

Profile 2022-23

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Founded in 1799 by the Religious Society of Friends, Westtown School continues to be one of the nation's best-known Quaker schools. Situated on 600 acres in Chester County, Pennsylvania, Westtown is accredited by the Pennsylvania Association of Independent Schools.

Students at Westtown are challenged to realize their intellectual, physical, emotional, and spiritual potential. Truth, openness, and honesty are values which undergird the school community. A spirit of inquiry reigns in the classroom, and students are encouraged to think creatively, to feel the condition of others, and to listen

to their inner selves. Westtown expects students to be critical, independent thinkers who can work with a spirit of cooperation, understanding, and tolerance of the views of others.

The Westtown experience is defined by rigorous academic preparation for college, community living in a diverse environment, weekly Meeting for Worship, and participation in the school's unique Work Program (detailed below). These shared events reflect and teach the fundamental Quaker values of consensus, nonviolent resolution of conflict, and the dignity of physical work.

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ENROLLMENT

- Coeducational since the school's founding, Westtown's student body consists of 693 students in grades Pre-K through 12.
- Students come from 16 states and 19 countries.
- The Upper School (grades 9-12) enrolls 364 students (98 day students and 266 boarding).
- 7.3% are Quakers, 35% are American students of color, and 16.5% are international students.
- Need-based financial aid is received by 58% of students in the Upper School.
- From the class of 2022, 89 students enrolled in four-year colleges, two enrolled in two-year colleges, and two did not immediately enroll in college. The class of 2023 totals 99.

Engineering and Computer Science Integrated Study:

Students who have interests in engineering, computer science, and designing for change can choose among a variety of courses focused on these areas. The overall focus of the program is to provide technological and management skills to envision, design, create, and implement solutions to problems that matter.

Service Learning: Through Westtown's Service Network, school trips, or other projects, students gain an understanding of the world around them, experience with human service institutions, appreciation for lifestyles that differ from their own, interpersonal skills, and the value of helping others. *The service requirement was suspended for the class of 2021, 2022, and 2023.*

Work Program: In accordance with Quaker values, Work Program reaffirms the goodness of service to others and the dignity of all work. Students are exposed to a variety of working experiences through helping with service, janitorial, recycling, and harvesting efforts in the kitchen, library, dorms, and farm. By taking part in the daily working life of the school, students learn to respect what it means to be part of a community and to understand the impact of their behavior on others.

Independent Research: A junior or senior with a defined area of academic interest may propose and carry out a supervised semester or yearlong advanced scholarly research project. Scientific Research (Advanced) is a course that brings together students focused on long-term scientific studies.

Discipline Council: When major school infractions arise, consequences are determined by a panel of students and faculty members. Students serving on Discipline Council are seen as moral and ethical leaders in the community; this group is committed to understanding discipline as an opportunity for learning and growth. Westtown reports to colleges disciplinary incidents resulting in dismissal or withdrawal.

Certificate Programs: Students may choose to participate in one of six interdisciplinary programs of study: Social Entrepreneurship; Sustainability Leadership; Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, & Social Justice; Global Citizenship; Multidisciplinary Arts; and Data-Driven Change. The programs include coursework, research projects, mentorship, experiential learning, and leadership on campus.

Course levels: All courses are college preparatory. Academic departments identify their most rigorous courses as Advanced. There are 50+ Advanced courses offered; it is impossible to take all of them. A complete description of our curriculum is available in our [Curriculum Guide at www.westtown.edu](http://www.westtown.edu).

Course load: A typical course load for freshmen and sophomores consists of five yearlong courses and one or more semester-long courses. The minimum requirement for juniors and seniors is five courses per semester; the maximum is seven. The academic program offers students both breadth and depth of study across the curriculum. The faculty emphasizes the quality of study over quantity, especially in the junior and senior years. Summer courses for credit show the course, credit, and grade on the transcript.

GPA: The GPA is calculated on a 100 point scale at the end of each school year. Only Westtown credit-bearing classes are included in the GPA. We include all graded courses and do not weight any class more heavily than another.

