



Santa Catalina School

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Upper School Profile 2014-2015

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School

Santa Catalina's Upper School, an independent, Catholic, all-girls, college preparatory school, is dedicated to the liberal education of young women from throughout California, the United States, and several foreign countries. Accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, Santa Catalina School is a member of NAIS, CAIS, NCGS, TABS, CASE, CEEB, NACAC, and SSATB.

Santa Catalina School is located 125 miles south of San Francisco on the Monterey Peninsula, which traces its heritage back to Spanish colonial California and which today is a professional and recreational community of 185,000.

Mission Statement

Santa Catalina School exists to develop in each student a striving for excellence, a maturing awareness of moral and spiritual values, a sense of responsible purpose, and a determination to serve the world with courage, graciousness, and compassion.

Students

Santa Catalina School admits students on a competitive basis without regard to race, creed, religion, or national origin. The Upper School present enrollment of 246 (113 boarding students/133 day students) represents a variety of ethnic, racial, religious, and economic backgrounds. Approximately 41% of the student body receives financial assistance. There is a student to faculty ratio of 8:1. The average class size is 12 students. One hundred percent of a typical graduating class attend a four-year college or university.

Teaching Faculty

Among the 32 teaching faculty in the Upper School (17 women/15 men), 27 hold advanced degrees.

Diploma Requirements

English	4 years	Laboratory Science	3 years
Mathematics	3 years	Religious Studies	3 years
Foreign Language	3 years	Arts Elective	3 years
History	3 years	Physical Education	each year of attendance

Students enroll in five or six academic courses each year. Classes demand an average of three hours homework per night including weekends.

Grades are calculated on a 4.0 scale, with honors and AP classes receiving .5 point higher.

Enrollment in Advanced Placement and Honors courses must be approved by the Department Chair, the Dean of Studies, and the Head of the Upper School. Not all Upper School electives are offered every year.

Course Offerings 2014-2015

ENGLISH

English Grammar
& Composition
English I, II
English I Honors
English II Honors
English III, IV
English Language AP
English Literature AP

HISTORY

World History I, II
World History AP
U.S. History
U.S. History AP
Global Issues & Social Justice
Human Geography AP

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Scripture
World Religions
Peace and Justice
Women of Faith
Philosophy

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

French I, II, III
French III Honors
French IV
French Language AP

Spanish I, II, III
Spanish III Honors
Spanish IV
Spanish Language AP
Spanish Literature AP

Latin I, II
Latin III Honors
Latin IV
Latin AP

Mandarin Chinese I, II, III
Mandarin Chinese III Honors
Mandarin Chinese AP

MATHEMATICS

Geometry
Geometry Honors
Algebra I
Algebra II
Algebra II/Trigonometry
Algebra II Honors
Nature of Math
PreCalculus
PreCalculus Honors
Calculus
Calculus AP (AB)
Calculus AP (BC)
Statistics AP
Computer Science &
Technology

SCIENCE

Conceptual Physics
Conceptual Physics Honors
Quantitative Physics Honors
Physics I AP
Physics C AP
Marine Science
Marine Ecology Honors
Environmental Science AP
Chemistry
Chemistry Honors
Chemistry AP
Biology
Biology Honors
Biology AP

VISUAL ARTS

Photography I, II
Ceramics
Art I, II
Digital Media
Studio Art
Studio Art AP
History of Art AP

THEATRE ARTS

Beginning Drama
Intermediate Drama
Advanced Drama
Rehearsal and Performance

MUSIC

Chamber Ensemble
Chamber Choir
Music Theory AP

DANCE

Dance I
Dance II
Dance III

Academic Calendar

Comprehensive examinations of 2-2.5 hours in length, which are valued at 1/3 of the term grade (12th) and 1/4 of the term grade (9th, 10th and 11th), are administered in all academic subjects at the conclusion of the first and second semesters. Mid-term grades and comments are issued in October and March. Final semester grades are issued in January and June.

Class of 2014

SAT RESULTS

(Number tested out of 79)

Mean SAT Verbal Score 591 (64)
Mean SAT Math Score 597 (64)
Mean SAT Writing Score 604 (64)

SAT SUBJECT TEST RESULTS

The mean scores for frequently taken SAT II Subject Tests were as follows:

SAT Subject	Mean Score	Number of Tests Taken
Biology Ecological	548	4
Biology Molecular	567	10
Chemistry	591	11
Chinese	800	2
French	555	2
Latin	590	1
Literature	623	30
Math Level 1	591	15
Math Level 2	667	22
Physics	560	1
Spanish Literature	633	3
U.S. History	631	28
World History	570	14

