

# WOODBERRY FOREST SCHOOL

## PROFILE 2014-2015

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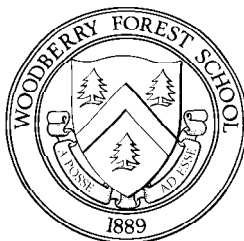
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### OVERVIEW

Woodberry Forest School is a highly-selective independent boarding school for boys in grades 9-12. Centered around a century-old, student-run honor system, a Woodberry education emphasizes intellectual thoroughness and moral integrity. The 1000-acre campus includes state-of-the-art facilities and technology for academic, athletic, and artistic endeavors. All students participate in an extensive leadership development program in conjunction with a high ropes course. The school is located in scenic Madison County, Virginia, and is 75 miles southwest of Washington, D.C., and 35 miles northeast of Charlottesville, VA.

### SELECTED FEATURES

- 2014-2015 enrollment: 395 students (94 in senior class).
- 2013-2014: 47% of applicants accepted for admission – 66% enrolled.
- Students from 30 different states, the District of Columbia and 14 countries.
- 71 faculty members – 72% hold advanced degrees, including 7 doctorates.
- Average class size is 10, with a student:faculty ratio of 5:1.
- 100% of graduates attend four-year colleges.
- \$309 million endowment/Annual fund gifts totaling \$2.97 million.
- Summer programs available in Central America, China, England (at Oxford), Scotland and Spain.
- Newly constructed 44,000 square-foot cutting-edge science facility.
- Accredited by Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and Virginia Association of Independent Schools. Member College Board, NACAC, and NAIS. Charter member, International Boys School Coalition and the Association of Boarding Schools.

### GRADES

Woodberry Forest calculates an annual grade point average using grades earned in all courses that year. Students are normally enrolled in five courses each of which meet 3 ¾ hours per week.

GRADE POINT AVERAGE		WEIGHT SYSTEM		MEAN GPAS	
A = 4.0	C = 2.0	AP Course*	+5	Class of '14	Class of '15
A- = 3.7	C- = 1.7	Honors Course	+5	11th: 3.42	11th: 3.44
B+ = 3.3	D+ = 1.3	*Not available after 2013-14		12th: 3.58	
B = 3.0	D = 1.0				
B- = 2.7	NC = 0.0				
C+ = 2.3		<i>Academic Honors: 3.4 and above</i>			

### CALENDAR

Woodberry is on a trimester system, therefore the first trimester grades are considered the mid-year grades.

### CLASS RANK

Woodberry Forest School does not rank its students; however, we do include a grade distribution chart with this Profile. Only courses taken at Woodberry appear on our transcript; therefore, the cumulative GPA is calculated using only grades earned while attending Woodberry. Transcripts from previous secondary schools attended are also provided.

Woodberry Forest admits students of any race, color, or national and ethnic origin to all of the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, or national and ethnic origin in the administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

A minimum of 20 credits is required for graduation, including the following:

- 4 credits in English
- 3 credits each in Foreign Language and Electives
- 3 credits in Math (including one course beyond Algebra II)
- 3 credits in History and Science
- 1 credit in Fine Arts
- 1/3 credit in Religion

60 hours of community service, at least half of which must come in direct contact with the individual or group the student is serving.

## TESTING RESULTS

Mean score of all Woodberry students who sat for standardized admission tests for the 2013-2014 school year:

### SAT

	Critical Reading	Math	Writing
<b>WOODBERRY</b>	611	611	608
<b>NATIONAL</b>	496	514	488
<b>VIRGINIA</b>	516	514	498

### ACT

	Composite
<b>WOODBERRY</b>	26.2
<b>NATIONAL</b>	21.0
<b>VIRGINIA</b>	22.8

## Advanced Placement

In 2014, 181 candidates took 350 exams. 73% scored 3 or above – 14% had scores of 5 and 26% had scores of 4.

