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HORACE MANN

SCHOOL PROFILE 2020–21

Horace Mann School was founded in 1887 as a coeducational division of Teachers College at Columbia University. Our main campus is located in the Bronx neighborhood of Riverdale, which is 30 minutes by subway from midtown Manhattan. As an independent school, Horace Mann has changed in many ways but remains steadfastly dedicated to five core values: The Life of the Mind, Mature Behavior, Mutual Respect, A Secure and Healthful Environment, and A Balance Between Individual Achievement and A Caring Community.

STUDENTS:

- Highly selective admissions
- 739 students in the Upper Division
- 50% girls, 50% boys
- 44.6% Students of Color
- From 150 different ZIP codes in the NY, NJ and CT region
- 15% on need-based financial aid

FACULTY & ADMINISTRATION:

- 131 teaching faculty & administration
- 71 with advanced degrees (up to M.A.)
- 37 with doctorates
- Average class size: 13

ACADEMIC PROGRAM AND DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS:

- Semester System
- Students limited to five full credit courses per year
- Students limited to three AP or 400-level courses per year
- To enroll in an AP or 400-level course, departmental approval and strong academic standing are required.
- 14 Advanced Placement courses, 34 400-level courses, and 12 Honors courses
- 400-level courses do not correspond to an AP Exam but are designed by Horace Mann faculty to be at least as rigorous as an AP course
- Independent Study Program granted upon departmental approval
- Governed by an honor code
- Study abroad opportunities
- Each year, students participate in service-learning. The requirement consists of a combination of school-sponsored events, grade-wide activities, projects, and reflection opportunities.

REQUIRED GRADUATION CREDITS:

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| English | 4 |
| Foreign Language | 3 |
| Mathematics | 3 |
| History | 3 |
| Science | 2 |
| Arts | 2 |
| Physical Education | 4 |
| Computing & Communications | ½ |
| Counseling & Guidance | ½ |
| Identity, Culture & Institutional Equity | ½ |

TRANSCRIPT & PROGRAM RIGOR:

As a matter of school policy, students are not ranked, nor is a GPA calculated.

We consider the relative strength of a student's program across three dimensions: (1) the rigor of a student's coursework in each of the five core subject areas, (2) the number of courses taken in each core subject area, (3) the number of 400-level courses across all subject areas. The rigor of a student's program is described in the counselor letter of recommendation.

COURSE NUMBERING:

200-level Foundational courses appropriate for all UD students

300-level Elective courses appropriate for all UD students who have taken the prerequisite foundational coursework, typically taken in 11th/12th grade

400-level Elective courses with substantial additional rigor; Students are generally limited to no more than 3 full-credit 400/400S level courses.

200H / 300H 400H-level Honors courses which typically move at a faster pace and cover additional material relative to equivalent non-Honors courses

300S / 400S-level Seminar-style courses which incorporate a significant amount of student-initiated and student-led work

GRADES—CLASS OF 2021

All grades, including those earned in Advanced Placement or Honors courses, are unweighted. Although Horace Mann does not rank, we do publish a grade distribution based on full-credit courses taken from grades 9 through 11. The following table of statistics applies to the 180 members of the Class of 2021.

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| Honors (at 4.3) | A+ | 0% of class |
| Honors (4.29–4.0) | A | 3% of class |
| Honors (3.99–3.67) | A- | 35% of class |
| Very Good to Good (3.66–3.33) | B+ | 44% of class |
| Very Good to Good (3.32–3.0) | B | 13% of class |
| Very Good to Good (2.99–2.67) | B- | 4% of class |
| Satisfactory (2.66–2.33) | C+ | 1% of class |
| Satisfactory (2.32–2.0) | C | 0% of class |
| Satisfactory (1.9–1.0) | C- | 0% of class |
| Passing but marginal | D | 0% of class |
| Failing | F | 0% of class |

ADVANCED PLACEMENT:

In the spring semester of 2020, 283 students took one or more AP exam(s) for a total of 593 exams. There were 449 (76%) with scores 4 or higher. Most AP courses are taken by juniors and seniors, and a student may take no more than three per year. Students are permitted to take AP exams without having taken a corresponding AP course.

