



OUR LADY OF LOURDES ACADEMY

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2015-2016 School Profile

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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 30 schools and more than 19 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 faculty consists of 68 members, with 69% holding advanced degrees. The faculty includes a chaplain and three religious.

The total enrollment in grades 9 through 12 is approximately 840; 206 are seniors. Over 97% of the student body is of Hispanic background.

The One-to-One iPad Program, at Our Lady of Lourdes Academy, was initiated in August of 2012. Aligned with Common Core Standards, the iPad Program has shifted the academic focus to higher-order thinking, analysis and application.

The Bernadette Scholars Program is a rigorous program of studies which began in 2011 designed for highly motivated and intellectually gifted students to excel in academics. Students take the most challenging curriculum offered at Our Lady of Lourdes Academy as well as participate in cultural and extracurricular enrichment opportunities.

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.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Our Lady of Lourdes Academy is to educate young women to face the future, strengthened by their faith, prepared and confident in their abilities to achieve their goals, and committed to their Catholic and American heritages.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

The number of credits required for graduation is 28. In addition, an unweighted cum GPA of 2.0 or higher and 100 hours of school-approved and documented service are required for graduation. Specific subject requirements are:

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

* Students are required to take either 4 credits in social studies or 4 credits in science. Beginning with the Class of 2018, students are required to take 0.5 credit in Computer Science and 4.5 elective credits.

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+			

Highest GPA

5.09

Median GPA

3.71

Lowest GPA

2.46

Top Decile Range

5.09-4.62

Letter grades are posted on student report cards and transcripts. The grading scale above 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 and Honors.

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 U.S. History, Art History, U.S. Government, Biology, Calculus AB, Chemistry, Comparative Government & Politics, Computer Science A, English Language & Composition, English Literature & Composition, Environmental Science, European History, French Language, Macroeconomics, Music Theory, Psychology, Spanish Language, Spanish Literature, Statistics, Studio Art, and World History.

During the 2014-2015 school year, 375 students took a total of 776 exams; 87.3 percent of these students earned a passing score, earning a mark of three or higher. Spanish Literature had a 100% pass rate.

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

ADVANCED PLACEMENT AWARDS*

2015	2014
AP Scholars..... 15	AP Scholars..... 54
AP Scholars with Honor 31	AP Scholars with Honor 34
AP Scholars with Distinction 58	AP Scholars with Distinction 39
AP National Scholar 7	AP National Scholar..... 2
AP International Scholar 1	

2015 TESTING PROFILE

SAT (Mean Scores)

	OLLA	FLORIDA	Total Group
Critical Reading	559	486	495
Math	541	480	511
Writing	574	468	484

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 = 621 Math = 613 Writing = 640

ACT (Mean Scores)

	OLLA	FLORIDA	NATIONAL
English	26.1	18.9	20.4
Math	23.6	19.6	20.8
Reading	25.6	21.0	21.4
Science	23.5	19.5	20.9
Composite	24.8	19.9	21.0

CLASS OF 2015 PROFILE

Percentage of graduating class applying to college:.....	99%
Percentage of graduating class attending four year institutions:.....	86%
Percentage of graduating class attending two year institutions:.....	14%
Percentage of graduating class attending universities outside Florida.....	24%

CALENDAR

The school calendar is divided in two semesters; each semester is divided into two quarters. The school day consists of four alternating 90 minute blocks.

COLLEGE ENROLLMENT CLASS OF 2015

American University
 Babson College
 Barnard College
 Bentley University
 Boston College
 Boston University
 Bowdoin College
 Case Western Reserve University
 Cornell University
 Duke University
 Emerson College
 Emory University
 Florida International University
 Florida State University
 Franklin and Marshall College
 Georgia Institute of Technology
 Johns Hopkins University
 Louisiana State University
 Loyola University New Orleans
 Miami Dade College
 Miami Dade- Honors College
 New York University
 Pace University, New York City
 Parsons The New School for Design
 Saint Joseph's University
 Seton Hall University
 Southern Methodist University
 Spring Hill College
 Stetson University
 Tallahassee Community College
 The George Washington University
 The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
 Tulane University
 University of Alabama
 University of Central Florida
 University of Florida
 University of Maryland, College Park
 University of Miami
 University of North Florida
 University of Notre Dame
 University of South Florida, Tampa
 Vanderbilt University
 Villanova University