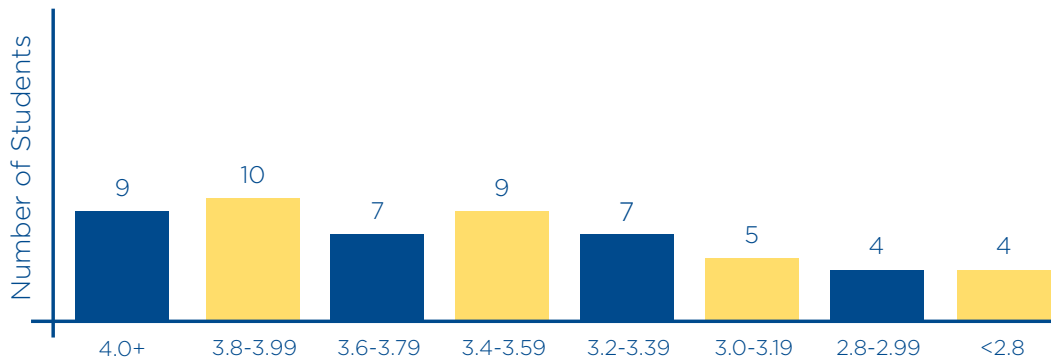
Advanced Placement Exams

In May 2014, 113 students participated in the Advance Placement program, taking 276 tests.

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Weighted GPA Distribution – Class of 2015

(Through junior year - cumulative, weighted - 55/55)



MEDIAN GPA: 3.53

Religious Studies Department Courses 2011-2015

SENIOR YEAR CLASS

Philosophy: This yearlong course undertakes a serious examination of the relationship between faith and reason. It demonstrates the inadequacies of rationalist and empiricist approaches (both theistic and atheistic) to answering ultimate human questions, thereby disclosing the limits of reason alone and demonstrating the authentic faith response as trans-rational. Some of the texts examined in the course are works by Plato, Aristotle, St. Augustine, St. Anselm, Freud, Camus, and Kierkegaard.

JUNIOR YEAR CLASSES

Women of Faith: This semester course investigates and discusses the lives of contemporary women who model a radical devotion to God or who live life with full religious commitment to truth, love, and peace. This course examines the life stories of Mother Teresa, Ety Hillesum, Edith Stein, Dorothy Day, and Sr. Helen Prejean.

Peace and Justice: This semester course is a focus on the many social, economic, and environmental issues of the day. The approach in this class to social justice issues comes from a faith perspective. An emphasis on the importance of moral decision-making and individual responsibility to help break the cycle of poverty, discrimination, environmental destruction, and violence in our world is present throughout the class.

SOPHOMORE YEAR CLASS

World Religions: This semester-long course is an introduction to Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, Christianity and Islam. The course considers each with respect to its individual tenets, traditions, and practices, and in relation to one another by elucidating common elements of the doctrine of God (Ultimate Reality) and common conceptions of the human person. The course focuses on the religious understandings of conversion, enlightenment, salvation, and transformation in both the personal and social dimensions of those concepts.

FRESHMAN YEAR CLASSES

Scripture: This yearlong course is an examination of the sacred texts of the Judeo-Christian heritage. Students become familiar with the foundational story of Salvation History as it has been mediated through the community of faith in the major covenants of the Judeo-Christian tradition.

College Acceptances

Institutions offering admission to Santa Catalina students 2010-2014 include:

