Psychology
Macroeconomics

Computer Science Principles
Latin
French
Environmental Science

Top Decile of 2019 Graduates

Average Cumulative GPA:	4.07	Average # of AP courses taken:	7
Average Academic GPA:	3.99	AP Exam Scores of 3:	17
Average SAT scores:		AP Exam Scores of 4:	22
Evidenced-Based Reading & Writing (EBRW)	706	AP Exam Scores of 5:	21
Math	679	AP Scholars	46
SAT Composite	1384	AP Scholars with Honor:	9
ACT Composite	29	AP Scholars with Distinction:	9
		National AP Scholar	1

- ▶ These students were involved in an average of seven activities each, including athletic teams, honor societies, and clubs. All of these students held a leadership position within their chosen student activities.
- ▶ Students who take AP classes can earn a grade above 100, which translates to a 4.5.
- ▶ AP Scholars information represents all students taking AP exams, not just the top decile.
- ▶ AP exams are scored on a scale of 1 to 5: 5 = extremely well qualified; 4 = well qualified; 3 = qualified; 2 = possibly qualified; 1 = no recommendation.

AP Examination Results

Year	Number Taken	Percent of Tests Scored 3-5
2015	413	62%
2016	404	64%
2017	429	68%
2018	458	62%
2019	390	55%

- ▶ All students enrolled in an AP course are required to register for the exam.

National Merit Scholarship Program Results

Year	Semifinalists/Finalists
2013-2014	3
2014-2015	5
2016-2017	1
2017-2018	1
2018-2019	1



College Acceptances: Classes of 2015-2019

Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College	East Georgia State College	North Carolina A&T State University	University of Central Missouri
Agnes Scott College	Eastern Kentucky University	North Carolina State University	University of Cincinnati
Alabama A&M University	Eckerd College	North Central College	University of Connecticut
Alabama State University	Elon University	North Park University	University of Dayton
American College of Dublin	Emmanuel College	Northeastern University	University of Denver
American University	Emory University	Northwestern University	University of Florida
Amherst College	Fisk University	Oglethorpe University	University of Georgia
Andrew College	Florida A&M University	Ohio State University	University of Illinois at Chicago
Appalachian State University	Florida Institute of Technology	Oxford College of Emory University	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Arizona State University	Florida Southern College	Pacific Lutheran University	University of Iowa
Armstrong State University	Florida State University	Pennsylvania State University	University of Kansas
Auburn University	Fordham University	Pennsylvania State University - Berks	University of Kentucky
Augusta University	Fort Valley State University	Piedmont Baptist College	University of Massachusetts
Augustana University (South Dakota)	Furman University	Piedmont College	Dartmouth
Baruch College of the CUNY	George Mason University	Presbyterian College	University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Bates College	Georgetown University	Princeton University	University of Memphis
Baylor University	Georgia College	Purdue University	University of Miami
Beloit College	Georgia Institute of Technology	Queens University of Charlotte	University of Michigan
Benedictine University (IL)	Georgia Military College	Rhodes College	University of Mississippi
Berklee College of Music	Georgia Southern University	Roanoke College	University of Missouri Columbia
Berry College	Georgia Southwestern State University	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Missouri Montevallo
Bethany College	Georgia State University	Rollins College	University of North Alabama
Binghamton University	George Washington University	Rutgers University-New Brunswick	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Birmingham-Southern College	Gordon College	Ryerson University	University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Boston College	Gordon State College	Saint Leo University	University of North Carolina at Wilmington
Boston University	Greensboro College	Saint Mary's College	University of North Georgia
Brandeis University	Guilford College	Samford University	University of Oklahoma
Brenau University	Hampton University	Savannah College of Art and Design	University of Pennsylvania
Brescia University College	Hawaii Pacific University	Savannah State University	University of Pittsburgh
Brewton-Parker College	Hofstra University	Seton Hall University	University of San Francisco
Brigham Young University	Hong Kong Baptist University	Sewanee: The University of the South	University of South Carolina - Columbia
Brown University	Howard University	Shorter University	University of South Florida, Tampa
Carleton College	Illinois Institute of Technology	Simpson College	University of Tampa
Case Western Reserve University	Indiana Institute of Technology	South Dakota School of Mines and Technology	University of Tennessee, Knoxville
The Catholic University of America	Indiana University at Bloomington	South Georgia College	University of the Virgin Islands-St. Thomas
Central State University	Jacksonville University	Southern Methodist University	University of Vermont
Centre College	Johnson C. Smith University	Southern University and A&M College	University of Victoria
Chattahoochee Valley State Community College	Kennesaw State University	Spelman College	University of Virginia
The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina	The King's College	Spring Hill College	University of Washington
Claflin University	LaGrange College	St. Andrews University	University of West Florida
Clark Atlanta University	Lawrence Technological University	St. Bonaventure University	University of West Georgia
Clark University	Lee University	St. John's University	University of Wisconsin, Madison
Clemson University	Lees-McRae College	St. John's University - Staten Island Campus	Utah Valley University
Cleveland Institute of Art	Lenoir-Rhyne University	Stanford University	Valdosta State University
Coastal Carolina University	Lewis University	Stetson University	Vanderbilt University
Colgate University	Lignan University	Stony Brook University	Villanova University
College for Creative Studies	Limestone College	Syracuse University	Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
College of Charleston	Long Island University, Brooklyn	Tennessee State University	Voorhees College
College of Coastal Georgia	Louisiana State University	Texas A&M University	Wake Forest University
College of the Holy Cross	Loyola University Chicago	Texas Christian University	Wartburg College
College of William & Mary	Loyola University Maryland	The American University of Paris	Washington University in St. Louis
Colorado School of Mines	Loyola University New Orleans	Troy University	Wesleyan College
Colorado State University	Mary Baldwin University	Tulane University	Wesleyan University
Columbia College Hollywood	Maryland Institute College of Art	Tuskegee University	Western Kentucky University
Columbus State University	Maryville College	University at Buffalo The State University of New York	Western University
Concordia College - Moorhead	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	University of Alabama	Willamette University
Cornell University	Mercer University	University of Alabama at Birmingham	Wittenberg University
Creighton University	Miami University, Oxford	University of Arizona	Xavier University
Crown College	Michigan State University	University of Arkansas	Xavier University of Louisiana
Dartmouth College	Middle Georgia State University	University of California, Davis	York University
Davidson College	Mississippi State University	University of California, Irvine	Young Harris College
Denison University	Missouri State University	University of California, Los Angeles	
DePaul University	Morehouse College	University of California, San Diego	
Dickinson College	New England School of Art and Design at Suffolk University	University of California, Santa Barbara	
Drexel University	New York University	University of California, Santa Cruz	
Duke University	Niagara University	University of Central Florida	
Duquesne University	Norfolk State University		
East Carolina University			