

Menlo School

PROFILE 2021-2022



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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.

MENLO BY THE NUMBERS

STUDENT
POPULATION

580

GRADES 9-12



10:1

STUDENT-TO-
TEACHER RATIO



\$6.9

MILLION IN AID

TO 21% OF
THE STUDENT BODY



75% OF
FACULTY HAVE
ADVANCED
DEGREES



40 ADVANCED
CLASSES OFFERED



21
VARSITY SPORTS
OFFERED

CLASS OF 2022 BY THE NUMBERS

CLASS SIZE

144

MEAN GPA

3.79

HIGH GPA

4.29

16
NATIONAL
MERIT
SEMIFINALISTS

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 weighted and cumulative 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.

When requested by a college or university to which a student has applied, Menlo School will report incidents that occurred in grades 9 through 12 that resulted in the student being dismissed, suspended, or placed on citizenship probation. Menlo School will also report voluntary withdrawals when disciplinary action is possible or pending whenever such information is requested by a college or university.

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 2018-2021

American University (1)	Georgetown University (5)	Rose Hulman Institute of Technology (1)	University of California, Santa Barbara (2)
Arizona State University (2)	Georgia Institute of Technology (1)	San Diego Christian College (1)	University of California, Santa Cruz (1)
Bates College (2)	Gonzaga University (2)	Santa Clara University (5)	University of Cambridge (1)
Baylor University (1)	Hamilton College (2)	Santa Monica College (2)	University of Chicago (10)
Boston College (6)	Harvard College (8)	Sarah Lawrence College (1)	University of Cincinnati (1)
Boston University (3)	Harvey Mudd College (2)	Scripps College (2)	University of Colorado at Boulder (3)
Brandeis University (1)	Haverford College (1)	Seattle University (1)	University of Denver (1)
Brown University (6)	Indiana University (2)	Sonoma State University (1)	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (1)
Bryn Mawr College (1)	Johns Hopkins University (5)	Southern Methodist University (9)	University of Maryland (1)
Bucknell University (2)	Kenyon College (1)	St. John's College (1)	University of Miami (2)
Brigham Young University (2)	King's College London (1)	St. Lawrence University (1)	University of Michigan (11)
California Institute of Technology (1)	Lafayette College (2)	Stanford University (24)	University of Oregon (2)
California Polytechnic Institute, Pomona (2)	Lehigh University (3)	Syracuse University (1)	University of Pennsylvania (6)
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo (5)	Luther College (1)	Texas Christian University (1)	University of Redlands (1)
Cañada College (1)	Manhattan School of Music (1)	The George Washington University (1)	University of Richmond (2)
Carleton College (5)	Massachusetts Institute of Technology (3)	The Juilliard School (1)	University of San Diego (2)
Carnegie Mellon University (8)	Middlebury College (3)	The New School (1)	University of Southern California (8)
Case Western Reserve (1)	Montclair State University (1)	The University of Alabama (1)	University of Tennessee (1)
Claremont McKenna College (3)	New York University (8)	The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (3)	University of Texas, Austin (3)
Clemson University (1)	Northeastern University (2)	The University of Notre Dame (5)	University of Utah (2)
Colby College (2)	Northern Arizona University (1)	Trinity College (1)	University of Virginia (4)
College of San Mateo (2)	Northwestern University (6)	Tufts University (3)	University of Washington (2)
Colorado College (2)	Occidental College (1)	Tulane University (10)	University of Wisconsin, Madison (9)
Columbia University (5)	Ohlone College (1)	United States Air Force Academy (1)	Utah Valley University (1)
Connecticut College (1)	Otterbein University (1)	United States Military Academy (1)	Vanderbilt University (6)
Cornell University (9)	Pace University (1)	University of Arizona (1)	Vassar College (1)
Dartmouth College (7)	Parsons School of Design (1)	University of British Columbia (1)	Villanova University (5)
Davidson College (2)	Pitzer College (1)	University of California, Berkeley (11)	Wake Forest University (6)
Duke University (10)	Pomona College (7)	University of California, Davis (3)	Washington University in St. Louis (12)
Emory University (1)	Princeton University (5)	University of California, Irvine (1)	Wellesley College (1)
Foothill College (1)	Purdue University (3)	University of California, Los Angeles (10)	Whitman College (2)
Fordham University (1)	Reed College (1)	University of California, Riverside (4)	Williams College (2)
Franklin and Marshall College (1)	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (1)	University of California, San Diego (3)	Yale University (6)
	Rice University (2)		



