

THE ADVANCED ACADEMY OF GEORGIA

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Profile

Introduction

In the fall of 1995, an inaugural class of 21 exceptional high school students entered **The Advanced Academy of Georgia**. Since its inception, The Academy has grown to its current enrollment of 67 students who represent a wide range of talents and cultures. One of few programs of its kind in the nation, The Academy provides opportunities for gifted high school age students to earn concurrent high school and college credit through participation in a full-time, residential, early-entrance-to-college program. The Advanced Academy is not a high school. Our students exclusively take regularly scheduled university classes taught by university faculty, and high school diplomas are awarded by the students' home high schools. Academy administrative and residential staff work together to maintain a nurturing and stimulating environment that fosters both personal and academic growth in our students.

The **University of West Georgia**, host to The Advanced Academy, is a coeducational comprehensive institution located approximately 50 miles west of Atlanta. Founded as a district agricultural and mechanical school in 1906, West Georgia was established as a four-year college in 1957 and gained full university status in 1996. A charter member of the University System of Georgia, the institution offers ten undergraduate degrees in more than fifty major fields of study.

Class of 2005-2006

Admissions

Minimum eligibility requirements for rising high school juniors or seniors are: 3.5 high school Grade Point Average (on a 4.0 scale); 1150 combined SAT score, verbal 580/math 530 or ACT composite score 25, English 25/mathematics 22. These scores are usually obtained from tests administered during grades 7 through 10. Home high schools determine class rank and if students' grades will be weighted.

Average Scores

SAT Verbal 640

SAT Math 636

SAT Composite 1278

High School GPA (weighted) 3.90

Class Composition

1 Freshman 27 Females

1 Sophomore 40 Males

27 Juniors

38 Seniors

Staff

Five professional members compose the staff of The Advanced Academy: the Director, Academy Residential Coordinator (ARC), Two Admissions/Recruitment Specialists, and Guidance Counselor. Twelve upper division students live in the Academy residence hall and work as resident assistants and mentors.

Academics

Students are personally advised upon entering The Academy and are enrolled in university coursework according to their levels of preparation and ability. Academy students often exempt introductory or freshman-level courses and are placed in sophomore-level Honors literature classes as well as in advanced or Honors biology, chemistry, physics, and mathematics classes. These courses often fulfill University System of Georgia core curriculum requirements. AP credit was awarded in calculus, statistics, world history, psychology, English, United States history, chemistry, biology, and geography.

Students have access to all university resources including the library, Internet labs and cutting-edge technology. Last year's median University Grade Point Average for all Academy students was 3.19 on a 4.0 scale. No Academy student has ever been dismissed for academic reasons. Nine current Academy scholars and seven former Academy students are this year's recipients of West Georgia's prestigious Presidential Scholarships.

Honors College

The Advanced Academy is administratively housed in the University's Honors College, and Academy students are automatically qualified for and encouraged to enroll in Honors courses. Benefits of the College include smaller classes, specialized instruction, and exceptional undergraduate research opportunities. Each year several Academy scholars deliver presentations on their original undergraduate research at prestigious regional and national conferences.

Extracurricular

Students participate in a variety of activities that contribute to the unique Academy experience. Every week Academy students and staff gather for Thursday Night Dinners that feature enrichment programs. The residence hall sponsors regular educational and social programs to enhance leadership and personal growth. The Academy also hosts a series of guest lectures and performances available to the entire campus. Students are able to participate in all campus activities with the exception of Greek social organizations and intercollegiate athletics.

Acceptance and Matriculation

Academy graduates have been accepted into many prestigious institutions, including the following schools:

**indicates attendance*

Agnes Scott College*	Goucher College*	University of Chicago
American University	Hampshire College*	University of Colorado*
Arizona State University*	Harvard University*	University of Florida*
Armstrong Atlantic State University	Howard University	University of Georgia*
Augusta State University *	Indiana University*	University of Hawaii*
Baylor University	John Hopkins University	University of Houston
Berry College*	Kenyon College*	University of Iowa*
Boston College	Lee University*	University of Maryland*
Boston University*	Long Island University	University of Miami
Brandeis University	Louisiana State University*	University of Michigan
Brenau University	Marquette University	Honors College*
Brown University*	Massachusetts Institute of Technology*	University of Minnesota
Carnegie Mellon University	Mercer University*	University of North Carolina
Case Western Reserve University*	Mt. Holyoke College	in Asheville*
Clemson University*	New York University	University of North Carolina
Colgate University	North Carolina State University*	in Chapel Hill*
Cornell University*	Northeastern University*	University of Notre Dame*
Duke University	Northwestern University	University of Pittsburgh*
Emory University*	Ouachita Baptist University*	University of Rochester
Florida Institute of Technology*	Presbyterian College	University of Tampa
Florida International University	Reed College	University of Utah*
Florida Southern College	Rice University	University of Washington*
Florida State University*	Rutgers University*	University of West Georgia*
Fordham University*	Savannah College of Art & Design *	Valdosta State University*
Furman University*	Scripps College	Vanderbilt University*
George Washington University*	St John's College of Maryland	Washington University in St. Louis*
Georgetown University*	St. Mary's University of Maryland	Wesleyan College*
Georgia Institute of Technology*	Transylvania University*	Wellesley College
Georgia Southern University	Tulane University*	Williams College
Georgia State University*	University of Alabama*	Yale University
		University of California-Santa Barbara