



The Athenian School

2025-2026 COLLEGE PROFILE

SCHOOL OVERVIEW

An all-gender boarding and day school founded in 1965, The Athenian School provides a rigorous academic program that is experiential, personal and international. An Athenian education prepares students for the academic and social challenges of college, and for a life of intellectual exploration and meaningful contribution.

Athenian is a founding member of Round Square, an international consortium of like-minded schools that connect and collaborate to help develop global competence in their students. The six shared pillars or IDEALS: **internationalism**, **democracy**, **environmentalism**, **adventure**, **leadership** and **service**, are infused throughout our program and curriculum.

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ACADEMIC PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Athenian's small classes are highly participatory, with hands-on lessons and labs, meaningful feedback from teachers, and frequent collaboration with classmates. Students have the opportunity to engage deeply with the material in a way that prepares them exceptionally well for college.

To align with our commitment to deep learning, Athenian no longer offers AP courses. We offer Honors courses, which include but are not limited to our former AP courses. Our faculty-designed Honors courses are highly engaging and comparable in rigor to the AP curriculum, and in many cases, are similar to college-level work in pace, content and depth.

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Distinctive Programs

Athenian's distinctive programs embody the IDEALS (Pillars of Round Square) and the school's founding belief that academic mastery is best achieved by experiencing its application first hand.

International Experiences

Through its Round Square partnership, many Athenian students participate in at least one international exchange, conference or service project by the time they graduate. Students come away from these experiences with increased global and cultural understanding and perspective. In addition, there are several international March Term courses each year—another opportunity for immersive learning in a global setting.

Boarding

Founded as a boarding school, Athenian now serves a predominantly day population. However, its 49 boarding students—domestic and international—create a global community that helps students build the skills to thrive in college and beyond.

Athenian Wilderness Experience

AWE is a 26-day wilderness expedition which includes a three-day solo. Students gain a variety of technical wilderness skills as well as skills related to communication, conflict resolution, teamwork and leadership. AWE is a graduation requirement and thus provides an opportunity for incredible personal growth.

March Term

March Term embraces the core elements of Athenian's philosophy of experiential education, shared inquiry and engaged learning. These two-week courses are opportunities for students to do a "deep dive" into one topic or focus area over three weeks.

Curriculum Guide

In 11th and 12th grade, students take English and history/social science seminars. Seminar courses are semester-long Honors-level deep dives into specialized areas. Offerings include courses such as: The Political Novel, Shakespeare, Immigrant Experience, Europe in the Age of Enlightenment & Revolution, Ethnic Studies, and Microeconomics. In addition, some students take advantage of additional courses through the Bay Area BlendEd Consortium, a group of seven high schools jointly offering a set of blended classes combining face-to-face and online instruction. More info available at blended-consortium.org. Students are expected to take five core academic classes per semester and generally take a sixth course, which often times is visual or performing arts.

GPA / Class Rank

The GPA is calculated on a 4.0 scale, inclusive of +’s and –’s. Honors courses receive an extra grade point. We do not rank our students or grant academic awards or honors.

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UPPER SCHOOL
STUDENTS

49

BOARDING
STUDENTS

11

STUDENT
BODY HOME
COUNTRIES

26

% OF STUDENTS
WHO RECEIVE
FINANCIAL AID

62

% STUDENTS WHO
IDENTIFY AS "OTHER
THAN WHITE"

Athenian no longer offers AP courses. Classes in bold are equivalent to or more rigorous than AP courses.

SUBJECT	COURSES	ADVANCED COURSES
ENGLISH 4 years required.	English Seminars United States Literature World Literature	English Seminars (H)
HISTORY/SOCIAL SCIENCE 3 years required.	History/Social Science Seminars United States History World History	History/Social Science Seminars (H)
MATHEMATICS 3 years required.	Algebra I Algebra II Calculus Financial Math Geometry Pre-Calculus	Algebra II (H) Pre-Calculus (H) Calculus I (H) Calculus II (H) Statistics (H) Multivariable Calculus (H) AP Calculus AB (final year 2022-23)
SCIENCE 3 years required.	Anatomy & Physiology Astronomy Biology Chemistry Engineering Environmental Science Physics	Anatomy & Physiology (H) (added 2025-26) Advanced Biology (H) Advanced Chemistry (H) Advanced Engineering (H) Advanced Physics (H)
FOREIGN LANGUAGE 3 years required up to level III or 4 years required if 2 languages up to level II.	Chinese I-III French I-III Spanish I-IV	French, Spanish III (H) Chinese, French, Spanish IV (H) Chinese, French, Spanish V (H)
VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS 2 years required.	2D/3D Art Chamber Music Ensemble Concert Choir Dance & Performance Digital Arts Filmmaking Instrumental Music Photography Theater/Technical Theater	Advanced Art (H) Advanced Chamber Music Ensemble (H) Advanced Choir (H) Advanced Dance & Performance (H) Advanced Filmmaking (H) Advanced Materials (H) Advanced Music Ensemble (H) Advanced Music Production & Theory (H) Advanced Photography (H)
INTERDISCIPLINARY	Athenian Wilderness Experience* Computer Science 1-B Computational Thinking* Community Service* March Term* Self & Others* The Art & Science of Making Entrepreneurship	Advanced Computer Science (H) (final year 2024-25) Computer Science II (H) (added 2025-26) Advanced Topics in Computer Science (H) Data Structures & Algorithms (H) Software Engineering (H)