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

The Art of the Essay
Cafe Society
Contemporary Global Literature (H)
Creative Writing
Dangerous Ideas (H)
Dystopian Fiction & Film
Fairy Tales
East Asian Pop Culture
Global Mythologies
Gothic South
Investigations (H)
Life's Wonders
Lyric & Lifeline (H)
Medicine and Narrative
Modernist Poetry
Playwriting
Poetry Writing

HISTORY AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

(3 years required)
Modern World History
U.S. History
AP U.S. History

ELECTIVES*

AP European History
AP Government & Politics
Current Affairs & Civil Discourse
History of CA Immigration
Contemporary American Issues
AP Microeconomics
AP Macroeconomics
Global Issues for Global Citizens
Global Scholars Research
Ethnic Studies 1, 2
Modern Political Rhetoric
Swords & Ploughshares
Humanities 1, 2
The Pursuit of Happiness
World Economy Since 1700
War and Peace: Middle East
Leadership Case Studies
The United States Since 2000
Philosophy
(*History electives have an Honors option.)

MATHEMATICS

(3 years required)
Integrated Geometry & Algebra
Analytic Geometry & Algebra
Analytic Geometry & Algebra (H)
Algebra 2 Foundations
Algebra 2 with Trigonometry
Algebra 2 with Trigonometry (H)
Principles of Pre-Calculus
Pre-Calculus
Pre-Calculus (H)
Advanced Pre-Calculus
Calculus
AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC
Statistics
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
Advanced Topics in Biology (H)
Advanced Topics in Physics:
Quantum Mechanics
Advanced Topics in Physics:
Electromagnetism and Relativity
Anatomy & Physiology
Environmental Science
Applied Entrepreneurship
Applied Science Research (H)
Biotechnology Research (H)
Mechanical Engineering
Electrical Engineering
Neuroscience
Design & Architecture
Sustainable Earth Engineering
Experimental Archaeology

WORLD LANGUAGE

(2 or 3 years required, based on starting placement)
French Foundations 1, 2
Intermediate French
Upper Intermediate French (H)
Adv. Seminar Topics French
AP French Language & Culture
Latin 1, 2, 3, 3(H), 4
AP Latin Vergil
Post AP Latin (H)
Foundations Mandarin 2

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

CREATIVE ARTS

(1½ years required)
How Music Works
Art
Advanced Art
AP Studio Art (2D & 3D)
Topics in Fine Arts
Select Mixed Chorus
Women's Chorus
Chamber Choir
AP Music Theory
Jazz Band
Chamber Orchestra
Making Music
Beginning Piano Lab
Dance 1, 2, 3
Drama 1, 2
Stage Production
Moviemaking 1, 2
Stage Fight Choreography
Photography 1, 2, 3
Intro to Digital Animation
Yearbook: Publication
Design 1, 2, & Leadership

COMPUTER SCIENCE

Computer Science 1, 2
Advanced Topics in Computer Science (H)
App Development

JOURNALISM

Introduction to Journalism
Advanced Journalism
Journalism Leadership

INTERDISCIPLINARY AND PERSONALIZED (IP) SCHOLARS

Arts & Letters
Citizenship Leadership
Community Engagement & Impact
Global Scholars

FRESHMAN SEMINAR PROGRAM (required)

ADDITIONAL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

M Term
Senior Project
Community Engagement
Physical Education

GLOBAL ONLINE ACADEMY

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ATHLETICS

Baseball
Basketball
Cross Country
Football
Golf
Lacrosse
Soccer
Swimming
Tennis
Track
Volleyball
Water Polo
Wellness (fitness, pilates, yoga)

(H) = Honors Course or Honors Option