Our transition away from our Advanced Placement program is to be completed next year. For the Class of 2021, course offerings still include a mix of AP and newly designed 400-level courses.

STANDARDIZED TESTING:

Because so many of our seniors were unable to take either the ACT or SAT, we are not including our usual testing summary for the Class of 2021.

AVAILABLE COURSES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2020–2021

* = Course available at honors level

ENGLISH

English 9, 10, 11
Senior Electives
The New Community Project
AP English
Seminar in Literary Studies

HISTORY

Atlantic World History
United States History
Topics in Political Philosophy
Comparative Race and Ethnicity
Religion in History
East Asian History
History of the Silk Roads
United States Legal History
History through the Lens
Voices of Protest
AP European History
AP United States History
AP Economics
Global Environmental History
The Global Cold War
Vast Early American History
Contemporary U.S. History

WORLD LANGUAGES

Chinese 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
*French 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
AP French Language & Culture
Studies in French
French Seminar
*Japanese 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
AP Japanese Language & Culture

*Latin 1, 2, 3, 4
AP Latin
Studies in Latin
Latin Seminar
*Spanish 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
AP Spanish Language & Culture
Studies in Spanish
Seminar: The Hispanic World
Ancient Greek A, B, C
Latin A, B, C, D, E

MATH

Geometry & Problem Solving
*Geometry
*Algebra II & Trigonometry
*Precalculus
Precalculus A
Contemporary Calculus
Senior Math Electives
Discrete Math
Intro to Statistics & Probability
AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC Honors
AP Statistics
Math Seminar

SCIENCE

Biology
Chemistry
*Physics
Selected Topics in Physics
Biotechnology
Human Anatomy & Physiology
Experiments in Physics & Chemistry

Science Research
AP Biology
AP Environmental Science
AP Chemistry
AP Physics
Biology 2A/2B
Organic Chemistry & Its Applications
in Biochemistry
Chemistry 2A/2B

COMPUTER SCIENCE & ROBOTICS

Programming in Python
Programming in Java
Intro to Engineering & Robotics
Mobile Apps
Computer Science 2
Software Engineering
AP Computer Science A
Art of Data

HISTORY OF ART

Art History: Art of the Ancient World
Art History: Contemporary Art
Art History: Global Architecture
Art History: What is a Masterpiece?
AP Art History
AP Studio Art: Photography
AP Studio Art: Drawing & Painting
Studies in Art History

MUSIC

Glee Club
Jazz Combo
Orchestra

Steel Drum Ensemble
Wind Ensemble
Recording Studio Technology 1, 2
Great Music of Modern Times
History of Jazz
History of Music
Music Theory
Chamber Winds
Concert Glee Club
Treble Choir
String Sinfonietta
AP Music Theory
Music Theory & Composition
Topics in Music History Seminar

THEATRE ARTS

Acting
Stagecraft in School
Dance Workshop
The Art of Mindfulness Yoga
Dance in Historical & Cultural Perspective
History of American Musical Theatre
The Art of Film
Performance in Major Theatre & Dance
Productions
Stagecraft Afterschool
Playwriting & Production
Theatre Design & Production
Film Studies
Dance Performance
Musical Theatre Performance
Theatre Ensemble Seminar
Design Production Workshop

VISUAL ARTS

Ceramics 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Drawing & Painting 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Sculpture 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Printmaking 1, 2, 3, 4
Photography 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Filmmaking 1, 2, 3, 4

COUNSELING AND GUIDANCE

Horace Mann Orientation (HMO)—9th
Intro to Psychology
Ethics in School and Society
AP Psychology

INDEPENDENT STUDY

Independent Interdisciplinary
Research Seminar.

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

Seminar on Identity (SOI)—11th
Identity, Gender and Sexuality

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Concepts of PE/Team & Life Sport
Dance Workshop
Dance Performance

SPECIAL POLICY ON DISCIPLINE

All matters of discipline are handled by the Honor Council which is overseen by the Head of the Upper School and the Dean of Students. All issues pertaining to discipline will be reported to colleges accordingly.

Horace Mann students from the Classes of 2019 and 2020 were accepted by the following colleges and universities. Colleges in bold indicate that at least one member of the Class of 2020 currently attends that school.