*Graduation requirement

College Outcomes, Class of 2025

- 96% attended a four-year institution
- 64% attended out-of-state institutions
- 12% attended the University of California

AP Results 24-25

- 191 AP exams
- 96 students took an AP Exam
- 69% students scoring 4 or 5
- 89% students scoring 3 and above

SAT/ACT Results, Class of 2025

SAT:

- EBRW Average = 695
- Math Average = 697
- EBRW Middle 50% = 670-750
- Math Middle 50% = 640-770

ACT:

- Middle 50% = 30-35

College Matriculation (2022-2025)

This is a list of colleges to which our students have matriculated over the last four years (145).

American University
The American University of Paris
Amherst College
Arizona State University
Art Center College of Design
Babson College
Bard College
Barnard College
Baylor University
Bentley University
Berklee College of Music
Boston College
Boston University
Bowdoin College
Brandeis University
Brigham Young University
Brown University
Bryn Mawr College
Bucknell University
Butler University
California Institute of Technology
Cal Poly San Luis Obispo
CSU Chico
CSU Long Beach
CSU Monterey Bay
CSU San Marcos
Carleton College
Case Western Reserve University
Chabot College
Chapman University
Claremont McKenna College
Colorado School of Mines
Columbia University
Constructor University (DE)
Cornell University
Cuesta College
Dartmouth College
DePaul University
Diablo Valley College
Dickinson College

Elon University
Emerson College
Emory University
Emory University - Oxford College
Endicott College
George Washington University
Georgetown University
Hamilton College
Harvey Mudd College
Haverford College
Hofstra University
Howard University
Indiana University
Ithaca College
Kenyon College
Lafayette College
Las Positas College
Lawrence University
Lehigh University
Lewis & Clark College
Loyola Marymount University
McGill University
Merritt College
Middlebury College
Milwaukee School of Engineering
Morehouse College
New Jersey Institute of Technology
New York University
Northeastern University
Northern Arizona University
Northwestern University
Oberlin College
Occidental College
The Ohio State University
Otis College of Art & Design
Pennsylvania State University
Pitzer College

Pomona College
Pratt Institute
Princeton University
Purdue University
Quinnipiac University
Reed College
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rhode Island School of Design
Rhodes College
Rice University
Rose-Hulman Institute of Tech
Rutgers University
Saint Mary's College of California
San Diego State University
San Jose State University
Santa Clara University
Sarah Lawrence College
Scripps College
Seattle University
Skidmore College
Smith College
Sonoma State University
Southern Methodist University
Stanford University
Swarthmore College
Syracuse University
Texas A&M University
The New School
Trinity College
Tufts University
Tulane University
University of Arizona
UC Berkeley
UC Davis
UC Irvine
UC Los Angeles
UC Riverside
UC San Diego
UC Santa Barbara
UC Santa Cruz

University of Chicago
University of Colorado - Boulder
University of Connecticut
University of Denver
University of Edinburgh (UK)
University of Hawaii - Manoa
University of Illinois
University of Maryland
University of Miami (FL)
University of Michigan
University of North Carolina
University of Oregon
University of Pennsylvania
University of Puget Sound
University of Redlands
University of Rochester
University of San Diego
University of Southern California
University of the Pacific
University of Texas - Austin
University of Washington
University of Wisconsin
Vanderbilt University
Virginia Tech
Washington & Lee University
Washington University, St. Louis
Wellesley College
Wentworth Institute of Technology
Western Washington University
Williams College
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Yale University