## HONORS COURSES

*Students may enroll in Honors level courses only with departmental approval. As of the 2014-2015 academic year, Woodberry no longer offers AP designated courses. Honors will now represent the highest level classes in all subjects.*

*The following honors courses are taught beyond the typical secondary-school, AP-level and represent the highest level offered in their discipline.*

Adv. Acting & Directing	Physics: Biomechanics of the Human Body
Constitutional Law	Research Physics
English 600	Seminar in Advanced Math
Independent Study	

*The following honors courses are highly demanding classes whose standards are such that a student may sit for the related AP exam.*

American Government	Environmental Science
Art History	Modern European History
Biology	Music Theory
Calculus A	Physics 1
Calculus B	Physics 2
Chemistry	Psychology
Computer Science	U.S. History
Economics	Statistics
English 500	Studio Art
4 <sup>th</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup> level foreign language	

*The following honors courses are introductory or intermediate level classes that offer increased rigor.*

Algebra 2	Geometry
English 300	Introduction to Calculus
English 400	3 <sup>rd</sup> level foreign language

*Detailed course descriptions for all of Woodberry's classes can be found online in the School's Academic Course of Study:*

<http://www.woodberry.org/Page/Academics/Academic-Course-of-Study>

## GRADE DISTRIBUTION CHART (2012-2014)

Woodberry Forest School does not report class rank, but does supply the following Grade Distribution.

Students are admitted to Woodberry Forest School as freshmen, sophomores, or juniors. The first and second years at Woodberry are a period of significant adjustment to boarding school life, increased academic demands, and rigorous grading standards. A review of recent graduates (2012-2014) shows very similar middle 50% ranges during these first two years, with the middle and top of the class strengthening in the final years. A historical review of junior year grades shows a consistent breakdown of grades, with roughly one-third falling in the A-range, one-half in the B-range, 15% in the C-range, and the remaining grades at a D or below.

We offer the following GPA ranges by year to more fully explain the grade trends typically seen at Woodberry.

	25 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	Median	75 <sup>th</sup> Percentile
Third Form (9 <sup>th</sup> )	2.88	3.27	3.68
Fourth Form (10 <sup>th</sup> )	2.94	3.28	3.70
Fifth Form (11 <sup>th</sup> )	3.08	3.44	3.90
Sixth Form (12 <sup>th</sup> )	3.18	3.59	3.99

## CURRICULUM

A central tenet of Woodberry Forest School's mission is that "our faculty is more concerned with teaching students how to think than what to think." The mission also states the School's commitment "to helping boys acquire the strong values and capacity to reason that enable them to deal effectively with important intellectual, ethical, and social problems and lead rewarding private lives." The faculty achieves these goals through thoughtfully constructed courses that challenge students at every stage of their academic development. Students learn to analyze and are pushed to think, speak, and write creatively and critically across disciplines.

Expectations are high for students from introductory through advanced classes. Students write weekly essays in English, produce analytical research papers in history, complete detailed lab reports in science, and navigate introductory foreign language classes taught mostly in the language of instruction all in their first year at Woodberry. In classes that offer the highest level of rigor, for example, students produce original works for the stage while studying advanced techniques and theater theory (**Advanced Acting and Directing**), investigate the history of constitutional jurisprudence and the connections to our nation's social and political development (**Honors Constitutional Law**), work collaboratively to tackle advanced, open-ended physics problems in preparation for a multi-school competition (**Research Physics**), delve into the world of linear algebra, game theory, cryptography, and other topics in advanced math (**Seminar in Advanced Math**), read works by Ovid and analyze the poet's influence on modern literature (**Honors Latin 4/5**), and explore classic and contemporary works that straddle the boundary between history and literature (**Honors English 600: Fact and Fiction**).

While Woodberry offers a wide-range of upper-level classes, there are relatively few honors options available to 3<sup>rd</sup> formers. Woodberry does not offer an honors option in first or second year foreign languages or Algebra 1, and has limited enrollment in our freshman history class (Ancient and Medieval History) and freshman English. Beginning with the 2014-2015 academic year, Woodberry's upper-level offerings will no longer include courses designated as Advanced Placement. Honors will now be the highest course level in all subjects, with many of these classes continuing to offer strong preparation for the corresponding AP exam, but without the added limitations of teachers following the College Board curriculum. We believe this change will allow our teachers to offer a more interesting, creative approach to subjects that will even better prepare students for the demands they will face in college. The listing below includes all courses available to the current class during their time at Woodberry.

