

# 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. The Academy's current enrollment of 75 students represents a wide range of talents and cultures. One of few programs of its kind in the nation, The Academy provides opportunities for gifted and motivated high school students to earn concurrent high school and college credit through participation in a full-time, residential early entrance to college program. The Academy is not a high school. Students exclusively take regularly scheduled University classes, including Honors classes, which are taught by University faculty. High school diplomas are awarded by the students' home high schools. The Academy administrative and residential staffs strive to maintain a nurturing and stimulating environment which fosters both personal and academic growth in the 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 106 programs of study including 55 at the Bachelor's level, 36 at the Master's and Specialist's levels, 3 at the Doctoral level, and 12 at the Certificate level.

## Class of 2011-2012

### Admissions

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

#### Average Scores

SAT Verbal 657  
SAT Math 651  
SAT Composite 1308  
ACT Composite 28  
High School GPA 3.86

#### Class Composition

34 Juniors	41 Females
41 Seniors	34 Males

### Staff

Professional staff of The Academy consists of: the Director, Associate Director, Student Life Supervisor/Counselor, Residential Coordinator, Associate Residential Coordinator, and Admissions/Recruitment Specialist. Nine UWG students with a minimum 3.2 GPA live in the Academy's residence hall, Gunn Hall, and are employed as Resident Assistants. Six former Academy students live in Gunn Hall and serve as voluntary Academy Mentors. The Residential Coordinators also maintain residence in Gunn Hall.

## Academics

Students are personally advised upon entering The Academy and are enrolled in University coursework according to their 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 math classes. These courses often fulfill University System of Georgia core curriculum requirements. AP credit has been awarded in calculus, statistics, world history, English, United States history, biology, chemistry, physics, geography, government, and psychology.

Students have access to all university resources including the library and state-of-the-art facilities. Last year's average University Grade Point Average for all Academy students was 3.64 on a 4.0 scale. Fourteen current Academy students and three former Academy students are this year's recipients of West Georgia's prestigious Presidential Scholarships.

## Honors College

The Advanced Academy is administratively housed within 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 Academy students 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. Throughout the semester, Academy students and staff gather for Thursday Night Dinners that feature enrichment programs. Many activities designed to enhance leadership and personal growth are offered within the Academy residence hall. Academy students may also participate in all campus activities with the exception of Greek 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*	Harvey Mudd College*	University of California – Berkeley
American University	Hillsdale College*	University of Chicago*
Amherst*	Howard University*	University of Colorado*
Arizona State University*	Indiana University*	University of Florida*
Auburn University*	John Hopkins University*	University of Georgia*
Baylor University*	Kenyon College*	University of Hawaii*
Berry College*	LaGrange College*	University of Iowa*
Boston College	Lee University*	University of Maryland*
Boston University*	Louisiana State University*	University of Miami
Brandeis University*	Marquette University	University of Michigan
Brenau University	Mary Baldwin College	University of Minnesota
Brown University*	Massachusetts Institute of Technology*	University of North Carolina in Asheville*
Carnegie Mellon University	Mercer University*	University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill*
Case Western Reserve University*	New York University*	University of Notre Dame*
Clemson University*	North Carolina State University*	University of Pittsburgh*
Columbia University*	Northeastern University*	University of Rochester
Cornell University*	Northwestern University	University of Utah*
Davidson College*	Oberlin College*	University of Virginia*
Duke University*	Oxford College*	University of Washington*
Emory University*	Pomona College*	University of West Georgia*
Florida Institute of Technology*	Presbyterian College	Vanderbilt University*
Florida State University*	Reed College*	Wake Forest University*
Fordham University*	Rice University	Washington University*
Furman University*	Rutgers University*	Wesleyan College*
George Washington University*	Savannah College of Art & Design*	Wellesley College*
Georgetown University*	Scripps College	Wheaton College*
Georgia Institute of Technology*	Stanford University*	Yale University*
Georgia Southern University*	Texas A & M*	
Georgia State University*	Tulane University*	
Harvard University*	University of Alabama*	