Mission

The mission of Duchesne Academy is to inspire and prepare young women to engage in a lifelong pursuit of their faith in God, intellectual vitality, social awareness and action, building of community and personal growth, in the living tradition of Sacred Heart education.

The Sacred Heart Goals

GOAL 1
ACTIVE FAITH

GOAL 2
INTELLECTUAL VALUES

GOAL 3
SOCIAL AWARENESS

GOAL 4
BUILDING COMMUNITY

GOAL 5
PERSONAL GROWTH

Meet Our Students

Private, Catholic, all-girls, identity-forming, college preparatory school serving age three through grade 12

- Total Enrollment: 755
- Upper School Enrollment: 271
- Freshmen: 73
- Sophomores: 63
- Juniors: 74
- Seniors: 61

Social Awareness

Service Learning Requirement

Duchesne’s signature experiential program is rooted in the Sacred Heart Goal that calls us to serve our community, act for justice, and be responsible citizens. Upper School students travel off campus to volunteer at schools, senior communities, and charitable organizations that serve the needs of marginalized populations throughout Houston. The program includes a reflection component in which students assess their volunteer experience to instill a lifelong sense of service.
Grading Scale

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Advanced Placement (AP) and Advanced Courses

An additional 0.5 quality point is awarded to the GPA for passing grades in all Advanced Placement courses and a 0.3 quality point for all Advanced courses.

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*Students may also enroll in any AP course offered online through SophieConnect or OneSchoolhouse.

Graduation Requirements

- English ........................................ 12 credits
- Math ........................................... 9 credits
- Science ....................................... 12 credits
- Social Studies ............................... 12 credits
- Theology ..................................... 12 credits
- World Languages ............................. 9 credits
- Fine Arts .................................... 3 credits
- Computer Science ............................ 3 credits
- Physical Education .......................... 3 credits
- Research Paper .............................. 1 credit
- Electives ..................................... 8 credits
- Total credits ................................. 84 credits

Advanced Placement Program

- Departmental recommendation required for admission
- Recommended AP course enrollment: sophomores - 1, juniors - 2, seniors - 3
- Students enrolled in an AP course must take the AP exam
- AP courses audited and approved by College Board
Curriculum Highlights
Even core subjects can be creative and exciting. Here are a few of our course offerings.

**English**
- Shakespeare’s Friends (and Enemies)
- “Still I Rise”: Black American Women Writers

**Math**
- History of Mathematics
- More About the Matrix Than Keanu Reeves Could Teach You: Introduction to Linear Algebra

**Science**
- Ecology: In Your Own Backyard
- Epidemiology

**Social Studies**
- The Genius of Women
- Genocide Studies: Overview of the 20th Century in Conflict

**World Languages**
- American Sign Language I/II/III
- French IV/V: French Movies and Art

**Theology**
- Justice and Morality
- World Religions: Indigenous Traditions, Judaism, and Islam

**Computer Science**
- Digital Product Design
- Maker’s Arduino Applications

**Physical Education**
- Lawn Games
- Zumba

**Fine Arts**
- Theatre Technology and Design
- Music Video Dance

Class Of 2023 Highlights
61 Students

- Duchesne Academy does not report rank.
- Grade distribution: Grade point average is cumulative and weighted through June 2022. Transfer students are not included in the distribution.
  - Top decile: 4.21 – 4.13
  - Second decile: 4.08 – 3.99
  - Top quartile: 4.21 – 3.94
  - Top half: 4.21 – 3.73

Student Activities (2021-2022)

**School Clubs**
- AcaBellas
- Art Club/NAHS
- Athletes in Action
- Bayou B.A.B.E.S
- Biomedical Club
- Black History & Culture Club
- Book Club
- Broadening Horizons
- Chai Club
- Chargers Sports Photography
- Chess Club
- Chinese Culture Club
- Classic Film Club
- Cyber Patriot
- DA Poets’ Society
- Debate
- Duchesne Improv Troop
- Duchesne Spirit
- Food Society
- Foosball Club
- French Symposium
- Friendship Bracelets for Charity
- Hispanic Culture Club
- Holiday Club
- International Thespian Society
- Iron Plaid (Robotics)
- Junior Achievement Club
- Key Club
- Knitting and Netflix
- Middle Eastern Cultures
- Mock Trial
- Model UN/World Affairs
- Muslim Student Association
- Newsletter
- Ocean Life Preserve Club
- Photography Club
- Ping Pong Club
- Puppet Club
- Soccer Clinic At Duchesne
- The Cliffhangers
- Women’s Empowerment Initiative
- Young Democrats
- Young Republicans

