



OUR LADY OF LOURDES ACADEMY

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2016-2017 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 36 schools and more than 20 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 67 members, with 69% holding advanced degrees. The faculty includes a chaplain and two religious.

The total enrollment in grades 9 through 12 is approximately 837; 197 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, and, in 2016, received the AdvancEd STEM Certification. Professional memberships include the National Catholic Education Association, Southern Association of Independent Schools, Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, Florida Catholic Conference, Dade Association of Academic Non-Public Schools (DAANS) and 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, in 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:

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|------------------------------------|--------------|
| 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+ | | | |

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|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Highest GPA | Median GPA | Lowest GPA | Top Decile Range |
| 5.12 | 3.86 | 2.58 | 5.12-4.68 |

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, Computer Science Principles, English Language & Composition, English Literature & Composition, Environmental Science, European History, French Language, Macroeconomics, Music Theory, Psychology, Spanish Language, Spanish Literature, Studio Art, and World History.

During the 2015-2016 school year, 429 students took a total of 887 exams; 79% of these students earned a passing score, earning a mark of three or higher. Calculus AB had a 94% pass rate.

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

ADVANCED PLACEMENT AWARDS*

| 2015 | 2016 |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| AP Scholars..... 15 | AP Scholars..... 67 |
| AP Scholars with Honor 31 | AP Scholars with Honor 31 |
| AP Scholars with Distinction 58 | AP Scholars with Distinction 47 |
| AP National Scholar 7 | AP National Scholar..... 10 |
| AP International Scholar 1 | AP International Diploma..... 1 |

2016 TESTING PROFILE

SAT (Mean Scores)

| | OLLA | FLORIDA | Total Group |
|------------------|------|---------|-------------|
| Critical Reading | 550 | 481 | 494 |
| Math | 547 | 475 | 508 |
| Writing | 573 | 462 | 482 |

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 | 25.3 | 18.9 | 20.1 |
| Math | 22.7 | 19.5 | 20.6 |
| Reading | 24.6 | 21.1 | 21.3 |
| Science | 22.5 | 19.5 | 20.8 |
| Composite | 23.9 | 19.9 | 20.8 |

CLASS OF 2016 PROFILE

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| Percentage of graduating class applying to college:..... | 100% |
| Percentage of graduating class attending four year institutions:..... | 89% |
| Percentage of graduating class attending two year institutions:..... | 11% |
| Percentage of graduating class attending universities outside Florida..... | 23% |

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 2016

American University
 Ave Maria University
 Babson College
 Barry University
 Baylor University
 Boston University
 Carnegie Mellon University
 Catholic University of America
 Cornell University
 Duquesne University
 Fashion Institute of Technology
 Florida International University
 Florida State University
 Fordham University - Lincoln Center Campus/
 Rose Hill Campus
 George Washington University
 Harvard University
 King's College London
 Loyola University Chicago
 Marquette University
 McGill University
 Miami-Dade College
 New College of Florida
 New York University
 Rice University
 Rochester Institute of Technology
 Santa Fe College
 Savannah College of Art and Design
 Spring Hill College
 St. John's University - Queens Campus
 Tallahassee Community College
 University of Alabama
 University of Central Florida
 University of Florida
 University of Miami
 University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
 University of Notre Dame
 University of Pennsylvania
 University of South Florida, Tampa
 University of West Florida
 Villanova University
 Yale University