



# **WOOSTER SCHOOL**

Wooster School is guided by our Purpose, Promise, and Beliefs, which represent the natural evolution of the school's mission since our founder, Reverend Aaron Coburn in 1926, charged us with preparing our students to be "gentle, generous, truthful, kind, and brave." These commitments remind us that as a school community we must learn from the past, embrace the present, and look to the future as we prepare our graduates for college and lives of purpose in a world of increasing complexity and change.

**OUR PURPOSE** | Our purpose is to prepare young people for fulfillment, happiness, and success in life through the rigorous and healthy development of intellect, conscience, body, and spirit.

**OUR PROMISE** | The Wooster School community fosters a culture rich in thinking, learning, relationships, and Self-Help. Our students develop the skills, dispositions, and knowledge necessary to confidently and resiliently engage the world as people of conscience, compassion, and action.



#### **MAKING THINKING & LEARNING VISIBLE**

The latest research on how the brain, behavior, and emotions influence learning and identity development forms the basis of the daily Wooster learning environment for both faculty and students. Through a culture of thinking and relationships, Wooster helps students thoughtfully shape skills, dispositions, and knowledge into a design for success and fulfillment in college and life.



# **SELF-HELP**

Self-Help means that community members are empathetic and communicate clearly, while taking responsibility for themselves, their actions, and the physical environment. The community, in turn, supports all of its members with reason and compassion. Self-Help is not a program, it is a community ethos.



#### **LEARNER BEHAVIORS**

Students receive specific feedback from their teachers on the Learner Behaviors we most value at Wooster School—perseverance, reflection, agency, collaboration, and time-management. This emphasis on teaching transferable skills and cultivating core competencies across the curriculum is an essential part of our mission to prepare students for life beyond Wooster. In addition to regular feedback on these Learner Behaviors, students receive formal progress ratings in each of these areas as part of their trimester report cards.



# **LEADERSHIP & MANAGEMENT SKILLS**

Wooster School's Leadership and Management Skills
Program, assures that all seniors gain authentic leadership
and management skills experience by taking charge of a
specific area of responsibility in the school as a Prefect.
This program provides all students with leadership and
followership tools that will be of great use in school,
and in life.



# **SENIOR INDEPENDENT STUDY (SIS)**

SIS is Wooster's most extensive and intensive program in experiential learning. All seniors engage in an independent project in a field of particular interest off campus during the final six weeks of senior year, culminating in a day of presentations and reflection. This experience helps some students consider new directions for future study and helps others explore potential career paths or individual interests. SIS provides an opportunity for Wooster seniors to apply what they have learned about themselves and their interests in a new environment outside the classroom, as they continue to explore essential questions about success, purpose, and meaning in their lives.

# DEEP LEARNING INITIATIVE AND ADVANCED COURSES

The most rigorous classes at Wooster School are the Deep Learning Initiative (DLI) and Advanced courses. The instructional frameworks for DLI and Advanced courses are distinct and purposefully designed to prepare students for differing types of collegiate experiences.

Akin to a college seminar, DLI courses are designed around tutorial experiences, during which students practice agency, independence, and curiosity in pursuit of developing the skills of inquiry, research and original thinking.

Modeled after college-level survey classes, Advanced courses emphasize breadth of content, inviting students to rigorously engage with challenging material in a more traditional learning environment. Assessments in these courses may include research papers or summative examinations.

Wooster offers 11 DLI and 14 Advanced courses for 2025-26.

# DLI

Flexible, Learner-Centered Curriculum

Tutuorial Model

High Degree of Student Agency & Independence

Emphasis on Depth
of Content

# ADVANCED

Sophisticated Coursework

Learner-Centered Pedagogy

Competency-Based Assessment and Feedback Teacher-Designed
Curriculum

Teacher-Designed Inquiry

Emphasis on Breadth of Content



## STUDENT GUIDANCE

The four-year Student Guidance Program focuses on developing students' essential life skills. It builds their social, emotional, and ethical literacy, enhances their capacity for self-reflection, and deepens their understanding of relationships and well-being. Students meet weekly in grade-level courses designed to help them navigate life pathway options and key transitions. The program places an emphasis on self-understanding and wellness, and what it means to be responsible members of a safe, healthy, and just learning and living environment at Wooster, in college, and beyond.

# STUDENT LEARNING SUPPORT PROGRAMS

Bridge Program | The Bridge Program provides comprehensive, integrated support services for high-achieving neurodivergent learners who are mainstreamed in all core classes as well as the arts, athletics, and service opportunities afforded to all other Wooster students. The program is designed to reduce support over time and promote individual agency and independence so that students are prepared for college and beyond.

Pathways Program | The Pathways Program is a one or two-year program that helps Wooster students develop the skills to be independent, lifelong learners. In a world of accelerating change, there is no more valuable skill than being an adaptive learner.

#### TRANSCRIPT AND SCHOOL REPORT

# **Graduation Credit Requirements:**

English 12 • Math 9 • History 9 • Science 9 World Language 9 • Arts, Digital Media and Technology 7 • Student Life 4 • Health 1

**Trimester System:** Terms end in November, March, and June. Senior year grade reports for the first trimester are automatically submitted to colleges; grade reports for the second trimester are submitted upon request.