Alfred University
American University
Amherst
Arizona State University
Babson College
Bard College
Barnard College
Bates College
Belmont University
Bennington College
Bentley University
Berklee College of Music
Binghamton University
Boston College
Boston University
Bowdoin College
Brandeis University
Brown University
Bryant University
Bryn Mawr College
Bucknell University
California Institute of Technology
California Polytechnic State University,
San Luis Obispo
Cambridge Arts & Sciences
Carleton College
Carnegie Mellon University
Case Western Reserve University
Central Saint Martins College of Art & Design
Chapman University
Clark University
Clarkson University
Colby College
Colgate University
College of the Holy Cross
Colorado College
Columbia University
Cornell University
CUNY Bernard M Baruch College
CUNY Brooklyn College
CUNY City College
CUNY Lehman College

CUNY–Macaulay Honors College
Dartmouth College
Davidson College
Dickinson College
Drexel University
Duke University
Durham University
Edinburgh College
Elon University
Emerson College
Emory University
Emory University—Oxford College
Fordham University
Franklin & Marshall College
Georgetown University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Hamilton College
Harvard College
Harvey Mudd College
Haverford College
Hobart William Smith Colleges
Howard University
Hunter College of the CUNY
Indiana University at Bloomington
International Christian University
Iona College
Ithaca College
Johns Hopkins University
Juniata College
Kenyon College
King's College London
Lafayette College
Lawrence University
Lehigh University
Lewis & Clark College
Loyola Marymount University
Loyola University Chicago
Macalester College
Manhattan College
Manhattanville College
Marist College
Massachusetts Institute of Technology

McGill University
Middle Tennessee State University
Middlebury College
Mount Holyoke College
Muhlenberg College
New Jersey Institute of Technology
New York Institute of Technology
New York University
Northeastern University
Northumbria University
Northwestern University
Oberlin College
Occidental College
Ohio State University
Ohio Wesleyan University
Pace University
Pennsylvania State University
Pepperdine University
Pomona College
Pratt Institute
Princeton University
Purchase College, SUNY
Purdue University
Quinnipiac University
Reed College
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rhode Island School of Design
Rice University
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
Rutgers University
Salve Regina University
San Francisco Art Institute
Sarah Lawrence College
Savannah College of Art and Design
School of Visual Arts
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
Scripps College
Seton Hall University
Skidmore College
Smith College
Spelman College

St John's University
St Lawrence University
Stanford University
SUNY at New Paltz
Stony Brook University
Suffolk University
SUNY Albany
SUNY Buffalo
SUNY College of Technology at Alfred
SUNY Oswego
SUNY Polytechnic Institute
SUNY at Purchase College
Susquehanna University
Swarthmore College
Syracuse University
Temple University
Texas A&M University
The George Washington University
The New School
The University of Alabama
The University of Arizona
The University of British Columbia
The University of Montana
The University of North Carolina at
Chapel Hill
The University of Texas at Austin
The University of the Arts
Trinity College
Tufts University
Tulane University
Union College
United States Military Academy
United States Naval Academy
University College London
University of California, Berkeley
University of California, Irvine
University of California, Los Angeles
University of California, Santa Barbara
University of California, Santa Cruz
University of California, San Diego
University of Chicago
University of Colorado, Boulder

University of Connecticut
University of Georgia
University of Hartford
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
University of Liverpool
University of Maryland, College Park
University of Massachusetts, Amherst
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of Minnesota—Twin Cities
University of Mississippi
University of Notre Dame
University of Oregon
University of Pennsylvania
Syracuse University
University of Pittsburgh
University of Rhode Island
University of Richmond
University of Rochester
University of San Francisco
University of Southern California
University of St Andrews
University of Toronto
University of Vermont
University of Virginia
University of Wisconsin, Madison
University of the Sciences in Philadelphia
Vanderbilt University
Vassar College
Villanova University
Virginia Tech
Wake Forest University
Washington University in St Louis
Wellesley College
Wentworth Institute of Technology
Wesleyan University
Western University
Wheaton College
William & Mary
Williams College
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Yale University
Yeshiva University