

Menlo School PROFILE 2020-2021

THE SCHOOL

Menlo School is an independent, coeducational, college preparatory day school situated in the heart of Silicon Valley. Established in 1915, Menlo School is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges and is a member of the National and California Associations of Independent Schools. Admission to Menlo is highly selective and the School seeks to attract and enroll a talented and diverse student body. Menlo is dedicated to providing a challenging academic curriculum complemented by outstanding creative arts and athletic programs. The School helps students develop positive values and nurtures character development in a supportive, inclusive environment that upholds the highest moral and ethical standards. Menlo's program encourages students to reach their fullest potential and to develop the skills necessary to respond intelligently and humanely to the complexities of a diverse world.



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MENLO BY THE NUMBERS

STUDENT
POPULATION
580
GRADES 9-12



10:1
STUDENT-TO-
TEACHER RATIO



73% OF
FACULTY HAVE
ADVANCED
DEGREES



\$6.5
MILLION IN AID
TO **21%** OF
THE STUDENT BODY

333
AP EXAMS TAKEN
LAST YEAR BY
CLASS OF 2021



83% OF
STUDENTS EARNED
4 AND 5 AP SCORES



19 HONORS AND
POST AP CLASSES
OFFERED



21
AP CLASSES
OFFERED



21
VARSITY SPORTS
OFFERED



CLASS OF 2021 BY THE NUMBERS

CLASS SIZE
139

MEAN GPA
3.72

HIGH GPA
4.34

EBRW
(three-year average)
706

MATH
(three-year average)
741

ACT
(three-year average)
33

14
NATIONAL
MERIT
SEMIFINALISTS

38
NATIONAL
MERIT COMMENDED
SCHOLARS

GRADING AND CLASS RANK

In the Upper School, GPA is cumulative from freshman year using all courses with the exception of Physical Education (PE). Menlo reports year long grades, with the exception a few electives where semester grades are reported on the transcript. Plus and minus grades are weighted (e.g. B+ = 3.33, B- = 2.67). Upper School students receive an extra .5 of credit for each Honors (H), Advanced Placement (AP), or Advanced Topics course. Students are not ranked.

COVID-19 STATEMENT:

In March of 2020, Menlo switched to a distance learning model and will continue with this model through November 1, 2020, at the earliest. Our academic calendar has remained the same. As it pertains to the Class of 2021, Menlo made no changes to our grading scales and policies, nor did we adjust our graduation requirements. We kept our A-F grading scale and feel we were able to honor the integrity of our rigorous academic experience through the distance learning model. One extenuating circumstance related to COVID-19 is the lack of a standardized test score for many of our students in the Class of 2021. Menlo has opted to report the 3 year testing averages (in ACT, SAT Math, and SAT EBRW) in lieu of the standardized testing averages for the class of 2021.

DISTINCTIVE PROGRAMS AND COURSES

Applied Science Research (ASR)

ASR is a capstone class. Students learn how to design and build something, do experiments, analyze and graph their data, and compute the errors on their experiments. Students work on campus and/or intern at a local university or company under a mentor. At the conclusion of the second semester, each student writes a science or engineering paper, gives a final presentation, and has the opportunity to publish their work in a science or engineering journal.

BioTech Research

In this course, students learn key lab techniques in molecular biology, protein biochemistry, immunolocalization, and cell culture. They then use these skills to design and carry out an authentic, independent research project, either in our lab or in a local industry or academic lab.

Menlo Interdisciplinary and Personalized Scholars Program (Menlo IP)

Menlo IP is designed to allow interested students to shape a deep and personalized approach to their studies, which we believe will help them to create more meaningful learning explorations and chart new paths of distinction. The program offers three "Fields of Study," similar to a college concentration:

- **Arts & Letters** – teaches students to interpret creative works, grounds them in the history, theory, and context of their chosen genre, and supports them in creating their own original work or producing original scholarly criticism

- **Citizenship & Leadership** – helps students become problem solvers of local public policy challenges
- **Community Engagement & Impact** – provides an opportunity for students to examine the root causes of a societal problem or inequity and become problem solvers who envision possible solutions to community challenges.
- **Global Scholars** – fosters global competency and dispositions of global engagement

M Term

M Term has two interrelated and primary purposes: to find new ways to foster joy in learning and engagement and to honor student interest and initiative by providing experiences and opportunities that may not routinely exist in the Menlo School curricula. During the last two weeks of the school year, regular classes are suspended, and students partake in immersive M Term experiential courses designed to get student out into our local and global communities while fostering awareness, empathy, and citizenship.

