

Individual Attention. Maximum Opportunity

# Tuscaloosa Academy

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**PROFILE 2018 - 2019**

Tuscaloosa Academy, founded in 1967, is a non-sectarian, independent, co-educational, college-preparatory school serving approximately 450 students in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade (149 students in grades nine through 12). Located 50 miles south of Birmingham in West Alabama, the city and surrounding areas of Tuscaloosa is home to approximately 245,740 people. International students comprise 20 percent of the total enrollment at Tuscaloosa Academy. Traditionally, 95 percent of Tuscaloosa Academy graduates attend four-year colleges and universities and five percent attend two-year colleges. The class of 2019 has 36 students. 29 percent of the faculty has Masters Degrees and 6 percent has Doctoral Degrees. Tuscaloosa Academy is accredited by the Southern Association of Independent Schools and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

In addition to a superior college preparatory/honors curriculum, denoted as CP (college preparatory) on official transcripts, the students learn and abide by an Honor System. This is a means of instilling in each individual student an active sense of honor, integrity, personal responsibility, honesty, trustworthiness, self-respect, good citizenship, and respect for the school. It creates an atmosphere of trust at the school by encouraging the entire student body to hold these qualities in the highest esteem.

Tuscaloosa Academy students are involved outside of the classroom and are given the opportunity to excel in extracurricular activities. Upper School students average 20 hours of community service and more than 75 percent play at least one sport. All students in grades five-12 are required to purchase a personal tablet PC or a MacBook resulting in a mastery of technology before graduation. Student health and safety is supported by a preventative mandatory drug testing program for all students in grades seven-12.

## THE ACADEMIC PROGRAM

All students are enrolled in a combination of required core courses and electives. A typical course load consists of six courses and one study period. Concurrent enrollment at the University of Alabama is offered to qualified students beginning the second semester sophomore year at Tuscaloosa Academy, giving them the opportunity to earn college credit, while continuing their required high school courses. Students may elect to pursue an Enhanced Diploma

Certification, which requires taking five AP courses and/or dual enrollment courses with the University of Alabama.

## NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

Since 2000, Tuscaloosa Academy has had 17

National Merit Scholarship Semi-Finalists; 16 National Merit Scholarship Winners; six Commended Students.

**GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

Twenty-six credits are required for graduation. Many students graduate with more by taking electives each year in addition to the following required course of study, grades nine-12.

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| English | 4 credits |
| History | 4 credits |
| Mathematics | 4 credits |
| Laboratory Science | 4 credits |
| Foreign Language | 3 credits |
| Computer Science | 1 credit |
| Health | ½ credit |

Speech ½ credit

Fine Arts 1 credit

Physical Education 1 credit

Elective 3 credits

## COURSE OFFERINGS

Algebra I, II with Trig, III

Anatomy & Physiology

AP English Language, AP English Literature

AP Statistics

Art I, II, III, IV, AP Studio Art

Biology, AP Biology

Calculus, AP Calculus AB, BC

Chemistry, AP Chemistry

Computer Science, AP Computer

Digital Design

English I, II. III. IV

Environmental Science

French I, II, III, IV

Geometry

German I, II, III, AP German

Health

Journalism

Latin I, II, III, IV, AP Latin

Music

Drama I, II

Personal Finance

Physics

Pre-Calculus

Psychology/Sociology

Robotics

SAT-ACT Prep

Spanish I, II, III, IV, AP Spanish

Speech

Physical Education, Strength and Conditioning

Theatre I, II

UA Early College/Dual Enrollment

US Government/Economics, AP Government/Politics

US History I, II, AP US History

World History

Yearbook

## GRADING SCALE

Tuscaloosa Academy uses a ‘weighted’ GPA with AP courses receiving an additional one point and

“College Prep/Honors” receiving a .5 increase.

A+ 97-100 A+ 4.33

A 93-96 A 4.00

A- 90-92 A- 3.67

B+ 87-89 B+ 3.33

B 83-86 B 3.00

B- 80-82 B- 2.76

C+ 77-79 C+ 2.33

C 73-76 C 2.00

C- 70-72 C- 1.67

D+ 67-69 D+ 1.33

D 63-66 D 1.00

D- 60-62 D- 0.67

F Below 60 0.00

## STANDARDIZED TEST DATA

ACT Assessment: the average ACT Composite score for the class of 2018 was 25.5.

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM

Advanced Placement classes are open to all Junior and Senior students and are offered in the following courses: English Language, English Literature, Calculus AB & BC, United States History, Biology,

Chemistry, U.S. Government & Politics, Spanish, Statistics, German, Latin, Computer Science and Studio Art. Students enrolled in AP courses are required to take the AP examinations.

## COLLEGE MATRICULATION

Since 2004, the following four-year colleges and universities are among those offering admission to graduates of Tuscaloosa Academy:

Auburn University

Babson College

Barnard College

Belmont University

Beloit College

Birmingham-Southern College

Brigham Young University

Boston College

Clemson University

College of Charleston

Columbia University

Dallas Baptist University

Duke University

Emory University

Emory and Henry

Fresno State

Furman University

Georgetown

Harding University

Harvard University

Hawai’i Pacific University

Huntingdon College

Johns Hopkins University

Louisiana State University

Marion Military Institute

Mississippi College

MIT

Purdue University

Rhodes College

Rice University

Samford University

Sewanee—The University of the South

Southern Methodist University

Spring Hill College

Stanford University

Swarthmore College

Texas Christian University

Truman State University

Tulane University

University of Alabama

University of Alabama Birmingham

University of California, Irvine

University of Chicago

University of Colorado, Boulder

University of Georgia

University of Kansas

University of Mississippi

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

University of Pennsylvania

University of South Alabama

Vanderbilt University

University of Virginia

Wellesley College

Yale