

# Priory Profile 2009-2010

Located in Portola Valley, 35 miles south of San Francisco near Stanford University and the Silicon Valley, Priory (formerly Woodside Priory School) is an independent, Catholic, Benedictine, co-educational college preparatory school with an enrollment of 350 students in grades six through twelve. Founded in 1957 by a group of Benedictine monks fleeing communism in post-war Hungary, Priory, with its 50-acre rural campus, maintains its original tradition of being a small community by choice and its dedication to a values-centered and academically rigorous education. The high school includes a co-educational residential program for approximately 50 students, representing 17 different nations.

The Priory educational experience is centered around the values of individuality, community, integrity, hospitality and spirituality. Teachers encourage initiative, independent pursuit of knowledge, critical thinking skills and problem solving abilities. The college prep academic program, led by the monastic and lay faculty, is supplemented with fine arts, athletics, community service, and a strong program of co-curricular activities. Classes are typically 12-18 students; the student-teacher ratio is about 9:1.

## Graduation Requirements

**English:** 4 years plus 1 semester of intensive writing/research techniques

**Foreign Language:** through level 2 or demonstrated fluency

**Math:** 3 years

**Science:** 3 years - Physics, Biology, Chemistry

**Social Studies:** 3 years

**Theology:** 3 years

**Senior Project:** 1 semester (spring)

**Visual Arts:** 1 year

**Performing Arts:** 1 year

**Computer Science:** 1 semester

**Physical Education:** 1 year, or team sports participation

**Electives :** 6-9 semesters, varying with the student's program

## Advanced Placement Courses (AP)

American Gov. & Politics	Computer Science	Music Theory
Art History	Economics (Macro/Micro)	Physics C
Art Portfolio	English Literature	Spanish Language
Biology	Environmental Science	Spanish Literature
Calculus (AB, BC)	French Language	Statistics
Chemistry	Human Geography	Psychology
	Japanese Language	U. S. History

## Honors Courses

English 10, 11, 12
Chemistry
Geometry
Algebra II
Pre-Calculus
French IV
Spanish IV
Japanese IV

## 2010 Class Profile

59 Students	
SAT Average: Cr 605, M 616, W 608	
ACT Composite: 28	
<b>Quintile Range</b>	<b># of Students</b>
1st: 3.80 - 4.0+	14
2nd: 3.50 - 3.79	11
3rd: 3.30 - 3.49	12
4th: 3.00 - 3.29	12
5th: 2.00 - 2.99	10

## High School Electives (Semester courses marked with \*)

### Math:

Pre-Calculus  
Linear Algebra  
Differential Equations  
Advanced Problem Solving\*  
Probability and Statistics\*  
Principles of Engineering

### English:

Creative Writing\*  
Journalism\*  
Special Topics in English:  
8 one-semester courses

### World Languages:

Spanish III, IV  
French III, IV  
Japanese III, IV  
Mandarin I, II

### Science:

Astronomy & Cosmology\*  
Sports Medicine & Applied Kinesiology\*  
Advanced Kinesiology\*  
Marine Biology\*  
Oceanography\*  
Organic Chemistry\*  
Computer Programming\*

### Theology:

Bioethics\*  
Religion Through Film and Literature\*  
Inquisitions and Witch Trials\*  
Atheism & Faith\*  
Radical Religions\*  
Eastern Religions\*

### History & Social Science:

Latin American History  
Economics\*  
Psychology\*  
Global Issues\*  
Criminology\*  
Philosophy\*  
History of Rebellion\*  
Law & Order\*

### Visual Arts:

Photography  
Visual Media  
Multimedia Production  
Drawing and Painting  
Ceramics  
Glass  
Metals

### Performing Arts:

Orchestra  
Choir  
Chamber Choir  
Guitar\*  
Dance\*  
Drama—Beginning & Advanced\*  
Musical Theater\*  
Writing for Theater\*  
Directing\*  
Shakespeare Intensive\*  
Stage Tech & Design

GPA Range and Quintiles: Computation for GPA and quintiles is based on all courses during six semesters, excluding P.E. Mid-year reports include seventh semester grades, at which time the GPA is recalculated. Students who have transferred to Woodside Priory have only their Priory grades included in GPA calculations. Extra weight is given for Honors (.1) and AP (.2) courses. Students are ranked by quintiles as indicated on the front page.

Letter Grade	Value	College Prep	Honors	AP
A	94-100	4.00	4.10	4.20
A-	90-93	3.67	3.77	3.87
B+	87-89	3.33	3.43	3.53
B	84-86	3.00	3.10	3.20
B-	80-83	2.67	2.77	2.87
C+	77-79	2.33	2.43	2.53
C	74-76	2.00	2.10	2.20
C-	70-73	1.67	1.77	1.87
D+	67-69	1.33	1.43	1.53
D	64-66	1.00	1.10	1.20
D-	60-63	0.67	0.77	0.87
F	<59	0.00	0.00	0.00

**College Placement:** 100% of graduates enroll in four-year colleges, although several students routinely defer for a year.

**Priory graduates from the past four classes have matriculated at the following colleges and universities:**

**University of California:** Berkeley, Davis, Irvine, Los Angeles, Merced, Riverside, Santa Barbara, San Diego, Santa Cruz

**Cal State University:** Cal Poly SLO, Humboldt, Monterey Bay, San Francisco, San Jose, Sonoma

Academy of Art, S.F.	Dartmouth	Loyola Marymount	Sarah Lawrence College	<b>University of:</b>
American	Dean College	McGill	Scripps	British Columbia
Barnard	Dickinson	Miami University, Ohio	Seattle University	Chicago
Boston College	Dominican University	Northeastern	Stanford	Colorado
Boston University	Drew	Northwestern	St. John's University /	Illinois, Chicago
Brandeis	Duke	N.Y.U.	College of St. Benedict	Illinois, Urbana
Brown	F. W. Olin College of Engin.	Oberlin	St. Louis University	London (UK)
Carleton	Georgetown	Occidental	St. Mary's College (CA)	Oklahoma
Case Western Reserve	Georgia Tech	Parsons School of Design	SUNY Geneseo	Oregon
Carnegie Mellon	Gonzaga	Pepperdine	Tufts	Pennsylvania
Claremont McKenna	Hampshire	Princeton	U.S.C	Portland
Chapman	Harvey Mudd	Purdue	Wellesley	Puget Sound
Clark University	Haverford	Rensselaer Poly Tech Inst.	Westmont	Redlands
Colby	Imperial College (UK)	Rhode Island School	Whitman	San Diego
College of the Holy Cross	Kenyon	of Design	Willamette	San Francisco
Colorado State	Long Island University:	Rice	Woodbury	Utah
Cornell	CW Post Campus	Santa Clara	Yale	Washington
				Wisconsin

## Accreditation and Memberships

The Priory is fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, the Western Catholic Educational Association, and the California Association of Independent Schools; memberships include NACAC, WACAC and College Board.

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