Global Online Academy

Students may take online classes through the Global Online Academy, a consortium of domestic and international independent schools. Students receive Menlo credit for the courses, and the course grade is calculated into the student's GPA.

COLLEGE MATRICULATION FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE CLASSES OF 2018-2020

Arizona State University (3)	Foothill College (1)	Pace University (1)	University of California, Davis (4)
Babson College (1)	Fordham University (1)	Pitzer College (1)	University of California, Irvine (2)
Barnard College (1)	Franklin and Marshall College (1)	Pomona College (7)	University of California, Los Angeles (10)
Bates College (2)	Georgetown University (5)	Pratt Institute (1)	University of California, Riverside (3)
Baylor University (1)	Georgia Institute of Technology (1)	Princeton University (5)	University of California, Santa Barbara (2)
Boston College (4)	Gonzaga University (1)	Purdue University (1)	University of California, Santa Cruz (2)
Boston University (2)	Hamilton College (2)	Reed College (1)	University of Chicago (8)
Bowdoin College (1)	Harvard College (10)	Rice University (1)	University of Colorado at Boulder (8)
Brandeis University (1)	Harvey Mudd College (2)	San Diego Christian College (1)	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (2)
Brown University (7)	Haverford College (3)	Santa Barbara City College (1)	University of Maryland (2)
Bryn Mawr College (1)	Indiana University (2)	Santa Clara University (3)	University of Miami (3)
Bucknell University (2)	Johns Hopkins University (5)	Santa Monica College (2)	University of Michigan (8)
California Institute of Technology (2)	Kenyon College (1)	Scripps College (2)	University of Oregon (2)
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo (4)	King's College London (1)	Skidmore College (1)	University of Pennsylvania (4)
Cañada College (1)	La Salle University (1)	Sonoma State University (1)	University of Redlands (3)
Carleton College (5)	Lafayette College (2)	Southern Methodist University (14)	University of Richmond (2)
Carnegie Mellon University (9)	Lehigh University (1)	St. John's College (1)	University of San Diego (1)
Chapman University (1)	Loyola Marymount University (1)	St. Lawrence University (1)	University of Southern California (13)
Claremont McKenna College (2)	Luther College (1)	Stanford University (19)	University of St Andrews (1)
Clemson University (1)	Macalester College (1)	The George Washington University (1)	University of Texas, Austin (2)
Colby College (1)	Manhattan School of Music (1)	The Juilliard School (1)	University of Virginia (4)
Colorado College (3)	Massachusetts Institute of Technology (5)	The New School (1)	University of Washington (4)
Columbia University (3)	Middlebury College (3)	The University of Alabama (1)	University of Wisconsin, Madison (5)
Connecticut College (1)	Montclair State University (1)	The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (6)	Vanderbilt University (8)
Cornell University (8)	New York University (12)	The University of Notre Dame (2)	Villanova University (5)
Dartmouth College (11)	Northeastern University (2)	Trinity College (1)	Wake Forest University (5)
Davidson College (2)	Northern Arizona University (1)	Tufts University (3)	Washington & Lee University (1)
De Anza College (1)	Northwestern University (11)	Tulane University (13)	Washington University in St. Louis (13)
Duke University (9)	Oberlin College (1)	United States Military Academy (1)	Whitman College (2)
Emerson College (1)	Occidental College (1)	United States Naval Academy (1)	Williams College (1)
Emory University (2)	Ohlone College (1)	University of California, Berkeley (14)	Yale University (6)
	Otterbein University (1)		



UPPER SCHOOL COURSE OFFERINGS

ENGLISH (4 years required)

English 1
English 2
English 3 (Rebels)
AP English Language
AP English Literature
All seniors take Elective English Seminars.