Highest in Class of 2023	Lowest	Average
97.74	76.2	90.79

Reflecting the Quaker testimony of equality, comparative statistics (class rank, checkboxes) are not reported. When students repeat a course, both grades appear on the transcript. Credit is awarded for the most recent course.

PANDEMIC CHANGES

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Upper School was in distance learning for the last quarter of the 2019-20 school year. Students chose pass or numeric grades for their transcripts during the spring semester 2020. During the 2020-21 school year, the Upper School used hybrid learning, with some students fully remote the entire year. Students attended online or hybrid classes daily, with adjusted assessments. Students earned numeric grades for all semesters after spring 2020. In the 2020-2021 school year, some sports are listed without the varsity designation.

Eleventh and Twelfth Grade Courses

ARTS

Applied Music 1-4
Ceramics
Choral Arts 1-4
Digital Music and Studio Production 1,2
From Blues to EDM: Popular Music in American Culture
Jazz Ensemble 1-4
Performing Arts Advanced Tutorial
Sculpture
String Orchestra 1-4
Studio Art Forum
Symphonic Band 1-4
Woodworking

ENGLISH

Challenging the Canon: Great Books & Their Contemporary Connections (Adv)
Classical Connections in Modern Literature (Adv)
Contemporary World Literature (English 11)
Creative Writing (Adv)
Dystopian Literature
English Literature/Language Seminar: Int'l Stud
Harlem Renaissance (Adv)
The Essay (English 12)
The Short Story*
World Mythology
Writing & Critical Film Studies
Writing with Power*

HISTORY

9/11 & US-Middle Eastern Relations*
African American Experience*
Asian American Experience*
Cold War & US-China Relations*
Contemporary Affairs*
Gender & Queer Studies *
Genocide Studies 1 and 2*
Latin American Experience*
Microeconomics/Macroeconomics
Modern Africa*
Modern Asia*
Modern Latin America*
World History: 1300-1800* & 1800-2000*

MATHEMATICS

Statistics
Calculus 1*
Calculus 2 (Adv)
Linear Algebra (Adv)
Multivariable Calculus (Adv)
Differential Equations (Adv)

ENGINEERING & COMPUTER SCIENCE

Introduction to Mechanical Engineering
Introduction to Programming
Computer Science 1, 2 (Adv)
Design Engineering
Design Engineering Solutions 1, 2 (Adv)
Dynamic Application Development
Website Development

WORLD & CLASSICAL LANGUAGES

Chinese 3, 4 (Adv), 5 (Adv), 6 (Adv), 7(Adv)
French 3, 4 (Adv), 5 (Adv), 6 (Adv)
Latin 3, 4 (Adv), 5 (Adv)
Spanish 3, 4 (Adv), 5 (Adv), 6 (Adv)

SCIENCE

Anatomy & Physiology (Adv)
Astrophysics
Biology of Disease
Biology of Sexuality and Drugs
Chem Bonding/Equilibrium (Adv)
Chemical Reactions (Adv)
Electricity & Magnetism (Adv)
Environmental Science 1, 2*
Molecular Biology (Adv)
Modern Physics (Adv)
Scientific Research (Adv)

RELIGION

Building the Beloved Community: Religious Nonviolent Movements & Social Change*
Environmental Justice*
Ethics & Philosophy*
Gender, Sexuality & World Religions*
Religion, Gender, & Sexuality*
Religion, Resistance, & Revolution*
World Religions 1: Judaism and Christianity
World Religions 2: Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam

*The classes with an asterisk * can be taken with an advanced option.*

Graduation requirements include the following:

4 English	3 Mathematics	2 Lab Science	2 History (including US)
2 Language	1.5 Art	1.75 Religion (Quakerism, World Religions 1, World Religions 2, & 1 elective)	