### English

English 300, 400, 500

**Honors English 300, 400, 500**

English 600:

Mythology and Modern Literature

Shakespeare for Groundlings

Trek to the Unknown

**Honors English 600:**

**Fact and Fiction**

**Uprising – Subversion/Survival in**

**World Literature and Film**

### History

Ancient and Medieval History

**Honors Ancient and Medieval History**

Modern European History

**Honors Modern European History**

US History

**Honors US History**

**+Honors/AP Government & Politics**

Psychology

**+Honors/AP Psychology**

Economics

**+Honors/AP Economics**

The Sixties

\* Criminal Law

\* Military History

### Religion

\* Introduction to the Bible

\* World Religions

### Mathematics

Algebra 1

Geometry

**Honors Geometry**

Algebra 2

**Honors Algebra 2**

Functions, Statistics & Trigonometry

Pre Calculus

**Honors Intro. to Calculus**

**+Honors/AP Statistics**

Applied Calculus

**+Honors Calculus A (AP Calculus AB)**

**+Honors Calculus B (AP Calculus BC)**

**Seminar in Advanced Math**

**Honors Intro. to Computer Science**

### Science

Conceptual Physics

Physics

**Honors Physics 1**

**Honors Physics 2**

**Research Physics**

**Honors Physics- Biomechanics of the**

**Human Body**

Chemistry

**\*\*Honors Chemistry**

**+Honors/AP Chemistry**

Biology

**\*\*Honors Biology**

**+Honors/AP Biology**

**+Honors/AP Environmental Science**

Anatomy and Physiology

\* Microbiology

### Foreign language

Latin 1, 2, 3, 4

**Honors Latin 3, 4, 5**

French 1, 2, 3

**Honors French 4, 5**

Spanish 1, 2, 3, 4

**Honors Spanish 3, 4, 5**

Chinese 1, 2, 3, 4

**Honors Chinese 3, 4, 5**

### Fine arts

Intro. to Arts – Drama, Speech, Music,

Visual Arts

Art – Intermediate Art, Independent Study

**Honors Art History**

**+Honors/AP Studio Art**

Music – Jazz Band, Wind Ensemble, String

Ensemble, Pipe Band, Choir, Consort,

Dozen (select *a cappella*)

Intermediate Music Theory

**Honors Music Theory**

**Advanced Acting and Directing**

\* Drama – Comedy

\* Woodworking

\* AutoCad

\* Advanced AutoCad

\* Desktop Publishing

\* Electronic Music

\* Digital Filmmaking

\* Photography – Intro., Advanced

\* Intermediate Speech

\* Advanced Public Speaking

Individual Instruction – Instrumental, Voice

Honors/AP level courses in **bold**

\* Elective Trimester Courses

+ AP discontinued - Fall 2014

\*\*Class discontinued - Fall 2014

## **COLLEGES ADMITTING WOODBERRY FOREST GRADUATES 2012-2014**

Members of the Class of 2014 enrolled at the institutions listed in bold.

