



# OUR LADY OF LOURDES ACADEMY

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## SCHOOL INFORMATION

Founded in 1963, Our Lady of Lourdes Academy is an archdiocesan high school whose first objective is to provide secondary Catholic education for young women in grades 9 through 12. The school is located on a 6-acre campus in suburban South Miami. Students enter Our Lady of Lourdes Academy from 38 schools and 49 Catholic parishes in Miami-Dade County. Our Lady of Lourdes Academy is operated by the Archdiocese of Miami and staffed by the Sisters Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The professional staff consists of 4 part-time and 65 full-time members, 4 religious and 63 laypersons, with 53% holding advanced degrees.

The total enrollment in grades 9 through 12 is approximately 832; 202 are seniors. Over 92% of the student body is of Hispanic background.

## SCHOOL ACCREDITATION AND MEMBERSHIP

Our Lady of Lourdes Academy is fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Professional memberships include the National Catholic Education Association, the Southern Association of Independent Schools, the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, the Florida Catholic Conference, the Dade Association of Academic Non-Public Schools (DAANS) and the Florida Association of Academic Non-Public Schools. Our Lady of Lourdes Academy was recognized as a Blue Ribbon School of Excellence by the United States Department of Education for the school years 1986 and 1995. In 2006, Our Lady of Lourdes Academy was named one of the top 50 Catholic high schools in the United States.

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS (FOR THE CLASS OF 2010)

The number of credits required for graduation is 28. In addition, 100 hours of school-approved and documented service are required for graduation. Specific subject requirements are:

Theology .....	4.0 credits
English.....	4.0 credits
Social Studies.....	3.0 credits*
Mathematics .....	4.0 credits
Science .....	3.0 credits*
Electives.....	4.0 credits
Foreign Language .....	2.0 credits
Physical Education.....	1.0 credits
Health/Life Management Skills .....	0.5 credit
Vocational Practical/Performing Fine Arts.....	1.0 credit**
Computer Science.....	0.5 credit

\* Students are required to take either 4 credits in social studies or 4 credits in science.

\*\* Students may opt to take 0.5 credit in each – Vocational Practical and Performing Fine Arts, or 1.0 credit in either category.

## CALENDAR

The school calendar is divided in two semesters; each semester is divided into two quarters. Block scheduling began in 1997. The school day consists of four alternating 90 minute blocks, with a 55 minute singleton four times a week.

## GRADING SCALE

98 - 100 = A+	80 - 82 = B-	63 - 66 = D
93 - 97 = A	77 - 79 = C+	60 - 62 = D-
90 - 92 = A-	73 - 76 = C	0 - 59 = F
87 - 89 = B+	70 - 72 = C-	
83 - 86 = B	67 - 69 = D+	

<b>Highest GPA</b>	<b>Median GPA</b>	<b>Lowest GPA</b>	<b>Top Decile Range</b>
4.866	3.947	2.765	4.866-4.451

Letter grades are posted on student report cards and transcripts. The 10 point scale reflects the numerical equivalent of each letter grade. The student's GPA is weighted and includes all subjects.

Given the intensity of the curriculum, Our Lady of Lourdes Academy does not rank its students, but additional quality points are allocated to academically challenging courses such as AP (Level 5) and Honors (Level 4). Overall, the demanding curriculum is College Prep (Level 3); academic courses (Level 2) are offered in some subject areas.

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM

All students enrolled in AP courses are required to take AP exams. Advanced Placement courses are offered through the College Board Advanced Placement Program in American History, Art History, American Government, Biology, Calculus AB, Chemistry, Comparative Government & Politics, English Language & Composition, English Literature & Composition, European History, French Language, Psychology, Spanish Language, Spanish Literature, Statistics and Studio Art.

Enrollment in AP courses is determined by a student's grades, teacher recommendation and course availability.

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT AWARDS\*

2008	2007
AP Scholars.....19	AP Scholars.....26
AP Scholars with Honor .....18	AP Scholars with Honor .....7
AP Scholars with Distinction.....13	AP Scholars with Distinction.....17
	AP National Scholar.....3

\* At press time, the 2009 Advanced Placement Awards were not available.

## 2009 TESTING PROFILE

SAT (Mean Scores)

	OLLA	FLORIDA	NATIONAL	NATIONAL (FEMALE)
Critical Reading	557	497	501	498
Math	536	498	515	499
Writing	583	480	493	499

The mean scores on the SAT Reasoning Test for Our Lady of Lourdes Academy students who took both the SAT Reasoning and SAT Subject tests are:

Critical Reading = 624                      Math = 603                      Writing = 652

ACT (Mean Scores)

	OLLA	FLORIDA	NATIONAL
English	24.6	18.7	20.6
Math	22.1	19.7	21.0
Reading	23.7	20.2	21.4
Science	21.6	19.0	20.9
Composite	23.1	19.5	21.1

## CLASS OF 2009 PROFILE

Percentage of graduating class applying to college:.....	100%
Percentage of graduating class attending four year institutions:.....	80%
Percentage of graduating class attending two year institutions:.....	20%
Percentage of graduating class attending universities outside Florida .....	25%

## COLLEGE ENROLLMENT CLASS OF 2009

American University  
 Barry University  
 Boston College  
 Boston University  
 Bowdoin College  
 Brown University  
 Case Western University  
 Catholic University of America  
 College of the Holy Cross  
 Cornell University  
 Emerson College  
 Florida Atlantic University  
 Florida Gulf Coast University  
 Florida International University  
 Florida Southern College  
 Florida State University  
 George Washington University  
 Johnson & Wales University  
 Loyola University - Chicago  
 Loyola University - New Orleans  
 Marquette University  
 Marymount University  
 Miami Dade College  
 Miami Dade Honors College  
 Miami International University of Art & Design  
 New York University  
 Parsons School of Design  
 Pratt Institute  
 Princeton University  
 Rollins College  
 Santa Clara University  
 Santa Fe Community College  
 Savannah College of Art and Design  
 Southern Methodist University  
 Spring Hill College  
 St. John's University  
 Suffolk University  
 Tallahassee Community College  
 University of Central Florida  
 University of Chicago  
 University of Connecticut  
 University of Florida  
 University of Miami  
 University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill  
 University of North Carolina – Greensboro  
 University of Notre Dame  
 University of Texas at Austin  
 Vanderbilt University  
 Villanova University  
 Washington University - St. Louis

For an updated list of college and university acceptances, test scores and awards, please visit the Guidance section of the school Web site at [www.olla.org](http://www.olla.org).