**Sports**
- Basketball
- Cross Country
- Field Hockey
- Golf
- Lacrosse
- Soccer
- Softball
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Track & Field
- Volleyball

**Fine Arts**
- Dance
- Music
- Theatre
- Visual Arts

In fall 2020, Duchesne Academy introduced the six-term modular schedule — the “mod” schedule. The Upper School schedule shifted from two semesters per school year to six terms per school year. Each term, or “mod,” lasts for 29 or 30 days. Students take three to four courses per mod, with classes lasting 80 minutes each. Students take a combination of required classes as well as electives from various disciplines.
College Matriculation (2019 - 2022)

We share this list in celebration of our recent graduates and the continuation of their academic journeys. At Duchesne, fit, which is multi-dimensional and individually assessed, is the ultimate outcome of the college application process. Our goal is that each student looks back on their college search with pride and moves forward with confidence. Wherever they ultimately go, we want them to continue to cultivate and carry with them the Sacred Heart Goals they have made their own. Schools in bold signify Class of 2022 matriculations.

- University of Alabama, Birmingham
- The University of Alabama (2)
- Allegheny College
- Arizona State University
- University of Arizona
- University of Arkansas
- Austin Community College
- Babson College
- Baylor University (3)
- Belmont University
- Berklee College of Music
- Blinn College (2)
- Boston College
- Bucknell University
- The Catholic University of America
- University of Chicago
- Clemson University
- University of Colorado, Boulder
- Colorado School of Mines
- Colorado State University
- Columbia University
- Concordia University, Wisconsin
- Cornell University
- Dalhousie University
- University of Dallas
- Denison University
- Lone Star College
- Drexel University
- Duke University
- Duquesne University
- Elon University
- Embry-Riddle Aeronautical
  University, Prescott
- Emory University
- The University of Findlay
- University of Florida
- Fordham University
- George Washington University
- University of Georgia
- High Point University
- Houston Community College
- University of Houston
- Johns Hopkins University
- Kenyon College
- Lafayette College
- Lewis & Clark College
- The London School of Economics and
  Political Science
- Louisiana State University
- Loyola University New Orleans
- University of Miami
- University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
- University of Mississippi
- University of Missouri, Columbia
- Mount Holyoke College
- New Mexico Junior College
- University of New Mexico
- New York University (2)
- Northeastern University (2)
- Northwestern University
- University of Notre Dame
- University of Oklahoma
- Ottawa University, Phoenix
- Pennsylvania State University
- Pepperdine University
- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
- Rhodes College (2)
- Rice University
- Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
- Santa Clara University
- School of the Art Institute of Chicago
- Seton Hall University
- Shenandoah University
- University of Southern California
- Southern Methodist University (2)
- Southwestern University
- Saint Edward’s University
- St. Lawrence University
- Stephen F. Austin State University
- SUNY College, Brockport
- Sweet Briar College
- The University of Tennessee,
  Knoxville
- Texas A & M University, College
  Station (5)
- Texas A&M University, Galveston
- Texas Christian University
- Texas State University
- Texas Tech University
- The University of Texas, Arlington
- The University of Texas, Austin (5)
- The University of Texas, San Antonio
- Culinary Institute of America
- Trinity University
- Tulane University
- United States Military Academy
- University of St. Thomas
- University of the Incarnate Word
- Valencia College
- Vanderbilt University
- Villanova University
- Wake Forest University
- Washington and Lee University
- Washington University in St Louis (2)
- Wellesley College
- William & Mary
- Xavier University of Louisiana

Accreditation 
& Affiliations

- Texas Catholic Conference of Bishops Education Department (TCCB ED)
- Independent Schools Association of the Southwest (ISAS)
- Sacred Heart Commission on Goals (SHCOG)
- Southwest Preparatory Conference (SPC)
- Houston Junior Preparatory Conference (HJPC)

Class Of 2022

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