

School Profile 2025 – 2026

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Mission

Milton Academy cultivates in its students a passion for learning and a respect for others. Embracing diversity and the pursuit of excellence, we create a community in which individuals develop competence, confidence, and character. Our active learning environment, in and out of the classroom, develops creative and critical thinkers, unafraid to express their ideas, prepared to seek meaningful lifetime success and to live by our motto, "Dare to be true."

About Milton Academy

- Founded in 1798
- Independent, college preparatory school educating students from Kindergarten through Grade 12
- Upper School (Grades 9 through 12) is half boarding, half day students
- Located just south of Boston, Milton offers students a beautiful, 130-acre campus with easy access to the amenities, culture, and opportunities of a major city
- 710 students in the Upper School
- 53 percent students of color
- 17 percent international students
- 36 countries and 18 states represented
- Student-teacher ratio: 5:1; average class size 14
- Accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges
- \$15.8 million financial aid budget
- 37 percent of students receive financial aid
- 137 full-time faculty members

Class of 2025

- 183 Graduates
- Matriculated to 75 different colleges and universities

Special Programs

Milton offers three off-campus programs for immersive living and learning. Students must qualify and apply for admission; the programs are highly selective.

- Maine Coast Semester at Chewonki in Wiscasset, Maine, offers a rigorous curriculum for juniors focusing on the natural world as a laboratory.
- School Year Abroad (SYA) offers juniors and seniors a full year or semester of study in China, France, Italy, or Spain. Students participate in a rich program of language study as well as traditional academic courses and live with local host families. In SYA Italy, France, and Spain, academic courses (except English and mathematics) are taught entirely in the host country's language. Laboratory sciences are not offered at SYA.
- The Mountain School of Milton Academy (TMS) in Vershire, Vermont, is a robust interdisciplinary program for juniors and seniors, who spend a semester living on a working 300-acre farm. The program centers issues of community and the environment.

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Milton Academy Curriculum

Overview

Milton Academy offers a rigorous liberal arts education, encouraging students to grow as critical thinkers, discover and explore new interests, and develop confidence as they meet challenges. The school offers 185 courses in 10 academic departments. Each department offers electives and opportunities for students to study at advanced and independent levels. To read full course descriptions and graduation requirements, visit our [Course Catalogue](#) online.

GPA & Student Ranking

Milton Academy transcripts do not include GPA or class rankings.

Class Load & Course Levels

Milton students may enroll in a maximum of 5 courses in Class IV (Grade 9), and 5.5 courses in Classes III-I (Grades 10–12). The minimum course load is 4 courses. Milton has several designations for accelerated work: Honors, Accelerated, Intensive, Advanced and one Advanced Placement course in Latin Literature.

Class IV Transcript

Milton's Class IV (Grade 9) transcript does not include grades. This allows students new to Milton a more equitable opportunity to acclimate to the school's academic rigor and focus on growth and well-being. The transcript reports 1.0 credit for each year-long course successfully completed in Class IV.

Disciplinary Reporting Policy

Some colleges and secondary schools ask the School and the student about their disciplinary history. In accordance with our motto, "Dare to be true," the School will answer these questions truthfully and expects students to do the same. Expulsion will appear on a student's transcript.

Curriculum

Core Subjects

Course Information

English

Courses engage students in the oral and written analysis of literature. Though there are no designated levels, junior- and senior-year courses are taught at the collegiate level with an emphasis on the seminar-style discussion of literary texts and on critical writing. Skills are taught and assessed through departmentwide standards. Creative writing is offered for one half credit, and will meet the graduation requirement in the arts (see below). As of 2024–2025, grades have been rescaled so that only work exceeding the standard of proficiency earns a grade in the A range.

Graduation Requirement: 4 years

History and
Social Sciences

All students engage in the craft of the historian through Harkness table discussions of primary documents, and writing analytical papers. Though there are no designated levels, all courses focus on developing and strengthening individual students' analytical and critical thinking skills. The cornerstone of the curriculum is the research paper where students engage in independent research.

Graduation Requirement: 2 years (Ancient Civilizations or World History and U.S. History)

Mathematics

Coursework emphasizes depth, extension, problem solving, and real-world connections through student exploration. Recommended sequence for students: Proof & Problem Solving, Algebraic Concepts, Advanced Functions, Calculus and/or Statistics.

Graduation Requirement: 2 years (Proof & Problem Solving and Algebraic Concepts)



Core Subjects

Course Information

Classics Classics at Milton offers both Latin and Greek from the beginning to the advanced level. Students apply their learning of vocabulary, forms, and grammatical constructions to authentic text throughout the program, but shift to reading and analyzing ancient texts full-time in Latin 3. Latin 2-3, a course that combines two years of language study into one, offers an accelerated grammar study. Students who complete Latin 2-3 subsequently enroll in AP Latin Literature. Post-AP semester and half courses in advanced Latin are author- and genre-based literature courses and require students to read, analyze, and research. Intensive Classical Greek is offered to any student who has completed a language through level 4. By the end of this course, students can read selections from Plato and Homer.

Computer Science At the introductory level, students learn basic languages, beginning with Java and moving on to languages such as Swift, XML and Python—all through project-based learning. Once they're comfortable with the language, they learn how to collaborate on developing code together, using industry-standard organizational tools to communicate and synchronize their work—sharing responsibility and ensuring efficient workflow. Students experience an introduction to programming in Geometry classes, which sparks an interest in many, who then take elective courses in Advanced Programming Applications and Artificial Intelligence. In advanced courses, faculty serve more as team members than instructors, supporting and brainstorming along the way.

The Arts Arts courses at Milton form a major element in many students' programming. We require each student to take one full-year course in the music, performing arts, or visual arts departments. In lieu of a full-year course in music, students can apply for the music package, enrolling in a half-credit performing course in each of their years at Milton, in addition to a music theory credit, which can be taken at the school or online. In any year, more than 65 percent of seniors take or will have taken an advanced art course as well. Similarly, creative writing, while not usually considered a traditional academic course, is rigorous and demanding, with substantial reading and writing requirements. In recent years, Milton Academy has had several Presidential Scholars in the Arts.

Graduation Requirement: 1 year (taken after Class IV)

Science Science courses at Milton emphasize student engagement in the experimental process, from the design phase to the communication of their findings. All full year, lab-based courses culminate in a student-designed experiment demonstrating their ability to leverage discipline-specific content into novel experimental exploration.

Graduation Requirement: 2 years (Chemistry or Physics and Biology)

College Matriculation

Top College Matriculations 2023-2025 (four or more)

Harvard College	31	Dartmouth College	9	Hamilton College	6	Oberlin College	4
Georgetown University	26	Princeton University	9	MIT	6	Purdue University	4
Brown University	18	Tulane University	9	Syracuse University	6	University of North Carolina	4
Boston College	16	Bowdoin College	8	University of Pennsylvania	6	University of St Andrews	4
University of Chicago	16	Carnegie Mellon University	8	University of Richmond	6	University of Wisconsin	4
Northeastern University	15	Northwestern University	8	Brandeis University	5	Williams College	4
Colby College	12	Trinity College	8	University of Michigan	5		
Wesleyan University	11	Tufts University	8	University Southern California	5		
Yale University	11	Amherst College	7	Vanderbilt University	5		
Middlebury College	10	Cornell University	7	American University	4		
Wake Forest University	10	New York University	7	Bates College	4		
Boston University	9	Stanford University	7	Colorado College	4		
Columbia University	9	Emory University	6	Connecticut College	4		

