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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.

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## THE SCHOOL AND THE COMMUNITY 2023–2024

Poly Prep is an academically rigorous co-educational country day school of 1,154 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 903. Our Lower School in Park Slope has 251 children enrolled from nursery to fourth grade. The school's population reflects the great urban diversity of Brooklyn and New York City. Approximately 51% 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 2024 will be 138. Poly Prep does not provide class rank. Typically, 100% of Poly Prep graduates attend four-year colleges.

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## 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)
- 4 years of Physical Education
- 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)

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## TESTING

Average submitted ACT/SAT scores for the Class of 2023:

ACT Composite Superscore: **33**

SAT Composite Superscore: **1453**

**Over 54%** of the Class of 2023 submitted scores in support of their college applications.

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## GRADING

Average unweighted GPA, Grades 9-11, for the Class of 2024: **3.56**

Highest unweighted GPA: **4.09**

Number of unweighted GPAs exceeding 4.0: **7 out of 138**

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## ADVANCED COURSES

**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. The class of 2024 has some advanced work prior to Grade 11 labeled as A.P. on their transcripts, but in Grades 11 and 12 the letters “A.P.” do not appear.

**Advanced courses, including those using the A.P. curriculum in prior years, are offered in all departments.** They are denoted on transcripts as either “Advanced”, “Adv”, or “A.P.”

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## PARAMETERS OF ADVANCED STUDY

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 2024: 4.01

Curricular Rigor Scale—Upper Advanced Courses Per Student in the Class of 2024:

8.5-10.5 – Beyond most demanding curriculum – 13 students

5.5-8 – Most demanding curriculum – 32 students

3-5 – Very demanding curriculum – 35 students

2.5 or fewer – Demanding curriculum – 54 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.

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## 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 11 to students performing exceptionally well in our non-advanced curriculum. Transcripts for the class of 2024 may also include an accelerated math class in Grades 11 and 12.

**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, French Literature, and Creative Writing.

**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.

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## 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 2024 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

<b>Transcript 2022–2023</b>	<b>A+</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>A-</b>	<b>B+</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>B-</b>	<b>C+</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>C-</b>	<b>Total</b>
Advanced English Electives	1	33	25	8	1	1				69
English Electives	1	54	79	53	11					198
Advanced History Electives	0	18	13	10	0					41
World History Electives	0	14	15	11	3	2				45
US History Electives	0	29	49	42	37	10	2			169
Accelerated Calculus I		4	6		2					12
Accelerated PreCalculus	1	9	14	2	9	1				36
Advanced Calculus I		5	12	3	7					27
Advanced Calculus II		1	1							2
Calculus	1	3								4
Discrete Math	1	4								5
Financial Literacy	1	3	2							6
Precalculus	1	5	10	2	10	2	3			33
Statistics		2	1							3
Topics in PreCalculus		2	1	3	2	1	1			10
Advanced Biology: Climate Change		3	1				1			5
Advanced Biology: Conservation Biology		1	2							3
Advanced Chemistry: Organic Chemistry	2	2		1						5
Advanced Physics	3	14	5	1	4	1	2			30
Earth Structures and Systems I		1								1
Earth Structures and Systems II		4								4
Environmental Chemistry	2	2	4							8
Modern Physics	1									1
Physics	8	35	19	6	17	7	2	2		96
Science Research	3	4	2							9
Advanced Chinese Language and Culture	2	1	2		2					7
Advanced French III			1							1
Advanced French IV		3	6	1	3	1				14
Advanced Latin III		1								1
Advanced Latin IV		5	3	2	3					13
Advanced Latin Prose and Poetry of the Golden Age	1		1							2
Advanced Spanish II			1							1
Advanced Spanish III		1	1							2
Advanced Spanish IV		7	4		1					12
Advanced Topics: French Language and Affiliated Cultures			1							1
Advanced Topics: Literature of the Spanish-Speaking World										0
Advanced Topics: Spanish Language & Affiliated Cultures		2	1							3
Ancient Greek Language		2								2
French III		2	2		1					5
French IV	1		6	4	5	1	3	1		21
Latin III				1			1			2
Mandarin IV		2	1	2	1					6
Mythology		2	1	1	2					6
Spanish I		1								1
Spanish III		7	1	2	4	2				16
Spanish IV		8	9	8	6					31
Performance Ensembles	8	12	0	1	1					22
Performing Arts Electives	8	22	4	0	0					34
Visual Arts Electives	3	49	37	8	7					104
Advanced Computer Science Applications	1									1
Advanced Object-Oriented Programming II in Java	2	10	6	2	4					24
Computer Science Electives	5	12	11	4	6	3				41
Advanced Journalism		5	2							7
Advanced Topics in Psychology	3	3	6	2	3					17
Introduction to Film Studies	1	10	2							13
Introduction to Psychology	2	3	3	1	1	1				11
Journalism		2	4							6
<b>Transcript 2021–2022</b>	<b>A+</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>A-</b>	<b>B+</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>B-</b>	<b>C+</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>C-</b>	<b>Total</b>
Eng: American Literature	10	25	22	37	30	6	5			135
Eng: Creative Writing		6	2							8
World History Electives	2	49	56	44	43	16	8	1		219
US History Electives	0	13	5	11	13	6	2	1		51
Advanced Precalculus		5	5	11	8	6				35
Algebra II	8	17	18	15	9	7	4	4	5	87

