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POLY'S MISSION

Poly's mission is to prepare and inspire the next diverse generation of leaders and global citizens to act with intelligence, imagination, and—above all—character.

THE SCHOOL AND THE COMMUNITY 2024–2025

Poly Prep is an academically rigorous co-educational country day school of 1,162 students. The school's 25-acre campus in the Dyker Heights section of Brooklyn, in operation since 1917, includes students in grades five through twelve with a current enrollment of 900. Our Lower School in Park Slope has 262 children enrolled from nursery to fourth grade. The school's population reflects the great urban diversity of Brooklyn and New York City. Approximately 53% of our students are children of color. Central to our educational mission is to prepare students to work and cooperate successfully in a pluralistic community. The size of the graduating class of 2025 will be 140. Poly Prep does not provide class rank. Typically, 100% of Poly Prep graduates attend four-year colleges.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students are required to enroll in at least six courses every term through to graduation. Each student must fulfill the following requirements:

- 4 years of English
- 4 years of Mathematics
- 3 years of History
- 3 years of Science
- 3 consecutive years of the same Classical or World Language (with Level III completion)
- 5 semesters of Arts, including a visual art, music, and public-speaking course (Note: Certain students elect to specialize in a Performing Arts Pathway or a Visual Arts Pathway to complete this requirement)
- 1 semester of Computer Science/Technology
- 1 semester of Health
- 1 semester of Philosophy (grade 12)
- Senior Plan (Capstone research course for all grade 12 students)
- Successful completion of Physical Education

TESTING

Average of all recorded ACT/SAT scores for the Class of 2024:

ACT Composite Superscore: **31**

SAT Composite Superscore: **1364**

GRADING

Average unweighted GPA, Grades 9-11, for the Class of 2025: **3.54**

Highest unweighted GPA: **4.18**

Number of unweighted GPAs exceeding 4.0: **9 out of 140**

ADVANCED STUDY

Advanced courses are offered in all departments. They are denoted on transcripts as either “Advanced” or “Adv.”

As of the 2022–23 academic year, Poly stopped offering A.P. courses. Our advanced curriculum does not adhere to College Board A.P. curriculum or culminate in A.P. exams.

Students are leveled in their first two years of Upper School and may be enrolled by the school in advanced courses in languages, math, and science. In Grades 11 and 12 their advanced course load is a product of their individual passions, ambition, and aptitude, and decided in consultation among each student, their academic advisors, and faculty.

Therefore, the number of Upper Advanced Courses (those taken in Grades 11 and 12) is the best indicator of rigor in a student’s academic path.

Average number of Upper Advanced Courses taken by the Class of 2025: 3.37

Curricular Rigor Scale—Upper Advanced Courses Per Student in the Class of 2025:

7.5-10.5 – Beyond most demanding curriculum – 13 students

5-7 – Most demanding curriculum – 30 students

3-4.5 – Very demanding curriculum – 33 students

2.5 or fewer – Demanding curriculum – 62 students

Certain advanced courses are limited as follows:

- Advanced Calculus II, Linear Algebra, and Advanced Physics Mechanics and Electronics classes are only available to Grade 12 students except in highly unusual circumstances.
- Mandarin is offered as an advanced course only in the endpoint year.

OTHER ADVANCED WORK

Visual and Performing Arts: Students may be designated as advanced in performance ensembles. Concert Choir, Concert Band, and Dance all have advanced levels. Jazz Band is also considered advanced, as it is audition-based and requires a high level of musicianship. Studio Art classes also have advanced levels: semester classes such as Drawing Practices II and Advanced Digital Photography require department approval, as does the full year Advanced Drawing and Painting Portfolio class.

Accelerated Math: In addition to advanced math classes, accelerated level classes are offered starting in Grade 10 to students performing exceptionally well in our general curriculum.

Science Research: Science Research is a multi-year commitment beginning in Grade 10 or 11 involving independent research projects mentored by internal and outside faculty and culminating in presentations and science fair competition. Science Research is undertaken in addition to core science courses, not in place of them, and occupies an additional place in both semesters of a student’s schedule.

