



DEERFIELD ACADEMY

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The School

Deerfield Academy was chartered in 1797 to serve the local population of a rural village in Western Massachusetts. Since the 1920s, it has been wholly independent and committed to excellence in a full liberal arts curriculum and wholesome community life for young men and women from throughout the United States and around the world in grades nine through postgraduate. A vibrant, ethical community that embraces diversity, the Academy prepares students for leadership in a rapidly changing world.

Admission and Enrollment

Applicants compete for admission on the basis of academic and extracurricular achievement, school records, recommendations, character and personal promise, and scores on the SSAT, the PSAT, the ACT, or the SAT. In 2019, 2046 students applied for 213 spaces in grades nine through postgraduate. The 2019-20 enrollment of 655 students includes 84 day students and 571 boarding students from 37 states and the District of Columbia, and 49 foreign countries. There are 208 seniors in the class of 2020: 112 are boys and 96 are girls. There are 137 members of the faculty.

Cost and Financial Aid

The annual financial aid budget is \$11,900,000. Thirty-seven percent of the student body receives aid; the average grant for a boarding student is \$51,830. The 2019-20 tuition for boarding students is \$63,220.

Cocurricular Activities

Each student spends approximately two hours every weekday afternoon in a required faculty-supervised activity. For most students, this is an athletic commitment at the varsity, junior varsity, or recreational level. For others, this time is spent in dance classes or theater rehearsals, or pursuing volunteer work through our community service program. A few students receive permission to engage in special projects in art, music, or an academic field.

Academic Calendar

Deerfield uses a trimester calendar. We do not have official first quarter or midyear grades. Fall term grades are available after Thanksgiving. **Colleges will receive fall term grades for all senior applicants and those should be used as a student's "midyear" grades.**

Academic Program

Students at Deerfield pursue a rigorous college preparatory curriculum that fosters the development of creativity and intellectual maturity, and promotes individual and community growth through shared challenge. We offer a wide array of courses across eight academic departments, including many electives. All departments offer college-level courses (any 500-level course or above) and many students will choose to take an AP exam to demonstrate proficiency in a subject, even without officially taking an AP course. Advanced designation varies among departments; our most challenging courses are denoted as honors, accelerated, advanced, or AP.

Deerfield students engage in five seminar-style classes (average size: 12 students) each term; most classes are year-long, though some are one- or two-trimester electives. Many students choose to take a fine or performing arts course as a sixth pass/fail class. Infrequently, an advanced student may be granted permission to take a sixth graded class.

English and social studies classes at Deerfield are not leveled, with the exception of Honors European History, Honors US History, and American Studies. All world language courses, except those in Latin and Arabic, are conducted exclusively in the target language. As a result, some students find the adjustment to language classes at Deerfield to be difficult, and our placement of new students may reflect that. Academic work at Deerfield is evaluated on a numerical scale (0-100) where the minimum passing grade is 60 and the median grades are generally between 86 and 90. Class participation is expected and is a significant part of assessment. Grades of 90 and above are considered honors; grades of 93 and above are considered high honors. **Grade point averages are unweighted and are calculated annually, not cumulatively. We do not rank our students. One hundred percent of our graduates attend four-year colleges and universities.**

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Curriculum

All of Deerfield's courses should be viewed as challenging and college preparatory. Many classes use college level texts and match the pace of an undergraduate college course; others are post-AP level and the AP-course is the prerequisite.

We offer AP courses in math, science, computer science, and the arts. The English, language, and history and social science departments generally do not offer AP classes as such, but students may choose to take the English AP exams (often in May of their junior year), and students in the appropriate courses may choose to take the language, US History, European History, and/or Micro and Macro Economics AP exams.

For a more complete look at our curriculum, please visit: deerfield.edu/courses

Our course numbering system conveys the level of each offering.

100 level = introductory (9th grade)

200 level = intermediate (9th/10th grade)

300 level = advanced intermediate (10th/11th grade)

400 level = advanced (11th/12th grade)

500 level = AP level/1st semester college level

600 level = post-AP/2nd semester college level

700-800 level = second year of college +

xx3 = Honors level (includes Accelerated, Advanced) for some courses

At the introductory or intermediate level, an accelerated pace course will end in "3" (e.g. French II Honors is French 203; Honors Precalculus is Math 403). Completion of these honors courses usually allows the student to advance more quickly to the higher level courses.

Curricular Highlights and Distinctions

In addition to traditional seminar style classes with extensive reading, writing, and discussion, the English department also encourages students to develop their public speaking skills with **required declamatory exercises**. Ninth and tenth-graders complete recitations in front of their classes to earn a spot in the finals where prizes are awarded to a handful of exceptional declaimers, while juniors and seniors may have audiences as large as the entire student body. Juniors write essays on American experiences and then declaim the piece, with three finalists earning a **Junior Declamation Prize**. Most seniors construct longer essays called meditations, reflections linking personal experience to something larger in the world, and are embraced by the school community as they share their personal narratives.

Within the language department, students may choose to pursue a **Classical Studies Program**. This course of study includes sitting for the AP Latin exam and successful completion of Latin 600 and/or Greek 100. In addition, students are required to take History 201 ("Ancient Civilizations") or English 656 ("Classics in Translation"), declaim a literary passage in their junior year, share a culminating reflection in their senior year, and are encouraged to participate actively in the Classics Club. The program culminates in a Classics Seminar taken during the Spring Term of the junior or senior year that may cover such topics as the epic tradition, ancient drama, Roman and Greek mythology, and Greek & Roman philosophy. Another exciting feature within our language program is our partnership with **School Year Abroad**. Each year, up to five of our students, usually juniors, are selected for the opportunity to live and learn abroad with SYA China, Italy, France or Spain.