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AP AB Calculus		1	1							<b>2</b>	
Discrete Math	1									<b>1</b>	
History of Mathematics		1	8	3						<b>12</b>	
Probability	1	3	1							<b>5</b>	
Precalculus	2	4	1	3	1					<b>11</b>	
Advanced Biology 10		9	12	7	5	3		3		<b>39</b>	
Advanced Biology: Conservation Biology			1							<b>1</b>	
Astronomy and Astrophysics		5	3	3	3					<b>14</b>	
Biology					1					<b>1</b>	
Chemistry	18	29	24	11	11	1				<b>94</b>	
Physics	1									<b>1</b>	
Science Research		3	5	2						<b>10</b>	
Advanced French II				1						<b>1</b>	
Advanced French III		6	3	3	2					<b>14</b>	
Advanced Latin III	2	7	4	1						<b>14</b>	
Advanced Spanish II		2								<b>2</b>	
Advanced Spanish III	2	5	5	2	1	1		1		<b>17</b>	
AP Chinese Language and Literature	1									<b>1</b>	
French II					1	2	1		1	<b>5</b>	
French III	5	4	5	5	3					<b>22</b>	
Latin II				1	1	1				<b>3</b>	
Latin III		1	1				1			<b>3</b>	
Mandarin III		2	2	1	1					<b>6</b>	
Mandarin IV	2	4	1							<b>7</b>	
Spanish I			1							<b>1</b>	
Spanish IB							1			<b>1</b>	
Spanish II		2	5	1	2	4		2		<b>16</b>	
Spanish III	2	6	13	5	4	1				<b>31</b>	
Performance Ensembles	9	8								<b>17</b>	
Performing Arts Electives	13	53	28	6	3	1				<b>104</b>	
Visual Arts Electives	10	58	30	11	6	2				<b>117</b>	
AP Computer Science	1									<b>1</b>	
AP Computer Science Principles	1	3		1						<b>5</b>	
Computer Science Electives	7	15	19	11	3	3				<b>58</b>	
Introduction to Psychology	2	3	3	2	7	2	2	3		<b>24</b>	
Journalism and Media Studies		1	8	1						<b>10</b>	
<b>Transcript 2020–2021</b>		<b>A+</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>A-</b>	<b>B+</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>B-</b>	<b>C+</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>C-</b>	<b>Total</b>
Eng: World Literature			30	42	33	11	5	4			<b>125</b>
Hist: Foundations of The Modern World			14	30	20	39	14	8	2		<b>127</b>
Advanced Geometry	2	7	12	5	9	4	5				<b>44</b>
Advanced Precalculus	1					1					<b>2</b>
Algebra II	1				1						<b>2</b>
Geometry	6	19	19	10	9	8	2	7			<b>80</b>
Advanced Chemistry	4	17	9	9	1	1					<b>41</b>
Biology	2	18	19	16	8	16	1	7			<b>87</b>
Advanced French II		2	7	2			2				<b>13</b>
Advanced Spanish II		8	8	1							<b>17</b>
French I	1		1	1	3						<b>6</b>
French II		1	2	3	3	3	4	3	2		<b>21</b>
Independent Study: Beginning Latin			4								<b>4</b>
Latin I	2					1					<b>3</b>
Latin IB	7	6	3	2	1						<b>19</b>
Latin II	2	3	1	1							<b>7</b>
Mandarin II		1	1	2	2						<b>6</b>
Mandarin III		2	2	3							<b>7</b>
Mandarin IV	1										<b>1</b>
Spanish I	3	1	1	2	5	1				1	<b>14</b>
Spanish IB		3	1				1	1			<b>6</b>
Spanish II		7	10	5	1	1	1	1			<b>26</b>
Performance Ensembles	2	4									<b>6</b>
Performing Arts Electives	9	28	15	1							<b>53</b>
Visual Arts Electives	10	41	39	16	12	1	1				<b>120</b>
Technology & Wellness	56	30	20	11	7	1	2				<b>127</b>
IfEL: Stories & Systems	6	26	32	30	15	8	6	4			<b>127</b>



### COLLEGE MATRICULATION CLASSES OF 2019–2023

*Poly graduates are currently attending the following colleges as of September 2023:*