Independent Studies: Students can propose to work individually with a faculty member to pursue a subject not in the curriculum and/or not able to fit in their daily schedule. Examples of recent Independent Studies include Photography, Artificial Intelligence, and Ancient Greek.

Excellence in the Arts: Students with exceptional levels of course rigor, participation, leadership, service, and accomplishment in the arts will graduate with a certificate of excellence in the arts, which is indicated on their final transcript.

POLY PREP’S REPORTING POLICY ON THE COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS

Students are expected to be honest in their communications to colleges and universities. Poly Prep and/or the student reports suspensions and expulsions that occur while a student is enrolled in grades nine through twelve to colleges and universities to which the student applies. When a suspension or expulsion occurs after college applications have been submitted, Poly Prep and/or the student informs colleges and universities about the change in the student’s status.

POLY PREP CDS UPPER SCHOOL

Class of 2025 as represented in distribution of year-end final core academic courses.

Passing Grade: D

Honors Grade: A/B

Lowest Numerical Equivalency:

A=90–100 B=80–89 C=70–79

D=65–69

| Transcript 2022–2023 | A+ | A | A- | B+ | B | B- | C+ | C | C- | D | F | Total |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|--------------|
| English 10: American Literature | 4 | 18 | 42 | 27 | 25 | 9 | 7 | 1 | 1 | | | 134 |
| World History Electives | | 57 | 59 | 42 | 38 | 8 | 1 | 4 | | | | 209 |
| US History Electives | | 15 | 20 | 15 | 11 | 1 | 1 | | | | | 63 |
| Advanced Calculus I | | | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | 2 |
| Accelerated Algebra II | 4 | 8 | 16 | 7 | 9 | 4 | 2 | | | | | 50 |
| Accelerated Calculus I | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Accelerated PreCalculus | | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | | 2 |
| Advanced PreCalculus | | 5 | 4 | 9 | 9 | 1 | | | | | | 28 |
| Algebra II | 1 | 5 | 4 | 7 | 13 | 4 | 13 | 1 | | 1 | | 49 |
| Discrete Mathematics | | 3 | | | | | | | | | | 3 |
| Precalculus | | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | | 2 |
| Advanced Biology | 1 | 6 | 9 | 7 | 5 | 1 | 1 | | | | | 30 |
| Chemistry | 5 | 37 | 19 | 29 | 8 | 3 | 1 | | | | | 102 |
| Science Research | | 5 | 3 | | | | | | | | | 8 |
| Biology | | | | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | 2 |
| Advanced Latin III | | 3 | | | | 1 | 1 | | | | | 5 |
| Latin I | | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | | 2 |
| Latin III | | 2 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | 4 |
| Advanced Latin IV | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Spanish I | | 1 | | | 1 | | | | | | | 2 |
| Spanish II | | 3 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | | | | 16 |
| Spanish III | 1 | 8 | 13 | 5 | 6 | 1 | 2 | | 1 | | | 37 |
| Advanced Spanish II | | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | 3 |
| Advanced Spanish III | 2 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 1 | | | | | | | 11 |
