

THE HABERSHAM SCHOOL



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Society for Classical Learning
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2020-21 Profile

MISSION

The Habersham School provides an education grounded in the orthodox Christian faith and the classical tradition that equips students to thoughtfully pursue moral beauty and eternal purpose in the modern world.

OVERVIEW

Founded in 2012, The Habersham School currently serves 240 students on two campuses, with 75 students in the current 9th-12th grades. Our Lower and Middle Schools are located in the historic Gould Cottage in midtown Savannah. The Upper School is held in Habersham Hall, located in the landmark historic district of Savannah.

FACULTY

Our teachers are gifted educators thoroughly trained in the classical tradition who share a personal commitment to learning and discovery. 79% of faculty serving the Upper School hold advanced degrees in their field of expertise.

ADMISSION

Selective admission is based on academic record, personal interview, recommendations, and standardized testing. All students are charged to embody our Code of Citizenship both on campus and in the larger community.

ACADEMIC PHILOSOPHY

The Habersham School's academic foundation is the time-honored tradition of classical education, founded on the great works of literature, the great discoveries of math and science, and the great ideas and figures of Western civilization. We employ a rigorous curriculum designed to build the habits of intellectual and moral virtue, wherein students are taught to question, investigate, dialogue, and create.

Core Program of Study for Class of 2021

	9 th Grade	10 th Grade	11 th Grade	12 th Grade
Humanities	Humane Letters III Medieval 300-1450 Logic & Rhetoric I	Humane Letters IV European 1450-1850 Logic & Rhetoric II	Humane Letters V American 1450-1865 Logic & Rhetoric III	Humane Letters VI Modern World 1850+ Senior Thesis
Math	Algebra I Geometry Honors Geometry	Geometry Honors Geometry Algebra II Honors Algebra II	Algebra II Honors Algebra II Pre-Calculus Honors Pre-Calculus	Pre-Calculus Honors Pre-Calculus Calculus
Science	Biology Honors Biology	Chemistry Honors Chemistry	Physics Honors Physics	Anatomy/Physiology College Chemistry College Physics
Foreign Language	3 credits required: Intro to Latin, Latin I, Latin II, Latin III Honors Latin III, Honors Latin IV, Honors Latin V			

TRANSCRIPTS

The Habersham School follows a trimester schedule. Course grades on the transcript are unweighted. Transcripts indicate an unweighted cumulative 100-point average, an unweighted cumulative GPA, and a weighted cumulative GPA. For honors classes, 1 point is added to the weighted GPA. Senior fall term grades are available in early December; winter term grades are available in early March.

SAT

Mean SAT 2015-2020 (47 students tested): 617 Reading, 581 Math

HOUSE SYSTEM & LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

The Habersham House System enhances the mission of the school by creating rich traditions that foster community, service, leadership, and competition, providing a structure for building meaningful relationships across grade levels. Students in PreK-12th are inducted into one of our four Houses and remain members throughout their educational journey at The Habersham School.

House leaders are determined through an extensive application, faculty recommendations, and interviews. Prefects lead bi-weekly House meetings designed to build cohesiveness and team spirit. Captained by the House Prefect, our highest level of student leadership, House leaders inspire and coach House members to execute several large-scale events throughout the year. The leadership team creates strategic plans, creatively integrates and executes ideas, and negotiates teamwork, gaining hands-on leadership experience.

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Average
Class Size

6:1

Student to
Teacher Ratio

READINGS IN THE HUMANE LETTERS

HUMANE LETTERS I & II

Antiquity (7TH & 8TH)

Iliad ♦ *Aeneid*

Oedipus Rex ♦ *Oedipus at Colonus* ♦ *Antigone*

Plutarch's *Lives* (selections)

Livy *History of Rome* (selections)

Euthyphro ♦ *Apology*

Shakespeare *Julius Caesar*

HUMANE LETTERS III

Medieval (9TH)

Augustine *Confessions* ♦ *Beowulf*

Boethius *Consolation of Philosophy*

Sir Gawain & the Green Knight

Divine Comedy ♦ *Canterbury Tales*

Screwtape Letters ♦ *Mere Christianity*

Merchant of Venice

HUMANE LETTERS IV

European Renaissance (10TH)

Machiavelli *The Prince* ♦ *Hamlet* ♦ *Paradise Lost*

Calvin *Institutes of Christian Religion* (selections)

Descartes *Discourse on Method* ♦ *Frankenstein*

A Tale of Two Cities

Hobbes *Leviathan* (selections) ♦ Pascal *Pensées*

Locke *Second Treatise of Government*

HUMANE LETTERS V

American (11TH)

de Tocqueville *Democracy in America*

Paine *Common Sense* ♦ *Federalist Papers*

Founding American Documents

Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass

The Red Badge of Courage ♦ *The Scarlet Letter*

Billy Budd ♦ *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*

Death Comes to the Archbishop

HUMANE LETTERS VI

Modern World (12TH)

