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2020-2021 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 366 students enrolled in the Upper School in grades 9-12. The senior class consists of 100 students. Historically, 98% of our graduates attend four-year colleges. Notably, the MDS student body is comprised of an ethnically diverse population, with 45% 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++	101-104	(4.5)	B-	80-82	(3.0)
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)

- ▶ 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.
- ▶ 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.

Course Offerings (2017-2021)

ENGLISH

English I: Genre and Composition
English II: Literature and the Writing Process
English III: American Voices in Literature
English IV: British and Western Literature
AP English Literature and Composition
AP English Language 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
Calculus (H)
Intro to Abstract Math
AP Statistics
College Algebra (H)*
College Statistics (H)*

THEOLOGY

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

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 (CAD)
AP Computer Science Principles
Introduction to Programming (H)
App Design
Digital Technology

WORLD LANGUAGES

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

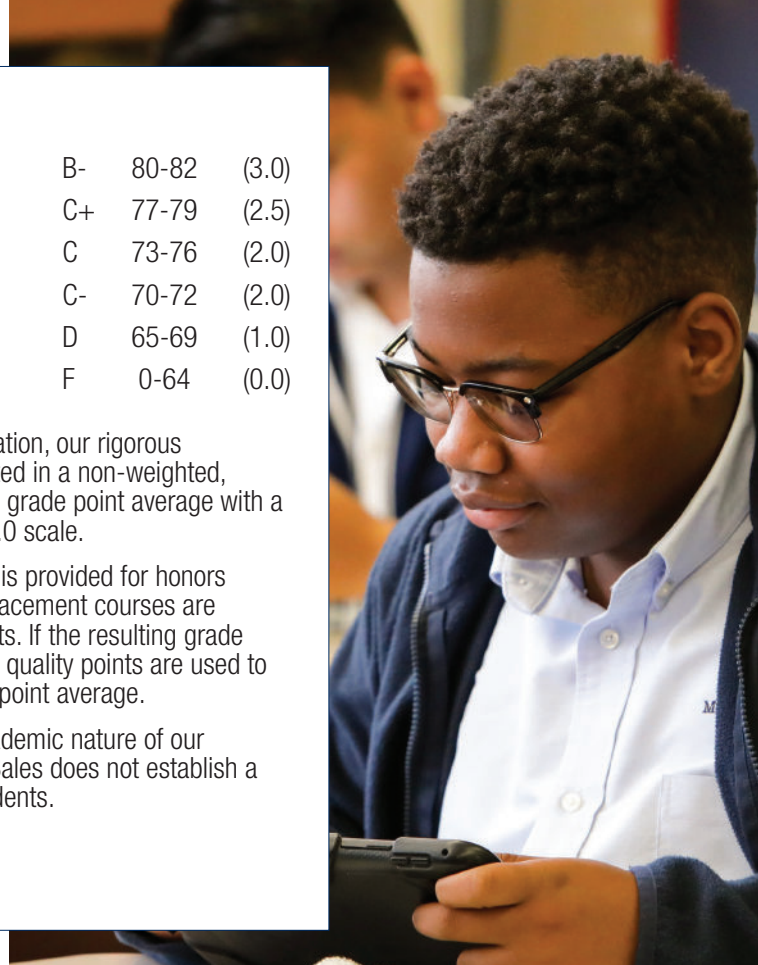
PERFORMING & VISUAL ARTS

Band/Advanced Band (Marching/
Concert)
Portfolio Development I & II
Acting/Characterization
Technical Drama
Dance/Movement
Theatre Design & Puppetry
Speech
Concert Choir
Chorale
Piano
Drawing and Painting I & II
Yearbook
Art I/Advanced Art
AP Studio Art
Ceramic Design
Photography
Songwriting and Music Production
Theatre Performance/One Act

SPECIALTY

SAT Prep and Practice
Leadership and Career Interest
Challenge

*dual enrollment



Advanced Placement (AP) Courses (2020–2021)

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
Studio Art

Top Decile of 2020 Graduates

Average Cumulative GPA:	4.08	Average # of AP courses taken:	8
Average Academic GPA:	3.99	AP Exam Scores of 3:	26
Average SAT scores:		AP Exam Scores of 4:	22
Evidenced-Based Reading & Writing (EBRW)	714	AP Exam Scores of 5:	19
Math	710	AP Scholars	38
SAT Composite	1424	AP Scholars with Honor:	8
ACT Composite	30	AP Scholars with Distinction:	9
		National AP Scholar	2

- ▶ 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
2016	404	64%
2017	429	68%
2018	458	62%
2019	390	55%
2020	410	61%

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

National Merit Scholarship Program Results

Year	Semifinalists/Finalists
2014-2015	5
2016-2017	1
2017-2018	1
2018-2019	1
2019-2020	1