| Advanced Spanish IV | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Advanced Topics: Spanish Language | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| French II | | | 1 | | 3 | | 1 | | 1 | | | 6 |
| French III | 4 | 8 | 8 | 1 | | | | | | | | 21 |
| Advanced French II | | 1 | 4 | | 1 | | | | | | | 6 |
| Advanced French III | | 2 | 3 | 2 | 1 | | | | | | | 8 |
| Mandarin II | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Mandarin III | 1 | 1 | | 3 | | 2 | 1 | | | | | 8 |
| Advanced Chinese Language and Culture | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | 2 |
| Performing Arts Electives | 20 | 38 | 35 | 10 | 3 | 2 | | | | | | 108 |
| Advanced Performing Arts Electives | 1 | 15 | | | | | | | | | | 16 |
| Visual Arts Electives | 11 | 66 | 35 | 16 | 11 | 3 | | 1 | 1 | | | 144 |
| Computer Science Electives | 5 | 27 | 22 | 20 | 10 | 7 | | 1 | | | | 92 |
| Journalism | | 4 | 2 | | | | | | | | | 6 |
| Advanced Journalism | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | 1 |
| Psychology: An Introduction | 1 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 3 | | | 1 | 1 | | | 15 |
| Transcript 2021–2022 | A+ | A | A- | B+ | B | B- | C+ | C | C- | D | F | Total |
| English 9: World Literature | 12 | 29 | 36 | 19 | 19 | 10 | 2 | 1 | | 1 | | 129 |
| History 9: Atlantic World History | 7 | 21 | 25 | 18 | 38 | 15 | 3 | 2 | | | | 129 |
| Advanced Geometry | 2 | 8 | 6 | 7 | 4 | 1 | | | | | | 28 |
| Geometry | 1 | 17 | 22 | 16 | 5 | 8 | | 1 | | | | 70 |
| Integrated Geometry | 5 | 7 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 2 | | 1 | | | | 27 |
| Advanced PreCalculus | | | | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | 2 |
| Algebra II | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Precalculus | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Advanced Chemistry | 6 | 15 | 5 | 3 | 1 | | | | | | | 30 |
| Biology | 1 | 13 | 22 | 14 | 21 | 14 | 8 | 4 | 2 | | | 99 |
| Latin III | | 6 | 3 | 3 | | | | | | | | 12 |
| Spanish I | 1 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 1 | | | | 17 |
| Spanish IB | | 1 | 1 | 3 | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | | 8 |
| Spanish II | 2 | 5 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 1 | | | 30 |
| Advanced Spanish II | | 6 | 2 | | 4 | | 1 | | | | | 13 |
| Advanced Spanish IV | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| French I | 1 | 6 | 1 | 1 | | 3 | | | | | | 12 |
| French II | | 2 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 4 | 3 | | | | 22 |
| Advanced French II | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | | 2 | | | | | | 8 |
| Mandarin II | 3 | 2 | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | 7 |
| Mandarin IV | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Performing Arts Electives | 20 | 18 | 21 | 4 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | | 73 |
| Visual Arts Electives | 10 | 51 | 37 | 29 | 17 | | 1 | | | | | 145 |
| Computer Science Electives | 8 | 42 | 26 | 17 | 22 | 8 | 1 | 1 | | | | 125 |
| Journalism Elective | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Health and Wellness | 39 | 81 | 8 | | | | | | | 1 | | 129 |