The Communist Manifesto ♦

Crime and Punishment ♦ Flannery O'Connor

Breve New World ♦ *Metamorphosis*

Freud *The Future of an Illusion*

The Stranger ♦ *The Moviegoer* ♦ *The Road*

Postman *Amusing Ourselves to Death*

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES 2015-20

Auburn University

Baylor University

Covenant Academy

Dartmouth College

Davidson College

Emory University

Furman University

Georgia Institute of Technology

Georgia College

Georgia Southern University

Harvard College

Kennesaw State University

Louisiana State University

Mercer University

Middlebury College

Montana State

New York University

Princeton University

Samford University

Savannah College of Art and Design

Stanford University

University of Alabama

University of Georgia

University of Mississippi

University of Virginia

Washington University in St. Louis

Wyoming Catholic College

Wofford College

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Academic Distinctions 2018-20

Selected for Georgia Governor's Honors Program: 2

National Merit Scholarship Semi-finalist: 2

HUMANE LETTERS

The humanities are integrated and studied chronologically from 7th-12th grade. While the history text serves as the 'map' of the time period under investigation, the era is brought to life through exploring the political philosophy, theology, literature, drama, poetry, art, and music of the period. As students develop an understanding of the progression of the human story, graduates are prepared to put into context and evaluate thoughtfully the issues and ideas of our own times.

Humane Letters courses are rigorous and offered only at the honors level. Dialectic skills are honed daily in Harkness discussions, a staple of our humanities classroom pedagogy, and composition is woven throughout the program. Students are trained in Aristotelian logic and classical rhetoric, culminating in the Senior Thesis, a full-year course in which students conduct independent research, develop a thesis, and craft, deliver, and defend an argument before a panel. The top two students earn the honor of representing The Habersham School in presenting their theses to the student body and members of the larger community.

MATH AND SCIENCE

Mathematics and science are uniquely suited to inculcate within our students a deep and abiding admiration for the beauty, creativity, order, and purpose in the universe. Our core science program includes Biology, Chemistry, Physics, with Chemistry and Physics offered at the Honors level. Students choose between Anatomy & Physiology, College Chemistry, and College Physics to complete their science requirement. Students are invited to compete on our Quiz Bowl team, a competitive activity geared toward excellence in math and science.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Students at the Habersham School study foundational Latin as a core academic subject beginning in the third grade. Students without a Latin background who are new to Habersham in 9th grade or later are encouraged to begin high school Latin with Intro to Latin as the first of their 3 required language credits. Upper School Latin students take the National Latin Exam yearly. In 2018, 82% of students earned honors, including 39% earning medals.

79%

OF UPPER SCHOOL FACULTY
HOLD ADVANCED DEGREES
IN THEIR FIELD

240

K-12
STUDENTS

82%

OF UPPER SCHOOL STUDENTS
EARNED HONORS DESIGNATION
ON 2020 NATIONAL LATIN EXAM

FINE ARTS

A foundation in the arts is integral to a Habersham education. Our visual arts program underscores the value of drawing as an integrating discipline as students are trained to perceive and articulate the world around them and to cultivate their creativity, which finds its root impulse in beauty. Our annual Art Show showcases students' best work and is judged by Art Rise and the Savannah Art Association. Our choir program builds vocal skill and maturity through Men's, Women's and Concert Choir courses offered each academic year. Students perform in school concerts and in service to the elderly in our community. Our theatre program produces an annual Upper School play and a musical, each staged in the historic Savannah Theatre. Habersham journalism and graphic design students create *The H*, a tri-yearly school magazine. A student-produced yearly art and literature journal, *Lumina*, presents Habersham art and writing to a citywide audience by beautifully displaying students' best work. Despite our young age and small size, several Habersham students have won local and national competitions, including two gold keys, one silver key and five honorable mentions in the National Scholastic Art and Writing Competition.

Visual arts, choir, and theatre are co-curricular requirements in 5th-8th grade in preparation for Upper School electives. Advanced classes allow students to pursue particular interests. Non-credit directed studies, in which students work independently with a faculty advisor, are available to upperclassmen with a pronounced passion.

ATHLETICS

We value athletics as an important part of developing the whole person, learning to work selflessly on a team, navigating the ups and downs of competition, and developing discipline and tenacity. Students are required to take one full credit of Physical Education. Athletes may substitute participation in JV or varsity sports (.25 credit per season). Our current varsity offerings are volleyball, cross-country, basketball, baseball, swimming, and tennis. The Habersham School has won three State Championship titles in swimming, four in volleyball, and one in track, plus two regional titles in boys' basketball and one each in girls' basketball, girls' tennis, boys' tennis, and girls' soccer.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Habersham believes that freedom finds its ultimate purpose in service to others. Students are required to complete 100 hours of community service prior to graduation.

TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

To further our goal of graduating citizens of the world who are culturally aware and thoughtfully engaged, Habersham offers two travel experiences. Freshmen visit Boston and New York to experience the art and culture of these national landmarks. Juniors travel to Athens and Rome to cap off their study of western civilization.