



OUR LADY OF LOURDES ACADEMY

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2017-2018 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 28 schools and more than 21 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 71 members, with 76% holding advanced degrees. The faculty includes a chaplain and three religious.

The total enrollment in grades 9 through 12 is approximately 840; 217 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 2017, 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:

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.....	0.5 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
5.27

Median GPA
3.91

Lowest GPA
2.68

Top Decile Range
5.27-4.78

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 2016-2017 school year, 446 students took a total of 1,010 exams; 81% of these students earned a passing score, earning a mark of three or higher.

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

ADVANCED PLACEMENT AWARDS*

2016	2017
AP Scholars 67	AP Scholars 87
AP Scholars with Honor 31	AP Scholars with Honor 24
AP Scholars with Distinction 48	AP Scholars with Distinction 35
AP National Scholar 10	AP National Scholar 3
AP International Scholar 1	

2017 TESTING PROFILE

SAT (Mean Scores)

	OLLA	FLORIDA	Total Group
Evidence Based Reading & Writing	595	577	538
Math	556	552	533

ACT (Mean Scores)

	OLLA	FLORIDA	NATIONAL
English	25.2	19.0	20.3
Math	22.4	19.4	20.7
Reading	24.8	21.0	21.4
Science	22.5	19.4	21.0
Composite	23.9	19.8	21.0

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Based on their performance on last year's PSAT, two students from the Class of 2018 attained Semifinalist Status and two attained Commended Status in the 2018 National Merit Scholarship Competition. The Semifinalists will have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 7,500 National Merit Scholarships, worth more than \$32 million that will be offered next spring.

In addition, nine students from the Class of 2018 have been recognized as National Hispanic Scholars by The College Board's National Hispanic Recognition Program (NHRP).

CLASS OF 2017 PROFILE

Percentage of graduating class applying to college:.....	100%
Percentage of graduating class attending four year institutions:.....	79%
Percentage of graduating class attending two year institutions:.....	22%
Percentage of graduating class attending universities outside Florida	25%

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 2017

American University
 Babson College
 Baylor University
 Boston College
 Catholic University of America
 Central Saint Martins
 College of Art & Design in London
 Florida International University
 Florida State University
 Georgetown University
 George Washington University
 Georgia Institute of Technology
 Loyola University New Orleans
 Loyola University Chicago
 Miami Dade College
 Miami Dade Honors College
 New York University
 Northeastern University
 Northwestern University
 Purdue University
 Santa Fe College
 Savannah College of Art & Design
 Spring Hill College
 St Joseph's University
 St Thomas University
 Tallahassee Community College
 The New School
 The New School Parsons School of Design
 Tulane University
 University of Alabama
 University of Central Florida
 University of Florida
 University of Miami
 University of Michigan
 University of Notre Dame
 University of Pennsylvania
 University of Pennsylvania Wharton School of Business
 Yale University