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Tuscaloosa Academy

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PROFILE 2019-2020

Tuscaloosa Academy, founded in 1967, is a non-sectarian, independent, co-educational, college-preparatory school serving approximately 450 students in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade (149 students in grades nine through 12). Located 50 miles south of Birmingham in West Alabama, the city and surrounding areas of Tuscaloosa is home to approximately 245,740 people. International students comprise 20 percent of the total enrollment at Tuscaloosa Academy. Traditionally, ninety-eight percent of Tuscaloosa Academy graduates attend four-year colleges and universities and two percent attend two-year colleges. The class of 2021 has 37 students. 29 percent of the faculty has Masters Degrees and 6 percent has Doctoral Degrees. Tuscaloosa Academy is accredited by the Southern Association of Independent Schools and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

In addition to a superior college preparatory/honors curriculum, denoted as CP (college preparatory) on official transcripts, the students learn and abide by an Honor System. This is a means of instilling in each individual student an active sense of honor, integrity, personal responsibility, honesty, trustworthiness, self-respect, good citizenship, and respect for the school. It creates an atmosphere of trust at the school by encouraging the entire student body to hold these qualities in the highest esteem.

Tuscaloosa Academy students are involved outside of the classroom and are given the opportunity to excel in extracurricular activities. Upper School students average 20 hours of community service and more than 75 percent play at least one sport. All students in grades five-12 are required to purchase a personal tablet PC or a MacBook resulting in a mastery of technology before graduation. Student health and safety is supported by a preventative mandatory drug testing program for all students in grades seven-12.

THE ACADEMIC PROGRAM

All students are enrolled in a combination of required core courses and electives. A typical course load consists of six courses and one study period. Concurrent enrollment at the University of Alabama is offered to qualified students beginning the second semester sophomore year at Tuscaloosa Academy, giving them the opportunity to earn college credit, while continuing their required high school courses. Students may elect to pursue an Enhanced Diploma

Certification, which requires taking a five AP courses and/or dual enrollment courses with the University of Alabama.

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

Since 2000, Tuscaloosa Academy has had 18 National Merit Scholarship Semi-Finalists; 17 National Merit Scholarship Winners; six Commended Students.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Twenty-six credits are required for graduation. Many students graduate with more by taking electives each year in addition to the following required course of study, grades nine-12.

English	4 credits
History	4 credits
Mathematics	4 credits
Laboratory Science	4 credits
Foreign Language	3 credits
Computer Science	1 credit
Health	½ credit
Speech	½ credit
Fine Arts	1 credit
Physical Education	1 credit
Elective	3 credits

COURSE OFFERINGS

Algebra I, II with Trig, III
Anatomy & Physiology
AP English Language, AP English Literature
AP Statistics
Art I, II, III, IV, AP Studio Art
Biology, AP Biology
Calculus, AP Calculus AB, BC
Chemistry, AP Chemistry
Computer Science, AP Computer
Digital Design
English I, II, III, IV
Environmental Science
French I, II, III, IV
Geometry
German I, II, III, AP German
Health
Journalism
Latin I, II, III, IV, AP Latin
Music
Drama I, II
Personal Finance
Physics
Pre-Calculus
Psychology/Sociology
Robotics
SAT-ACT Prep
Spanish I, II, III, IV, AP Spanish
Speech
Physical Education, Strength and Conditioning
Theatre I, II
UA Early College/Dual Enrollment
US Government/Economics, AP Government/Politics
US History I, II, AP US History
World History
Yearbook

GRADING SCALE

Tuscaloosa Academy uses a ‘weighted’ GPA with AP courses receiving an additional one point and “College Prep/Honors” receiving a .5 increase.

A+	97-100	A+	4.33
A	93-96	A	4.00
A-	90-92	A-	3.67
B+	87-89	B+	3.33
B	83-86	B	3.00
B-	80-82	B-	2.76
C+	77-79	C+	2.33
C	73-76	C	2.00
C-	70-72	C-	1.67
D+	67-69	D+	1.33
D	63-66	D	1.00
D-	60-62	D-	0.67
F	Below 60		0.00

STANDARDIZED TEST DATA

ACT Assessment: the average ACT Composite score for the class of 2019 was 27.3.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM

Advanced Placement classes are open to all Junior and Senior students and are offered in the following courses: English Language, English Literature, Calculus AB & BC, United States History, Biology, Chemistry, U.S. Government & Politics, Spanish, Statistics, German, Latin, Computer Science and Studio Art. Students enrolled in AP courses are required to take the AP examinations.

COLLEGE MATRICULATION

Since 2004, the following four-year colleges and universities are among those offering admission to graduates of Tuscaloosa Academy:

Auburn University
Babson College
Barnard College
Belmont University
Beloit College
Birmingham-Southern College
Brigham Young University
Boston College
Clemson University
College of Charleston
Columbia University
Dallas Baptist University
Dartmouth
Duke University
Emory University
Emory and Henry
Furman University
Georgetown
Harding University
Harvard University
Hawai’i Pacific University
Huntingdon College
Johns Hopkins University
Louisiana State University
Marion Military Institute
Mississippi College
MIT
Purdue University
Rhodes College
Rice University
Samford University
Sewanee—The University of the South
Southern Methodist University
Spring Hill College
Stanford University
Swarthmore College
Texas Christian University
Truman State University
Tulane University
University of Alabama
University of Alabama Birmingham
University of Alabama Huntsville
University of California, Irvine
University of Chicago
University of Colorado, Boulder
University of Georgia
University of Kansas
University of Mississippi
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
University of Pennsylvania
University of South Alabama
Vanderbilt University
University of Virginia
Yale