Rank: Wooster does not rank.

**GPA:** Wooster uses a 6 point GPA scale. All courses are unweighted and GPAs are cumulative for 9th - 12th Grades.

**School Policy**: Students are required to self-report any incidents that result in separation from Wooster School.

# **CLASS OF 2025 STANDARDIZED TESTS**

SAT	Mid 50%	Mean
EBRW	530-630	580
Math	470-580	520
ACT	Mid 50%	Mean
Composite	22-26	24





SABIR '25 New York University

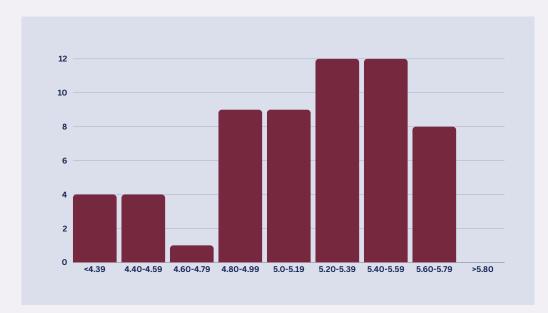
"Wooster introduced me to office hours at a very young age, allowing me to be confident with seeing my professors now in college. Wooster encouraged me to ask for help, and taught me how to ask for help."



# CHARLOTTE '25 College of the Holy Cross

"Wooster's learning environment gave me significant independence. Having the freedom to navigate my learning was an incredible foundation for my college career."

## **CLASS OF 2025 GPA DISTRIBUTION**



## **GPA CONVERSION CHART**

6.0	4.0	6.0	4.0
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# Matt Byrnes

Head of School

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Director of Divisions

#### John Newman

Director

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#### Erin Masotta

Registrar

## Judith Israel

Associate Director of Student Guidance

#### **Beth Jones**

Associate Director of Student Guidance

#### **SCHOOL INFORMATION**

- 72% of teaching faculty have advanced degrees
- Student-faculty ratio is 7 to 1; average class size is 12
- Accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges Student Information

#### STUDENT INFORMATION

- · Class of 2026: 60 students
- 9 12 Enrollment: 253 students
- Students of Color: 21%
- · Students: 6%
- Variable Tuition Program:
  \$3.4 million allocated to
  44 % of families

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Baylor University
Bentley University
Binghamton University
Bishop's University
Boston College
Boston University
Brandeis University
Bucknell University

Case Western Reserve University

Clark University
Clarkson University
Colgate University
College of Charleston

College of Staten Island CUNY College of the Holy Cross

Colorado College Colorado School of Mines

Connecticut College Curry College

Dean College Denison University

Dickinson College Eastern Connecticut State

University Elon University Embry-Riddle

Aeronautical University

Emerson College Emory University Endicott College Fairfield University Fordham University Furman University

George Washington University Georgia Institute of Technology

Gettysburg College Grinnell College Harvard University Haverford College

Hawai'i Pacific University High Point University Hobart and William Smith

Colleges

Howard University Iona University

Ithaca College James Madison University

Kenyon College Lafayette College Lehigh University LIM College

Louisiana State University Loyola University Chicago Lynn University
Macalester College
Manhattan University
Manhattanville University
Marist University
McGill University

Miami University (Oxford) Middlebury College Montana State University

Morehouse College Mount Holyoke College Nazareth University

New York University Northeastern University

Northwestern University

Ohio Wesleyan University
Pace University (New York City)

Pace University (Westchester)

Parsons School of Design at The New School

Penn State University (Harrisburg)

Penn State University (University Park)

Pennsylvania College of Technology

Princeton University Providence College

Purdue University (Main Campus)

Queen's University Quinnipiac University

Regis College

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Rhode Island School of Design

Roanoke College
Rochester Institute
of Technology
Rollins College

Salve Regina University San Diego State University

Santa Clara University Savannah College of Art and Design School of the

Art Institute of Chicago School of Visual Arts

Scripps College Seton Hall University Skidmore College Smith College

Southern Connecticut
State University

Southern Methodist University
Spelman College

St. John's College (Annapolis)

St. Lawrence University Stonehill College SUNY at New Paltz

Syracuse University

Temple University
Trinity College
Tufts University
Tulane University
Union College

**United States** 

Coast Guard Academy University of Alabama University of Arizona

University of British Columbia University of California (Davis) University of California (Irvine)

University of California (Santa Barbara)

University of Colorado Boulder University of Connecticut University of Delaware University of Denver University of Findlay

University of Denver University of Findlay University of Florida University of Hartford University of Maryland (College Park)

University of Massachusetts

(Amherst)

University of Massachusetts

(Lowell)

University of Miami University of Minnesota

(Twin Cities)

University of North Carolina

at Chapel Hill

University of Pittsburgh University of Richmond University of Rochester University of South Carolina University of St Andrews

University of Tampa University of Toronto University of Vermont University of Virginia University of Wisconsin

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Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

Washington and Lee University Washington College

Wesleyan University
Western Connecticut

State University
Wheaton College

William & Mary Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Xavier University