ELECTIVES

Contemporary Global Literature (H)
Dangerous Ideas
Freak Character in American Culture (H)
Investigations
Gothic South
The Art of the Essay
Cafe Society
Global Mythologies
Modernist Poetry Workshop
Sizzling Scribes
Lyric & Lifeline (Honors option)
Fairy Tales
Creative Writing
Multicultural London
Adolescence (Re)imagined
Dystopian Fiction & Film
Ralph Waldo Emerson

HISTORY AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

(3 years required)

Modern World History
U.S. History
AP U.S. History

ELECTIVES*

AP Government & Politics
Contemporary American Issues
AP Microeconomics
AP Macroeconomics
Essential Macroeconomics
Global Issues for Global Citizens
Global Scholars Research
Ethnic Studies
Modern Political Rhetoric
Swords & Ploughshares
Humanities 1: Art and Culture
Humanities 2: 20th Century Theories
World Economy Since 1700
US Foreign Policy
War and Peace: Middle East
Intro to Law
U.S. Government & Political Science
Leadership Case Studies
The United States Since 2000
U.S. Economic History
Philosophy

(*History electives have an Honors option.)

MATHEMATICS (3 years required)

Integrated Geometry & Algebra
Analytic Geometry & Algebra
Analytic Geometry & Algebra (H)
Algebra 2
Algebra 2 (H)
Principles of Pre-Calculus
Analytic Pre-Calculus
Pre-Calculus (H)
Calculus
Adv. Economic Theory (H)
Statistics
AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC
AP Statistics
Advanced Topics in Math (H)

SCIENCE (3 years required)

Conceptual Physics
Physics 1
Conceptual Chemistry
Accelerated Chemistry (H)
AP Chemistry
Biology
AP Physics 2
AP Physics C: Mechanics
AP Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism
Advanced Topics in Biology (H)
Anatomy & Physiology
Environmental Science
Applied Science Research (H)
Biotechnology Research (H)
Mechanical Engineering
Electrical Engineering
Neuroscience
Design & Architecture
Sustainable Engineering
Experimental Archaeology
Engineering Entrepreneurship

WORLD LANGUAGE

(3 years required)

French Foundations 1, 2
Intermediate French
Upper Intermediate French
Adv. Seminar Topics French
AP French Language & Culture
Japanese 4
AP Japanese Language & Culture
Latin 1, 2, 3, 3(H), 4
AP Latin Vergil
Post AP Latin (H)

Foundations Mandarin 1, 2
Intermediate Mandarin
Upper Intermediate Mandarin
AP Chinese Language & Culture
Spanish Foundations 1, 2
Intermediate Spanish
Upper Intermediate Spanish
AP Spanish Language & Culture
Advanced Seminar Topics in Spanish
AP Spanish Literature

CREATIVE ARTS (1½ years required)

Freshman Seminar Arts Rotation
Art
Advanced Art
AP Studio Art
Topics in Fine Arts
Select Mixed Chorus
Women's Chorus
Chamber Choir
AP Music Theory
Jazz Band
Chamber Orchestra
Jazz Dance
Advanced Jazz Dance
Drama
Musical Theater
Advanced Drama
Moviemaking
Advanced Moviemaking
Photography
Advanced Photography
Yearbook: Publication Design I, II, & Leadership

COMPUTER SCIENCE

Introduction to Computer Programming
AP Computer Science
Advanced Topics in Computer Science (H)
Post AP CS W/ Data Structures & Algorithms (H)

JOURNALISM

Introduction to Journalism
Advanced Journalism
Journalism Leadership

INTERDISCIPLINARY AND PERSONALIZED (IP) SCHOLARS

Arts & Letters
Citizenship Leadership
Community Engagement & Impact
Global Scholars