

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**. Since its inception, The Academy has grown to its current enrollment of 85 students who represent a wide range of talents and cultures. One of few programs of its kind in the nation, The Academy provides opportunities for gifted high school age students to earn concurrent high school and college credit through participation in a full-time, residential, early-entrance-to-college program. The Advanced Academy is not a high school. Our students exclusively take regularly scheduled university classes, including Honors classes, which are taught by University faculty, and high school diplomas are awarded by the students' home high schools. Academy administrative and residential staff work together to maintain a nurturing and stimulating environment that fosters both personal and academic growth in our 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 twelve undergraduate degrees in sixty major fields of study.

Class of 2009-2010

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, verbal 580/math 530 or ACT composite score 25, English 25/mathematics 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 646

SAT Math 631

SAT Composite 1277

High School GPA (non-weighted) 3.91

Class Composition

32 Juniors 55 Females

53 Seniors 30 Males

Staff

Seven professional members compose the staff of The Advanced Academy: the Interim Director, Assistant to the Director, Academy Residential Coordinator (ARC), two Admissions/Recruitment Specialists, Guidance Counselor, and Academy Counselor. Ten upper division students live in the Academy residence hall and work as Resident Assistants and mentors.

Academics

Students are personally advised upon entering The Academy and are enrolled in university coursework according to their levels of 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 mathematics classes. These courses often fulfill University System of Georgia core curriculum requirements. AP credit was awarded in statistics, world history, English, United States history, chemistry and geography.

Students have access to all university resources including the library, Internet labs and cutting-edge technology. Last year's median University Grade Point Average for all Academy students was 3.62 on a 4.0 scale. Eleven current Academy scholars and four former Academy students are this year's recipients of West Georgia's prestigious Presidential Scholarships.

Honors College

The Advanced Academy is administratively housed in 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 several Academy scholars 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. Each week Academy students and staff gather for Thursday Night Dinners that feature enrichment programs. Many Academy-only 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 social 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*	Howard University*	University of Chicago*
American University	Indiana University*	University of Colorado*
Arizona State University*	John Hopkins University	University of Florida*
Augusta State University *	Kenyon College*	University of Georgia*
Baylor University*	LaGrange College*	University of Hawaii*
Berry College*	Lee University*	University of Houston
Boston College	Louisiana State University*	University of Iowa*
Boston University*	Marquette University	University of Maryland*
Brandeis University	Mary Baldwin College	University of Miami
Brenau University	Massachusetts Institute of Technology*	University of Michigan
Brown University*	Mercer University*	University of Minnesota
Carnegie Mellon University	Mt. Holyoke College	University of North Carolina in Asheville*
Case Western Reserve University*	New York University*	University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill*
Clemson University*	North Carolina State University*	University of Notre Dame*
Colgate University	Northeastern University*	Ouachita Baptist University*
Cornell University*	Northwestern University	University of Pittsburgh*
Davidson College*	Pepperdine University	University of Rochester
Duke University*	Presbyterian College	University of Tampa
Emory University*	Reed College*	University of Utah*
Florida Institute of Technology*	Rice University	University of Washington*
Florida State University*	Rutgers University*	University of West Georgia*
Fordham University*	Savannah College of Art & Design*	Valdosta State University*
Furman University*	Scripps College	Vanderbilt University*
George Washington University*	St John's College of Maryland	Washington University in St. Louis*
Georgetown University*	St. Mary's University of Maryland	Wesleyan College*
Georgia Institute of Technology*	Stanford University*	Wellesley College*
Georgia Southern University*	Transylvania University*	Wheaton College*
Georgia State University*	Tulane University*	Yale University*
Harvard University*	University of Alabama*	
Harvey Mudd College*	University of California-Santa Barbara	
Hillsdale College*		