

WYOMING SEMINARY 2021-2022 SCHOOL PROFILE

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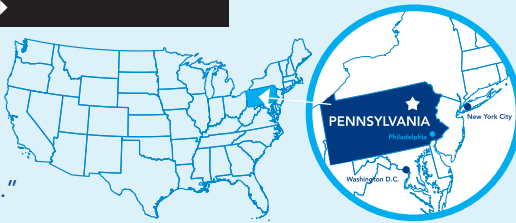
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MISSION STATEMENT

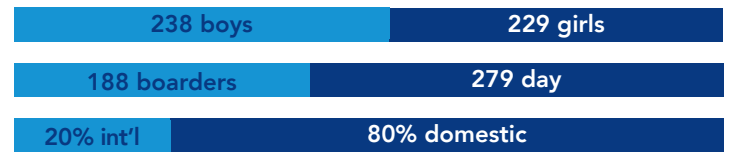
“Within an exponentially changing world, Wyoming Seminary dares to teach our students to honor and strive for the true, the beautiful, and the good.”

◀ WHERE IS SEM? ▶

Wyoming Seminary is situated in the picturesque Wyoming Valley of northeast Pennsylvania, dubbed the “valley with a heart.”



◀ UPPER SCHOOL STUDENTS ▶



◀ IMPACT OF COVID-19 ▶

Wyoming Seminary continued its commitment to academic excellence in the 2020-2021 academic year. While we shuttered our campus and pivoted to remote learning for short periods of time, we generally used a hybrid model that afforded live classes to meet simultaneously in-person and virtually.

Students who chose distance learning were expected to attend all classes as active participants via the web platform. Classes met five times per 7-day rotation for 50 minutes per class to promote flexibility, collaboration, and engagement. We maintained our established grading system.

For the 2021-2022 academic year, Wyoming Seminary returns to in-person learning with COVID protocols in place. Wyoming Seminary requires faculty and Upper School students to be vaccinated or tested weekly. Grading follows our traditional rubric.

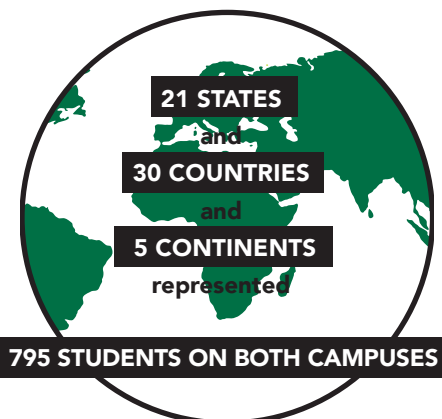
Sem stands ready to adjust options of instruction to respond to changing circumstances and to follow official guidelines and mandates. Our teaching is aligned with our mission of “daring to honor the true, the beautiful, and the good in an exponentially changing world.”

◀ ABOUT OUR UPPER SCHOOL ▶

- We are a four-year, independent, college preparatory boarding and day school, founded in 1844.
- Sem is accredited by the Middle States Association of Schools and Colleges, the Pennsylvania Association of Independent Schools (PAIS), and the University Senate of the United Methodist Church and licensed by The Pennsylvania Department of Education.
- We are a member of ACCIS, ADVIS, NACAC, NAFSA, NAIS, NEPSAC, PACAC, PACIS, PAIS, PIAA, SSATB, TABS, and College Board. Since 2017, we have been a member of Round Square, a worldwide network of innovative schools, and Mastery Transcript Consortium.
- The Louis Maslow STEM School was founded in 2012 to promote the study of science, technology, engineering, and math. The program includes academic classes as well as research opportunities, enrichment, and community events. In 2020, Sem launched a Climate Science Concentration, a 4-year program to focus on the scientific, global, atmospheric, economic, and societal implications of climate change. A STEM/STEAM Concentration was added in 2020-2021.
- Our student body is a microcosm of the national and global community. Wyoming Seminary has educated international students since the 1850s.
 - 65% of students receive tuition assistance.
 - We offer 69 full-year courses (1.0 credit) and 106 trimester courses (.333 credit).
 - Classes meet 5 times in a 7-day rotation. Traditionally, 4 of these classes are 50 minutes and 1 is 90 minutes. AP Biology and AP Chemistry have an additional class of instruction per cycle.
 - There are three 12-week trimesters, and all students must take five classes. Students can elect six classes with the approval of the dean.