College Acceptances: Classes of 2016-2020

Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College	Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University	Ohio State University	University of Connecticut
Agnes Scott College	Florida Institute of Technology	Ohio Wesleyan University	University of Dayton
Alabama A & M University	Florida International University	Oxford College of Emory University	University of Denver
Alabama State University	Florida Southern College	Pennsylvania State University	University of Florida
Albany State University	Florida State University	Piedmont College	University of Georgia
Alcorn State University	Fordham University	Piedmont International University	University of Illinois at Chicago
Allegheny College	Fort Valley State University	Point University	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
American College of Dublin	Franciscan University of Steubenville	Presbyterian College	University of Iowa
American University	Franklin and Marshall College	Princeton University	University of Kansas
Appalachian State University	Furman University	Purdue University	University of Kentucky
Arizona State University	George Washington University	Rhodes College	University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth
Armstrong State University	Georgetown University	Roanoke College	University of Massachusetts-Amherst
Auburn University	Georgia College	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Memphis
Augusta University	Georgia Gwinnett College	Rollins College	University of Miami
Ave Maria University	Georgia Institute of Technology	Rutgers University-New Brunswick	University of Michigan
Baylor University	Georgia Military College	Ryerson University	University of Minnesota-Twin Cities
Beloit College	Georgia Southern University	Saint Louis University	University of Mississippi
Benedictine University	Georgia Southwestern State University	Saint Mary's College	University of Missouri-Columbia
Berklee College of Music	Georgia State University	Samford University	University of Missouri-Montevideo
Berry College	Gordon State College	Savannah College of Art and Design	University of Montana
Bethany College	Grambling State University	Savannah State University	University of New Mexico
Binghamton University	Grinnell College	Seton Hall University	University of North Alabama
Birmingham Southern College	Hampden-Sydney College	Sewanee-The University of the South	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Boston College	Hampton University	Shorter University	University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Boston University	Hawaii Pacific University	South Dakota School of Mines and Technology	University of North Georgia
Brenau University	Hofstra University	South Georgia State College	University of Oklahoma
Brescia University College	Hong Kong Baptist University	Southeastern Oklahoma State University	University of Pennsylvania
Brewton-Parker College	Howard University	Southern Methodist University	University of Pittsburgh
Brigham Young University	Illinois Institute of Technology	Southern University and A & M College	University of San Francisco
Brown University	Indiana Institute of Technology	Spelman College	University of South Alabama
Carleton College	Indiana University-Bloomington	Spring Hill College	University of South Carolina
Case Western Reserve University	Jacksonville University	St. Andrews University	University of South Florida
Central State University	Johnson C. Smith University	St. John's University	University of Tampa
Chattahoochee Valley Community College	Kennesaw State University	Stony Brook University, State University of New York	University of the Virgin Islands-St. Thomas
Clafin University	LaGrange College	Syracuse University	University of Vermont
Clark Atlanta University	Lawrence Technological University	Tennessee State University	University of Victoria
Clark University	Lee University	Texas A&M University	University of Virginia
Clayton State University	Lignan University	Texas Christian University	University of Washington
Clemson University	Limestone College	The American University of Paris	University of West Georgia
Cleveland Institute of Art	Long Island University- Brooklyn	The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina	University of Wisconsin
Coastal Carolina University	Louisiana State University	The King's College	Ursinus College
Colgate University	Loyola University Chicago	University of Alabama	Utah Valley University
College for Creative Studies	Loyola University New Orleans	University of Arizona	Valdosta State University
College of Charleston	Marion Military Institute	University of Tennessee	Vanderbilt University
College of Coastal Georgia	Marquette University	University of Texas at Austin	Villanova University
College of the Holy Cross	Mary Baldwin University	Troy University	Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Colorado School of Mines	Maryland Institute College of Art	Tulane University of Louisiana	Virginia State University
Colorado State University	Mercer University	Tuskegee University	Voorhees College
Columbia College Hollywood	Miami University-Oxford	United States Merchant Marine Academy	Wake Forest University
Columbus State University	Michigan State University	University at Buffalo, State University of New York	Washington University in St. Louis
Cornell University	Middle Georgia State University	University of Alabama at Birmingham	Webster University
Creighton University	Midway University	University of Alabama in Huntsville	Wesleyan College
CUNY Bernard M Baruch College	Mississippi State University	University of Arkansas	Wesleyan University
Dalton State College	Missouri State University	University of California, San Diego	West Virginia State University
Dartmouth College	Missouri State University	University of California-Davis	Western Carolina University
Davidson College	Morehouse College	University of California-Irvine	Western University
DePaul University	New England School of Art and Design	University of California-Los Angeles	Willamette University
Drexel University	New York University	University of California-Riverside	William and Mary
Duke University	Niagara University	University of California-Santa Barbara	Williams College
Duquesne University	Norfolk State University	University of California-Santa Cruz	Wingate University
East Carolina University	North Carolina A & T State University	University of Central Florida	Wofford College
East Georgia State College	North Carolina State University at Raleigh	University of Cincinnati	Xavier University
Eastern Kentucky University	North Central College		Xavier University of Louisiana
Eckerd College	Northeastern University		York University
Elon University	Northwestern University		Young Harris College
Emmanuel College	Oglethorpe University		
Emory University			
Fisk University			