Allegheny College	<b>Georgia Tech</b>	Providence College	<b>Univ. of Denver</b>
American University	Gettysburg College	Purdue University	Univ. of Florida
Amherst College	Gonzaga University	<b>Radford University</b>	<b>Univ. of Georgia</b>
<b>Appalachian State Univ.</b>	Goucher College	Randolph College	Univ. of Illinois
Arizona State University	Guilford College	<b>Randolph-Macon College</b>	Univ. of Kansas
<b>Auburn University</b>	Hamilton College	<b>Reed College</b>	Univ. of Kentucky
Babson College	<b>Hampden-Sydney College</b>	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	Univ. of Louisville
<b>Bard College</b>	Hampton University	Rhodes College	<b>Univ. of Mary Washington</b>
Baylor University	Harvard University	Rice University	<b>Univ. of Maryland</b>
Belmont University	Harvey Mudd College	Roanoke College	Univ. of Miami
Boston College	Haverford College	Rochester Inst. of Technology	Univ. of Michigan
<b>Boston University</b>	<b>High Point University</b>	Rollins College	Univ. of Mississippi
Bowdoin College	<b>Hillsdale College</b>	Rose Hulman Inst. of Tech.	Univ. of Missouri
Brandeis University	Hobart & William Smith Colleges	Salisbury University	<b>Univ. of North Carolina at Chapel Hill</b>
Bridgewater College	Hofstra University	Samford University	<b>Univ. of North Carolina at Charlotte</b>
<b>Brown University</b>	Hope College	Santa Clara University	Univ. of North Carolina at Wilmington
<b>Bucknell University</b>	Illinois Wesleyan University	<b>Sewanee: The University of the South</b>	<b>Univ. of Notre Dame</b>
California Institute of Technology	<b>James Madison University</b>	<b>Southern Methodist Univ.</b>	Univ. of Oklahoma
Campbell University	Johns Hopkins University	St. Bonaventure University	Univ. of Pennsylvania
Carleton College	Johnson C. Smith University	St. John's College (NM)	Univ. of Pittsburgh
<b>Carnegie Mellon University</b>	Kenyon College	<b>St. John's University</b>	Univ. of Richmond
Case Western Reserve Univ.	Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology	St. Joseph's University	<b>Univ. of South Carolina</b>
Centre College	Lafayette College	Stanford University	<b>Univ. of Southern California</b>
Christopher Newport Univ.	<b>Lehigh University</b>	Swarthmore College	Univ. of St Andrews
Citadel	Lewis & Clark College	<b>Syracuse University</b>	<b>Univ. of Tampa</b>
<b>Clemson University</b>	Longwood University	Texas A&M University	Univ. of Tennessee
Colby College	Louisiana State University	Texas Christian University	Univ. of Texas
College of Charleston	Loyola University Maryland	<b>Texas Tech University</b>	Univ. of Tulsa
<b>College of William &amp; Mary</b>	Loyola University New Orleans	Towson University	Univ. of the Pacific
<b>Colorado College</b>	Lynchburg College	Trinity College	Univ. of Vermont
Colorado School of Mines	Marquette University	Trinity College Dublin	<b>Univ. of Virginia</b>
Colorado State University	McGill University	Tufts University	Vanderbilt University
Columbia University	Miami University (OH)	Tulane University	Vassar College
Connecticut College	<b>Middlebury College</b>	<b>Union College</b>	Villanova University
Cornell University	<b>Montana State Univ., Bozeman</b>	<b>United States Military Academy</b>	<b>Virginia Commonwealth University</b>
Dartmouth College	Morehouse College	United States Naval Academy	Virginia Military Institute
Davidson College	<b>New York University</b>	Universidad Panamericana	Virginia Tech
<b>Denison University</b>	<b>North Carolina State Univ.</b>	<b>University at Buffalo: SUNY</b>	<b>Wake Forest University</b>
DePaul University	Northeastern University	University College Dublin	<b>Wake Technical CC</b>
<b>Dickinson College</b>	Northern Kentucky Univ.	<b>Univ. of Alabama</b>	Washington & Jefferson College
Drexel University	Oberlin College	Univ. of Arkansas	<b>Washington &amp; Lee Univ.</b>
Duke University	Occidental College	Univ. of Arizona	Washington College
<b>East Carolina University</b>	Ohio Wesleyan University	Univ. of British Columbia	Washington University in St. Louis
Elon University	Old Dominion University	Univ. of California, Berkeley	West Virginia University
Emory University	Oregon State University	Univ. of California, Los Angeles	Williams College
Fordham University	<b>Pennsylvania State University</b>	<b>Univ. of California, San Diego</b>	Wofford College
<b>Fort Lewis College</b>	Pomona College	Univ. of California, Santa Barbara	
Franklin & Marshall College	Prairie View A&M University	Univ. of Colorado	
<b>Furman University</b>	<b>Princeton University</b>	Univ. of Connecticut	
George Mason University	Providence College	Univ. of Delaware	
George Washington Univ.	<b>Prairie View A&amp;M University</b>		
<b>Georgetown University</b>	<b>Princeton University</b>		

### ***VISITING WOODBERRY***

We invite you to visit Woodberry Forest. Since Woodberry is a boarding school, the best days for you to visit are Monday, Wednesday, or Thursday at lunch or in the evening. Daytime visits are available during the lunch hour between noon and 12:50. Evening visits begin at 7:00, immediately following dinner, and last for approximately 45 minutes. We are happy to provide lunch or dinner as part of your visit.

Woodberry Forest School is located on Route 15, 3 miles north of Orange; 12 miles south of Culpeper.