◀ DIVERSITY STATEMENT ▶

It is unquestionably true, beautiful, and good that the world is made up of diverse people. Wyoming Seminary strives to build a learning environment that reflects the disparate cultures, religions, languages, backgrounds, identities, and perspectives of our world. To that end, our school seeks to encourage the application of students and the hiring of faculty, staff, and administrators who represent diversity. Sustaining and nurturing such a community is an ongoing process, and we will continue to foster the respect, empathy, and curiosity that allow it to flourish.



◀ TRANSCRIPT GUIDE ▶

Please note that Wyoming Seminary neither ranks students nor provides a cumulative GPA.

The Class of 2022 has 133 seniors and 9 postgraduates. Sem's grading scale applies to individual courses, not to a student's overall curriculum as illustrated in the table below. The average grade earned at Wyoming Seminary is a "B."

Course	Weighting	Example
Regular	No grade weight	B=3.0
Honors	Weighted 1 step	B=3.3
AP	Weighted 2 steps	B=3.7

◀ UPPER SCHOOL FACULTY AND STAFF ▶

71	full-time faculty and administrators
58	faculty/administrators have advanced degrees
38	residential faculty
5	part-time teaching faculty and staff
3	artists-in-residence
13	average class size
6:1	student:faculty ratio

◀ GRADING SCALE ▶

Letter Grade	Regular Weight	Honors Weight	AP Weight
A+	4.3	4.7	5.0
A	4.0	4.3	4.7
A-	3.7	4.0	4.3
B+	3.3	3.7	4.0
B	3.0	3.3	3.7
B-	2.7	3.0	3.3
C+	2.3	2.7	3.0
C	2.0	2.3	2.7
C-	1.7	2.0	2.3
D+	1.3	1.7	2.0
D	1.0	1.3	1.7
D-	.7	1.0	1.3
F	0.0	0.0	0.0

◀ ADVANCED, AP AND HONORS COURSES ▶

Most AP courses are single offerings; therefore, some students must make critical choices in choosing their schedules. Wyoming Seminary offers 22 Advanced Placement courses approved by College Board. AP American Seminar is by invitation only. Other AP courses are open to students who receive a B+ or better in prerequisite courses with the recommendations of their current teachers in the discipline. Students are encouraged to limit their APs to three courses per year. Differential Equations and Multivariable Calculus are post-AP courses. **Please visit www.wyomingseminary.org/courses to view the complete course catalog.**

Honors Courses

Algebra II Honors
Biology Honors
Chemistry Honors
Creative Spirit (Honors)
Precalculus Honors
Calculus Honors
French Honors
Physics Honors
Spanish Honors

AP Courses

AP American Seminar-English **
AP American Seminar-History **
AP Biology
AP Calculus-AB
AP Calculus-BC *
AP Chemistry
AP Computer Science
AP Economics
AP Environmental Science

AP European History
AP French Language & Culture
AP Latin
AP Music Theory
AP Physics *
AP Spanish Language & Culture
AP Spanish Literature & Culture
AP Statistics
AP Studio Art-Design
AP Studio Art-Drawing

AP US Government & Politics **
AP US History **
AP World History

Advanced Courses (Post AP)

Differential Equations
Multivariable Calculus

*Prerequisite is AP Calculus-AB

** Taught by Harkness method

◀ MINIMAL 4-YEAR REQUIRED COURSE SEQUENCE ▶

English (4 credits): Literature of Self-Discovery (9), Literary Genres (10), Style and Structure (11), and electives (11,12)

Mathematics (3 credits): Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II

Global Language* (3 credits): 3 consecutive years of Chinese, French, Latin, Spanish

History (3 credits): World Civilizations (9), Modern World History (10), U.S. History (11)

Science* (3 credits, including 2 credits of lab sciences): STEM Foundations (9), Biology (10)

Other (1.667 credits): Art History, Religion, Health, Masterpieces of Music, Public Speaking

Co-curricular: Physical Education (1 term each year), Community Service (10 hour minimum each year)

*One discipline may be reduced to 2 credits

◀ HONORS AND LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES ▶

Honors: Levi Sprague Fellowship, Cum Laude Society, Climate Science Fellow, STEM/STEAM Fellow, endowed scholarships and awards, Dean's List and Dean's List High Honors.