COLLEGE MATRICULATION CLASSES OF 2020–2024

Poly graduates are currently attending the following colleges as of September 2024:

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|---|----|--|----|--|----|
| American University..... | 1 | Haverford College* | 6 | Texas Christian University | 2 |
| Amherst College..... | 4 | Hobart and William Smith Colleges..... | 1 | The American University of Paris..... | 3 |
| Bard College* | 2 | Howard University..... | 2 | The Cooper Union for the Advancement | |
| Barnard College..... | 2 | Hult International Business School (Boston)..... | 1 | of Science and Art..... | 1 |
| Bates College* | 9 | IE University (Madrid)* | 1 | The New School | 1 |
| Bennington College..... | 1 | Indiana University (Bloomington)*..... | 8 | The Ohio State University..... | 3 |
| Binghamton University..... | 1 | Ithaca College | 3 | The University of Texas at Austin* | 3 |
| Boston College* | 5 | Johns Hopkins University | 1 | Trinity College* | 9 |
| Boston University | 2 | Kenyon College* | 4 | Trinity College Dublin..... | 1 |
| Bowdoin College* | 3 | Lafayette College* | 7 | Tufts University* | 15 |
| Brown University* | 10 | Lehigh University* | 20 | Tulane University of Louisiana*..... | 18 |
| Bryn Mawr College | 2 | Loyola Marymount University..... | 1 | Union College | 2 |
| Bucknell University*..... | 11 | Loyola University New Orleans | 1 | United States Military Academy at West Point | 1 |
| Carleton College | 4 | Marist College | 2 | United States Naval Academy | 1 |
| Carnegie Mellon University..... | 5 | Marymount Manhattan College..... | 1 | University of California (Berkeley)..... | 1 |
| Case Western Reserve University..... | 1 | Massachusetts Institute of Technology | 2 | University of California (Davis)..... | 2 |
| Catholic University of America | 1 | McGill University | 2 | University of California (Los Angeles) | 3 |
| Chapman University* | 2 | Michigan State University | 1 | University of California (San Diego)..... | 1 |
| Claremont McKenna College*..... | 5 | Middlebury College* | 6 | University of California (Santa Barbara)..... | 1 |
| Clark University..... | 1 | Mount Holyoke College* | 2 | University of Chicago..... | 2 |
| Colby College* | 8 | Muhlenberg College..... | 2 | University of Colorado Boulder* | 8 |
| Colgate University* | 16 | New York University*..... | 19 | University of Connecticut* | 2 |
| College of the Holy Cross..... | 2 | North Carolina State University | 1 | University of Denver..... | 3 |
| Colorado College* | 2 | Northeastern University* | 11 | University of Florida..... | 1 |
| Columbia University* | 6 | Northwestern University* | 5 | University of Maryland (College Park)* | 1 |
| Cornell University* | 12 | Nova Southeastern University | 1 | University of Massachusetts (Amherst)* | 1 |
| CUNY Bernard M Baruch College | 1 | Oberlin College* | 3 | University of Miami* | 11 |
| CUNY Brooklyn College..... | 1 | Occidental College*..... | 4 | University of Michigan* | 8 |
| Dartmouth College* | 9 | Oxford College of Emory University* | 1 | University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill* | 1 |
| Davidson College..... | 1 | Penn State University (University Park)..... | 2 | University of Notre Dame* | 2 |
| Denison University* | 2 | Pepperdine University* | 2 | University of Oregon* | 1 |
| Dickinson College..... | 1 | Pomona College* | 2 | University of Oxford..... | 1 |
| Dominican University New York | 1 | Providence College | 1 | University of Pennsylvania* | 9 |
| Drexel University | 1 | Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute | 1 | University of Richmond..... | 5 |
| Duke University* | 6 | Rhodes College*..... | 2 | University of Southern California* | 9 |
| Durham University* | 1 | Rice University | 2 | University of St Andrews..... | 3 |
| Eckerd College..... | 1 | Rochester Institute of Technology | 1 | University of Vermont..... | 1 |
| Elon University | 1 | Roger Williams University..... | 1 | University of Virginia (Main Campus) | 1 |
| Emory University* | 10 | Rutgers University (New Brunswick) | 3 | University of Wisconsin (Madison)* | 19 |
| Eugene Lang College of Liberal Arts | | San Diego State University..... | 1 | Vanderbilt University* | 5 |
| at The New School..... | 1 | Santa Clara University* | 2 | Vassar College*..... | 3 |
| Fairfield University | 2 | Sarah Lawrence College | 1 | Villanova University*..... | 9 |
| Fashion Institute of Technology*..... | 1 | Scripps College..... | 3 | Virginia Polytechnic Institute and | |
| Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University..... | 1 | Skidmore College* | 11 | State University..... | 1 |
| Fordham University* | 4 | Smith College*..... | 2 | Wagner College..... | 1 |
| Franklin & Marshall College..... | 5 | Southern Methodist University*..... | 4 | Wake Forest University* | 9 |
| Furman University* | 1 | Spelman College..... | 2 | Washington and Lee University* | 3 |
| George Mason University | 1 | Springfield College | 1 | Washington University in St. Louis* | 8 |
| George Washington University..... | 7 | St. John's College (Santa Fe)..... | 2 | Wellesley College* | 1 |
| Georgetown University* | 9 | St. Lawrence University* | 2 | Wesleyan University*..... | 15 |
| Gettysburg College* | 2 | Stanford University..... | 1 | William & Mary* | 1 |
| Grinnell College | 2 | Stony Brook University | 2 | Williams College*..... | 9 |
| Hamilton College..... | 6 | SUNY at Purchase College..... | 2 | Yale University..... | 10 |
| Hampton University*..... | 1 | SUNY University at Buffalo..... | 1 | | |
| Hartwick College..... | 2 | Swarthmore College* | 5 | | |
| Harvard University | 1 | Syracuse University* | 14 | | |
| Harvey Mudd College* | 1 | Temple University* | 1 | | |

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