# Phillips Academy I Andover 

## 2023-2024 Profile for College Admission Offices

## The Academy

Phillips Academy (also known as Andover), a residential secondary school founded in 1778, seeks students of intelligence and integrity from diverse cultural, racial, socioeconomic and geographic backgrounds.

## NEED-BLIND ADMISSION

In 2007, the Academy adopted a need-blind admission policy. The Academy meets 100 percent of demonstrated need.

## EQUITY \& INCLUSION

Phillips Academy recognizes and values the educational continuum that diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts represent for our community. Andover's constitution charges the Academy to prepare "youth from every quarter" to understand that "goodness without knowledge is weak... yet knowledge without goodness is dangerous." The Andover community particularly benefits from two important spaces:

Building on the historical legacy of Abbot Academy and on a collaborative approach, the Brace Center for Gender Studies leads educational initiatives on and off campus that promote active pursuit of gender equity and inclusion and embrace lifelong gender competency as joyful and necessary.

The mission of the Community and Multicultural Development (CAMD) office is to raise awareness and encourage understanding of differences of race, gender, ethnicity, religion, socioeconomic class, geographical origin, and sexual orientation. The office sponsors workshops, lectures, and educational programs for the entire Phillips Academy community.

## CAMPUS LIFE

In order to bring the advantages of a small school to Andover, we have adopted the cluster system. In each of our five clusters, there are about 230 students (boarding and day students) as well as a group of faculty members.

## ACTIVITIES AND ATHLETICS

Each student is required to participate in an athletic activity. For most students, this is a commitment at the varsity, junior varsity, or life sport level.

Afternoons focus on volunteer work through the Community Engagement Program, Community and Multicultural Development (CAMD) office or Brace Center for Gender Studies, or engaged in independent musical pursuits or physical fitness/endurance activities (e.g., Outdoor Pursuits, martial arts, dance). Our Student Activities Office supports the more than 100 student clubs and organizations on campus that appeal to a variety of interests--academic, artistic, musical, community service, cultural, charitable, political, and more.


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## Academy Courses

## ACADEMICS AND AVG CLASS SIZE

Under the trimester program, the school year is divided into three terms, each consisting of approximately 10 weeks of classes plus an assessment period. The average class size is 13 students. Many courses are yearlong, some are term-contained, and others are organized as twoterm sequences. Students are normally expected to carry five courses each trimester. Students who face unusually challenging terms or extenuating circumstances, may be advised to enroll in four courses. Postgraduates usually take four - five courses per term.

Andover's academic program is based upon the premise that students are capable of studying independently, responsibly, and with self-direction. As a result, students spend a significant number of hours on homework, research, and other out-of-class study and projects.
For each course, class time and homework time together should total approximately six to nine hours per week, depending on course level.

## THE WORKSHOP

The Workshop is a term-contained, interdisciplinary pilot program in collaborative learning. Interested students are chosen in early fall of their senior year after an evaluation of applications. The yearly cohort is appoximately 20 students.
It will constitute the entirety of a participating student's spring term academic program. All course time will be dedicated to this undertaking, which allows for great flexibility with scheduling, independent work, and offcampus learning.

## COURSE NUMBERS

The first digit corresponds to the "level" of the course. The second and third digits (as in ART225) reflect organizational schemes at the departmental level and, therefore, will be used differently by different departments. Letters also are used for these purposes.

- Level $1=100$; for courses that introduce a subject (SPA100) or that are typically taken by 9th-graders (BIO100, ENG100).
- Level $2=200$; for courses that are the second level in a sequence (SPA200) or that are typically taken by 10th-graders or 9th-graders (ART225, HSS201).
- Level $3=300$; for courses that are the third level in a sequence (SPA300), or for courses that are appropriate for 11th-graders (ENG300) or for 9th-, 10th-, and 11th-graders (PHR300, CHM300), or for courses with assumed prior experience (ART3XX).
- Level $4=400$; for courses that are the fourth level in a sequence, or for courses that are appropriate for 11th-graders or 12th-graders (but do not qualify for the 500 or 600 designations).
- Level $5=500$; for courses equivalent to college firstyear classes, sometimes, but not always, indicated by explicit preparation for an AP exam.
- Level $6=600$; for courses that would typically be taken by majors in the subject in college, or for courses typically taken after the first year of college.
- Performance-based credit $=900$; for course credit associated with performance in music or theatre and dance.


## Academic Standing

Students are not ranked, and we do not report a cumulative grade average.

GRADING SYSTEM

- The grading scale is from 0 to 6 .
- Assessment periods conclude November 17, March 1, and May 30.
- Beginning with the 2014-2015 academic year, there is no honor roll designation.

6 Outstanding (High Honor)
5 Superior (Honor)
4 Good
3 Satisfactory
2 Minimum Pass
1 Failure
0 Serious Failure
P Pass
F Fail
H Honors
INC Incomplete
IP In Progress
With the exception of ENG100A and PHD200, PA uses the grade of $P$ in response to circumstances that arise beyond a student's control.

## ADVANCED COURSES

A few 300-level, some $400-$ level, and all 500 -level courses are at or beyond typical AP level. The 600 -level courses are typically the equivalent of sophomore-level college courses. These rigorous and demanding courses require extra preparation and study time. Most use college texts and are paced to match undergraduate offerings.