Westtown School Matriculation 2018-2022

American University	8	Johns Hopkins University	5	The George Washington University	2
Amherst College	2	Juniata College		The New School - All Divisions	4
Arcadia University		Kenyon College	4	The Ohio University	
Babson College	2	Lafayette College	11	The University of Arizona	
Bard College	2	Lehigh University		The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	2
Barnard College	4	Lesley University		The University of Tampa	
Bates College	2	Limestone College	2	The University of Tennessee-Knoxville	
Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania		Long Island University (Post)		The University of Texas, Austin	2
Boston College	3	Loughborough University		The University of the Arts	2
Boston University	3	Loyola University Maryland	2	Tufts University	4
Bowdoin College	2	Loyola University New Orleans		Tulane University	
Brown University	2	Macalester College	2	United States Military Academy	
Bryn Mawr College	7	Manhattan College		University of California, Berkeley	
Bucknell University	4	Maryland Institute College of Art		University of California, Irvine	
Caldwell University		Middlebury College		University of California, Los Angeles	3
Carleton College		Montana State University, Bozeman		University of California, San Diego	
Carnegie Mellon University	2	New York University	5	University of Chicago	3
Case Western Reserve University	2	Northeastern University	6	University of Colorado at Boulder	5
Coastal Carolina University		Northwestern University	2	University of Connecticut	2
Colby College		North Carolina A & T State University		University of Denver	2
Colgate University	4	Oberlin College of Arts and Sciences		University of Iowa	
College of Charleston	3	Ohio Wesleyan University		University of Lynchburg	
College of William & Mary	3	Onondaga Community College		University of Maryland, College Park	2
Colorado College		Pace University		University of Massachusetts-Amherst	3
Columbia University		Pennsylvania State University	11	University of Miami	3
Connecticut College	2	Pitzer College		University of Michigan	2
Cornell University	3	Pomona College	2	University of North Carolina at Asheville	
Dartmouth College	3	Prescott College		University of North Carolina at Wilmington	
Davidson College	5	Princeton University		University of Notre Dame	
Dickinson College	3	Purdue University	4	University of Pennsylvania	10
DigiPen Institute of Technology		Queens University of Charlotte		University of Pittsburgh	10
Drexel University	16	Reed College		University of Richmond	6
Duke University	4	Regent University		University of Southern California	2
Durham University		Rhodes College	2	University of Toronto	
Duquesne University		Rochester Institute of Technology	4	University of Vermont	5
Earlham College	2	Rutgers University	4	University of Virginia	4
Eastern University		Salisbury University		University of Washington	
Elizabethtown College		Santa Monica College		Ursinus College	4
Elon University	4	Sarah Lawrence College		Vanderbilt University	
Emerson College		School of the Art Institute of Chicago	2	Vassar College	3
Emory University	2	School of Visual Arts		Villanova University	4
Fairfield University		Scripps College		Virginia Commonwealth University	
Fordham University	2	Skidmore College	7	Virginia Military Institute	
Franklin & Marshall College	7	Smith College	4	Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University	2
George Mason University		Southern Methodist University		Wagner College	2
Georgetown University	2	Spelman College		Wake Forest University	
Goucher College	2	St. Edward's University		Washington and Lee University	
Guilford College	2	St. John's College (NM)		Washington College	
Hamilton College - NY	2	St. Joseph's University		Washington University in St. Louis	3
Hampshire College	2	St. Lawrence University		Wellesley College	4
Hampton University	2	St. Mary's College of Maryland		Wesleyan University	
Harvard College		St. Thomas University (FL)		West Chester University of Pennsylvania	
Haverford College	12	Stanford University		West Virginia University	
High Point University		Stetson University		Wheaton College MA	2
Hobart and William Smith Colleges	3	Stony Brook University		Whittier College	
Hofstra University	2	SUNY Albany	3	Williams College	2
Illinois Wesleyan University		Swarthmore College	4	Xavier University	
Immaculata University		Syracuse University	4	Yale University	
Indiana University at Bloomington		Temple University			
Ithaca College		The College of New Jersey			
James Madison University		The College of Wooster			
Jefferson (Philadelphia University + Thomas Jefferson University)	3				