The University of Alabama	Cornell College	Iona College	The University of North Carolina at Wilmington	Seattle Pacific University
American University	Cornell University	Ithaca College	Northeastern University	Seattle University
American University of Paris	Cornish College of the Arts	James Madison University	Northern Arizona University	Seton Hall University
American University of Rome	Creighton University	Johns Hopkins University	University of Northern Colorado	Sierra Nevada College
Amherst College	University of Dallas	Kansas State University	Northwestern University	Skidmore College
Arizona State University	Dartmouth College	University of Kansas	Notre Dame de Namur University	Smith College
The University of Arizona	Davidson College	Kenyon College	University of Notre Dame	Sonoma State University
Art Center College of Design	University of Delaware	Knox College	Occidental College	University of South Carolina
Auburn University	Denison University	University of La Verne	The Ohio State University	University of Southern California
Austin College	University of Denver	Laguna College of Art and Design	Ohio Wesleyan University	Southern Methodist University
Austin Peay State University	DePaul University	Lake Forest College	University of Oklahoma	Southern Oregon University
Azusa Pacific University	Dickinson College	Lehigh University	Oregon State University	Southwestern University
Babson College	Dominican University of California	Lewis & Clark College	University of Oregon	Spellman College
Bard College	Drake University	Linfield College	Otis College of Art and Design	Spring Hill College
Barnard College	Drew University	Loyola Marymount University	Pace University, New York City	University of St. Andrews (Scotland)
Barry University	Drexel University	Loyola University Chicago	Pacific Lutheran University	St. John's College
Bates College	University College Dublin	Loyola University Maryland	Pacific University	St. John's University, Queens Campus
Baylor University	Duke University	Loyola University New Orleans	University of the Pacific	St. Olaf College
Belmont Abbey College	Earlham College	Lynchburg College	Parsons The New School for Design	Stanford University
Belmont University	Eckerd College	Manhattan College	Pennsylvania State University, University Park	Stephens College
Bennington College	Elon University	Manhattanville College	University of Pennsylvania	Stony Brook University
Berklee College of Music	Emerson College	Marist College	Pepperdine University	Suffolk University
Biola University	Emmanuel College	Maryland Institute College of Art	Pitzer College	Syracuse University
Boise State University	Emory University	Marymount California University	Point Loma Nazarene University	The University of Tampa
Boston College	Eugene Lang College The New School for Liberal Arts	Marymount Manhattan College	Pomona College	University of Tennessee, Knoxville
Boston University	University of Evansville	Massachusetts College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences	Portland State University	Texas A&M University
Bowdoin College	The Evergreen State College	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	University of Portland	Texas Christian University
Brandeis University	Fairfield University	University of Massachusetts, Amherst	Pratt Institute	The University of Texas, Dallas
Brigham Young University, All campuses	Fairleigh Dickinson University, Madison	University of Massachusetts, Boston	Providence College	The University of Toronto, St. George
University of British Columbia	The University of Findlay	University of Massachusetts, Lowell	University of Puget Sound	Trinity College
Brooks Institute of Photography	Fordham University	McGill University	Purdue University	Trinity College Dublin
Brown University	Fort Lewis College	Menlo College	University of Redlands	Trinity University
Bryn Mawr College	Franklin and Marshall College	Merrimack College	Reed College	Tufts University
Bucknell University	Franklin College (Switzerland)	Miami University, Oxford	Regis University	Tulane University
University of California All campuses	Furman University	University of Miami	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	Universidad Panamericana
California Baptist University	George Mason University	University of Michigan	Rhode Island School of Design	University of Utah
California Lutheran University	The George Washington University	Middlebury College	Rice University	Vanguard University
California State University, All campuses	Georgetown University	Mills College	Richmond The American International College in London (UK)	Vassar College
Canisius College	Georgia Institute of Technology	Milsap College	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Vermont
Carnegie Mellon University	The University of Georgia	University of Minnesota, Twin Cities	University of Rochester	University of Victoria
Case Western Reserve University	Gonzaga University	University of Mississippi	Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey at New Brunswick	Villanova University
Chaminade University of Honolulu	Goucher College	Montana State University, Billings	Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey at Newark	University of Virginia
Champlain College	Grinnell College	Montana State University, Bozeman	Saint Joseph's University	Wake Forest University
Chapman University	Grinnell College	Mount Holyoke College	Saint Louis University	Washington and Lee University
University of Charleston	Grove City College	Mount St. Mary's College	Saint Mary's College of California	Washington State University
University of Chicago	Gustavus Adolphus College	University of Nebraska at Lincoln	San Diego State University	Washington University in St. Louis
University of Chicago	Hampshire College	University of Nevada, Reno	University of San Diego	University of Washington
Clark Atlanta University	University of Hartford	University of New England	San Francisco State University	Wellesley College
Clark University	Harvey Mudd College	University of New Hampshire	University of San Francisco	Wesleyan University
Clarkson College	University of Hawaii at Manoa	University of New Orleans	Santa Clara University	Western Washington University
Clemson University	Hawaii Pacific University	New York University	Sarah Lawrence College	Westmont College
Colby College	Hendrix College	The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	School of the Art Institute of Chicago	Wheaton College, Illinois
Colgate University	Hillsdale College		School of Visual Arts	Wheaton College, Massachusetts
University of Colorado at Boulder	Hobart and William Smith Colleges		The University of Scranton	Whitman College
Colorado College	Hofstra University		Scripps College	Whittier College
Colorado State University	College of the Holy Cross			Whitworth University
Colorado State University, Pueblo	Howard University			Willamette University
Columbia College Chicago	Hult International Business School (UK)			College of William and Mary
Columbia University	Humboldt State University			Williams College
Concordia University	University of Illinois at Chicago			University of Wisconsin, Madison
Connecticut College	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign			Woodbury University
University of Connecticut	Indiana University at Bloomington			The College of Wooster
The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science & Art				Xavier University (Ohio)
				Yale University

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