The science and mathematics departments offer AP courses in **AB Calculus, BC Calculus, Statistics, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Environmental Science, and Computer Science**. Each also offers courses beyond the AP level for advanced students. In the math department these include **Advanced Calculus with an Introduction to Multivariable Calculus, Advanced Calculus and Differential Equations, Linear Algebra, and Independent Study in Mathematics**. In the Science Department, these include **Molecular Biology Research, Experimental Neurology, Robotics, Data Structure & Algorithms, Dig Logic & Comp Architecture, Introductory Organic Chemistry, and Research in Sustainability**. Students in these science electives often engage in experimental design and independent research, and participate in Deerfield's Science Symposium.

While the vast majority of humanities courses are not tracked, there are four courses in the history and social science department that require departmental permission and operate at a more intense pace: **Economics, Honors European History, Honors US History, and American Studies** (a co-taught, double-block course studying the intersection of American history and literature). These courses, while not nominally AP classes, are rigorous electives that usually culminate in a student sitting for the associated AP exams. Deerfield also offers **AP Seminar: Global H2O & Food Systems**, which focuses on addressing the environmental, social, and economic issues associated with the worldwide struggle to acquire clean water, as well as on local and global issues related to agriculture and food production, nutrition, and culture, and hunger and food insecurity.

Diploma Requirements†

English:	4 years
Mathematics:	3 years or through Algebra II
Foreign Language:	3 years of one language at Deerfield or the equivalent*
History and Social Science:	2 years, including a year of U.S. History or American Studies
Science:	2 years of laboratory science
Fine Arts:	2 trimesters
Philosophy or Religion:	1 trimester
Health Issues:	1 year in 9th grade & 1 trimester in 10th grade

*Students for whom English is a second language may request to satisfy this requirement with their native language.

†These requirements are for our three- and four-year students. Visit <https://deerfield.edu/almanac/academics/course-requests/graduation-requirements/> to learn more about graduation requirements for new juniors, new seniors and PGs.

Grade Distribution Chart

Deerfield Academy does not rank its students.

Unweighted annual GPAs appear on the transcript at the end of each school year.

GPAs earned by the Class of 2020 *in the junior year only*

Grade	Number of students	% of class
95.00 and above	1	1%
93.00 to 94.99	18	9%
91.00 to 92.99	44	21%
89.00 to 90.99	48	23%
87.00 to 88.99	27	13%
86.99 or below	36	17%
No Deerfield GPA (SYA Juniors/new Seniors of PGs)	34	16%

Standardized Testing

Testing profile for the last graduating class (2019)

SAT	Middle 50%	Mean	ACT	Middle 50%	Mean
EBRW	650-735	689	English	29-35	32
Math	635-780	702	Math	27-34	30
Total	1290-1510	1390	Reading	29-35	32
			Science	25-34	30
			Composite	27-34	30

Advanced Placement Examinations

In the class of 2020, 143 candidates sat for 454 AP exams.

90% of AP exams earned scores of 3 or higher.

Scores of 5 = 36%

Scores of 4 = 31%

Scores of 3 = 23%

Disciplinary Disclosure Policy

Deerfield Academy's disciplinary system reflects the purposefully high behavioral and academic standards to which we hold our students. When an application asks whether a student has been placed on disciplinary probation and/or suspended at any time during his or her high school career, the student and the college advisor must answer the question honestly. The student must send a letter of explanation with the appropriate applications; a copy of this letter must also be provided to the Deerfield College Advising Office by the application deadline. If the infraction occurs after applications have been submitted, the same expectation for notification applies. The student's college advisor will also report the infraction and the Academy's response in a timely manner.

Deerfield Academy maintains and benefits from a relationship with colleges, universities, and other educational programs that is based on openness and trust. For serious infractions, we reserve the right to communicate with colleges or other programs regardless of the particular application's requirements. If a senior is required to withdraw or does not graduate on schedule, the student's college advisor will notify colleges or other programs to which the student applied.

**College
Matriculation**

Colleges attended by three or more students in the last five graduating classes (2015-2019)
*by 10 or more students / **by 20 or more students / ***by 30 or more students

Amherst College*	Mount Holyoke College
Bates College	New York University*
Boston College*	Northeastern University*
Boston University*	Northwestern University
Bowdoin College**	University of Notre Dame
Brown University***	University of Pennsylvania*
Bucknell University	Pomona College
University of California at Berkeley	Princeton University**
University of California at Los Angeles	University of Richmond
Carnegie Mellon University	Rollins College
University of Chicago**	Sarah Lawrence College
Colby College	Skidmore College
Colgate University	University of Southern California*
Colorado College	Southern Methodist University
Columbia University***	University of St. Andrews
Connecticut College*	St. Lawrence University
Cornell University**	Stanford University*
Dartmouth College*	Swarthmore College
Davidson College	Syracuse University
University of Denver	Trinity College*
Dickinson College	Tufts University*
Duke University**	Tulane University
Endicott College	Union College
Fordham University	United States Military Academy
George Washington University	United States Naval Academy
Georgetown University***	Vanderbilt University
Hamilton College	University of Vermont
Harvard University**	University of Virginia***
College of the Holy Cross	Wake Forest University
Johns Hopkins University	Washington & Lee University
Lafayette College	Washington University in St Louis
Lehigh University	Wellesley College
University of Massachusetts at Amherst	Wesleyan University
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	College of William & Mary
McGill University	Williams College**
University of Michigan*	Yale University*
Middlebury College**	