American University.....	1	Harvard University .....	1	SUNY University at Buffalo.....	1
Amherst College* .....	4	Haverford College* .....	4	Swarthmore College* .....	5
Babson College .....	1	Hobart and William Smith Colleges.....	4	Syracuse University* .....	9
Bard College.....	1	Howard University* .....	5	Texas Christian University .....	2
Barnard College.....	5	Hult International Business School (Boston).....	2	The American University of Paris* .....	3
Bates College* .....	9	Indiana University (Bloomington)*.....	6	The King’s College.....	1
Bennington College.....	3	Ithaca College .....	3	The New School .....	1
Binghamton University* .....	1	Johns Hopkins University .....	1	The Ohio State University .....	3
Boston College* .....	5	Kenyon College* .....	5	The University of Texas at Austin* .....	2
Boston University .....	2	King’s College London.....	1	Trinity College* .....	6
Bowdoin College .....	3	Lafayette College .....	5	Trinity College Dublin* .....	1
Brandeis University.....	1	Lehigh University* .....	19	Tufts University* .....	11
Brown University* .....	11	Loyola Marymount University* .....	2	Tulane University of Louisiana*.....	18
Bryn Mawr College .....	3	Loyola University New Orleans .....	2	Union College* .....	3
Bucknell University* .....	9	Marist College* .....	2	United States Military Academy at West Point.....	1
Carleton College .....	4	Marymount Manhattan College*.....	1	United States Naval Academy*.....	2
Carnegie Mellon University* .....	5	Massachusetts Institute of Technology* .....	3	University of California (Berkeley).....	2
Case Western Reserve University.....	2	McGill University* .....	2	University of California (Davis).....	2
Catholic University of America .....	1	Michigan State University .....	1	University of California (Los Angeles)*.....	3
Chapman University .....	1	Middlebury College .....	7	University of California (San Diego).....	1
Claremont McKenna College* .....	4	Mount Holyoke College.....	1	University of California (Santa Barbara).....	1
Clark University.....	1	Muhlenberg College.....	4	University of Chicago* .....	6
Colby College* .....	9	New York University* .....	14	University of Colorado Boulder*.....	7
Colgate University* .....	13	North Carolina State University .....	1	University of Connecticut.....	1
College of the Holy Cross* .....	2	Northeastern University* .....	12	University of Denver .....	3
Columbia University* .....	6	Northwestern University.....	2	University of Florida.....	1
Connecticut College .....	1	Nova Southeastern University.....	1	University of Kansas .....	1
Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art.....	1	Oberlin College* .....	2	University of Miami* .....	12
Cornell University* .....	13	Occidental College* .....	3	University of Michigan* .....	5
CUNY Bernard M Baruch College .....	1	Penn State University (University Park)* .....	4	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.....	1
CUNY Brooklyn College* .....	1	Pepperdine University* .....	1	University of Notre Dame.....	1
Dartmouth College* .....	9	Pomona College*.....	2	University of Oxford.....	1
Davidson College.....	1	Providence College .....	1	University of Pennsylvania* .....	6
Dickinson College.....	1	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute .....	3	University of Richmond* .....	8
Dominican University New York*.....	1	Rhodes College .....	1	University of Southern California .....	7
Drexel University .....	3	Rice University* .....	3	University of St Andrews*.....	5
Duke University.....	5	Rochester Institute of Technology .....	1	University of Vermont.....	2
Eckerd College* .....	1	Roger Williams University.....	1	University of Virginia (Main Campus).....	1
Elon University* .....	1	Rutgers University (New Brunswick)* .....	3	University of Wisconsin (Madison)*.....	17
Emory University* .....	8	San Diego State University* .....	2	Vanderbilt University*.....	4
Eugene Lang College of Liberal Arts at The New School* .....	1	Santa Clara University.....	1	Vassar College .....	1
Fairfield University .....	3	Sarah Lawrence College* .....	1	Villanova University*.....	7
Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University.....	2	Savannah College of Art and Design.....	1	Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.....	1
Fordham University.....	7	Scripps College* .....	3	Wagner College*.....	1
Franklin & Marshall College.....	5	Skidmore College* .....	13	Wake Forest University* .....	8
George Mason University .....	1	Smith College* .....	2	Washington and Lee University.....	2
George Washington University* .....	7	Southern Methodist University*.....	3	Washington University in St. Louis* .....	9
Georgetown University* .....	6	Spelman College.....	2	Wesleyan University*.....	13
Gettysburg College* .....	1	Springfield College .....	1	West Virginia University.....	1
Goucher College .....	1	St. John’s College (Santa Fe).....	2	Williams College* .....	7
Grinnell College.....	3	St. Lawrence University .....	1	Yale University* .....	10
Hamilton College* .....	6	Stanford University* .....	2		
Hartwick College.....	2	Stony Brook University* .....	2		
		SUNY at Albany .....	1		
		SUNY at Purchase College.....	2		

\*Class of 2023