For course titles and descriptions, refer to Andover's Course of Study, available at https://www.andover.edu/files/ CourseOfStudy.pdf.

## ADVANCED COURSES BELOW THE

 500-LEVELArt: 441, 442, and 443; Additionally, all 200-600-level studio courses are at a level appropriate for students interested in assembling an AP portfolio
Modern/Classical Languages: All 400-level courses
History: 300A, 300B, and 300C
Music: 400, 410, and 460

## Grades Converted to a 4.0 Scale

Andover's grades are best understood in the context of our 6.0 scale. However, when necessary, please refer to this chart to see the approximate conversion of our grades to the 4.0 scale.

| PA | 4.0 Scale |
| :---: | :---: |
| 6 | 4.3 |
| 5 | 4.0 |
| 4 | 3.0 |
| 3 | 2.0 |
| 2 | 1.0 |
| 1 | 0 |

## Impact of COVID-19 on Grading during Academic Year 2020-2021

- Modified academic program and schedule, including remote access and seat time.
- The grading scale was adjusted in acknowledgement of the profound challenges many our students faced during the year. No term GPAs were calculated this year.

6 Outstanding 5 Superior 4 Good P Pass 1 Failure 0 Serious Failure

## Grade Point Average Breakdown by Decile for the Class of 2024

Approximate GPAs are calculated using Phillips Academy coursework only and are current through Spring 2023.
Grades of "P" are not reflected in GPAs. Decile GPA Range Decile GPA Range
GPAs are unweighted.

| Decile | GPA Range | Decile | GPA Range |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1st | $5.83-6.00$ | 6th | $5.27-5.40$ |
| 2nd | $5.70-5.82$ | 7th | $5.14-5.26$ |
| 3rd | $5.60-5.69$ | 8th | $4.97-5.13$ |
| 4th | $5.50-5.59$ | 9th | $4.69-4.96$ |
| 5th | $5.41-5.49$ | 10th | $3.50-4.68$ |

## Standardized Testing

Given the landscape of test optional admission policies, Andover is currently not reporting standardized testing information.
COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY ..... MAT
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American University .....  1
Amherst College .....  3
Arizona University-Tempe .....  1
Babson College .....  3
Bard College. .....  1
Barnard College. .....  1
Bates College .....  3
Baylor University. .....  1
Binghampton University. .....  1
Boston College .....  5
Boston University ..... 10
Bowdoin College .....  3
Brandeis University .....  1
Brown University ..... 10
California Institute of Technology .....  1
Campbell University .....  1
Carnegie Mellon University . .....  5
Case Western Reserve University .....  2
Clemson University. .....  1
Colby College. .....  3
Colgate University. .....  3
College of the Holy Cross .....  3
Colorado College. .....  3
Columbia University. .....  8
Cooper Union .....  1
Cornell University. .....  6
CUNY Bernard M. Baruch College .....  1
Dartmouth College. .....  3
Dlckinson College .....  2
Duke University. .....  2
Emerson College .....  1
Emory University ... .....  .4
ESADE Business School. .....  1
Fairfield University .....  1
Florida State University .....  1
Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering .....  1
George Washington University .....  1
Georgetown University .....  8
Georgia Institute of Technology . .....  1
Harvard University . ..... 12
Hong Kong University of Sci. \& Tech .....  1
Imperial College London .....  1
International Christian University .....  1
Johns Hopkins University .....  1
Massachusetts Institute of Technology. .....  7
McGill University... .....  3
Middlebury College .....  3
New York University. .....  8
Northeastern University.. ..... 10
Northwestern University... .....  7
Pennsylvania State University. .....  1
Pepperdine University. .....  1
Pratt Institute .....  1
Purdue University. .....  1
Rice University.. .....  1
Rutgers University. .....  3
Sacred Heart University . .....  1
Santa Clara University .....  1
Skidmore College .....  3
Southern Methodist University . .....  3
Stanford University ..... 11
Swarthmore College .....  1
Temple University . .....  2
Texas Christian University.. .....  1
The University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill .....  4
The University of Texas at Austin. .....  3
Trinity College. .....  .2
Tufts University.. .....  4
Tulane University. .....  4
Union College .....  2
United States Naval Academy. .....  3
University College London .....  1
University of California, Berkeley. .....  .2
University of California, Irvine. .....  1
University of California, Los Angeles .....  2
University of California, San Diego . .....  3
University of Chicago .....  21
University of Colorado, Boulder. .....  1
University of Connecticut .....  1
University of Delaware .....  1
University of Denver .....  2
University of Edinburgh .....  2
University of Florida .....  1
University of Hong Kong .....  1
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign .....  1
University of Massachusetts, Amherst .....  6
University of Massachusetts, Lowell. .....  1
University of Miami. .....  2
University of Michigan. .....  3
University of Minnesota-Twin Cities. .....  1
University of Pennsylvania .....  7
University of Rhode Island .....  1
University of San Diego. .....  1
University of Southern California .....  3
University of St. Andrews. .....  4
University of Toronto .....  1
University of Virginia .....  7
University of Wisconsin, Madison .....  3
Vanderbilt University . .....  3
Villanova University .....  5
Washington University, St. Louis.. .....  3
Wellesley College. .....  4
Wesleyan University .....  4
William \& Mary .....  2
Williams College .....  5
Yale University . ..... 12
Princeton University .....  3