Leadership: Student Government, Academic Department Representative, Disciplinary Council Member, Honor Council Representative, Blue Key Ambassador, Community Service Executive, resident assistant, Peer Group, academic peer tutor, Writing Center tutor, Library Advisory Board, Student Activities Committee, athletic team captain, editor of publications, Blue Crew (Orientation Committee) and officer in clubs.

Clubs: We offer over 46 clubs and publications, including Artisan Club, Baking Club, Business Club, Chess Club, Chinese Culture Club, Coding Club, Community Service Committee, Creative Writing Group, Engineering Club, Environmental Club, French Club, Hacky Sack Club, HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America), International Club, Investment Club, IT Club, Latin Club, Math Club, Media Club, Medical Club, Mock Trial, Model United Nations, Nerdvana, Newspaper (*The Opinator*), Peer Group, Photography Club, Russian Club, PRISM: Gay-Straight Alliance, Science Olympiad, Science Research Group, Squirrel Club, Robotics Club, SOCA: Students of Color Alliance, Spanish Club, True Blue Spirit Club, and Yearbook (*The Wyoming*).

◀ STANDARDIZED TESTING ▶

Wyoming Seminary was not able to offer standardized testing on national test dates in the 2020-2021 academic year because of CDC guidelines and school policies. Few students had scores to report to colleges, and many colleges were test-optional or test-blind in the 2020-2021 admission cycle. Because of the paucity of test scores for the Class of 2021 and in compliance with our DEIJ policies, we are not reporting scores for the Class of 2021 on our school profile.

◀ ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMS ▶

All students enrolled in AP courses at Wyoming Seminary are encouraged to take the advanced placement exams. They must be current students in the class to sit for the test. Students in AP American Seminar, AP Calculus BC, and AP Statistics are required by the instructors to take the exams. 173 students sat for 325 exams in 22 subject areas in May/June 2021. 66% earned a score of 3 or better (34% earned a 4 or higher) out of a possible 5. The average score was 3.1. 69 students in the class of 2021 averaged a 3.2 on 148 tests. **College Board has recognized 30 of our students as AP Scholars, 10 as AP Scholars with Honor, and 24 as AP Scholars with Distinction.**

◀ CONCENTRATIONS AT SEM ▶

A Sem concentration is a 4-year program designed for students who want to focus their studies and experience in a specific area. After admission into the selective program, students design a portfolio of discipline-specific classwork, co-curriculars, extracurriculars, volunteer experiences, and research. All fellows in a concentration are required to present an individualized capstone project in their senior year. The Climate Science and Sustainability Concentration centers around the scientific, global, atmospheric, economic, and societal implications of climate change in the present and future. The STEM/STEAM Concentration emphasizes issues in Natural/Applied Science, Technology/Computer Science, Engineering, Art/Design, or Math.

◀ STUDENT TEST SCORES ▶

As with many schools in the United States, Wyoming Seminary has looked at our policy of sharing the middle 50% of standardized test scores through the DEIJ lens. Extensive research has shown that students' test scores correlate most strongly with socioeconomic status. Gaps in standardized test scores continue to widen when compared on race, gender, ethnicity, and family income.* The Sem student body is very diverse. We hope you will consider the whole student in the admission process and look closely at achievement, rigor, and engagement as strong indicators of success in higher education.

* Forbes May 21, 2021 How Admissions Tests Discriminate Against Low-Income and Minority Student Admissions at Elective Colleges (Executive Summary)

◀ CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE STATEMENTS ▶

HONOR CODE: All members of our community uphold a strict honor code.

CODE OF CONDUCT: At Sem, we hold ourselves to high standards. We understand that other people matter. We respect others at all times, in all ways, on all platforms. We are a community of Blue Knights, bonded in our mission to become better versions of ourselves. With that in mind, we at Sem show up. We show up for class, we show up on stage, we show up for competition, and we show up to serve. Each time we show up, we represent our school culture. We hold dear the privilege it is to work and live together at Wyoming Seminary, and we honor our commitment to strive for the true, the beautiful, and the good.

- excerpt from the Wyoming Seminary Code of Conduct

DISCIPLINE STATEMENT: Students are expected to act with integrity in all academic and personal matters. Wyoming Seminary complies with NACAC's Code of Ethics and Professional Practices. Students are responsible for reporting disciplinary violations, including suspensions and expulsions.

◀ 2020-21 CAMPUS & COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS ▶



Sem competes in NEPSAC in football and ice hockey



Students of Color Alliance expands to include diversity of race, religion, gender



Girls swim team is state runner-up, takes gold in 400 Freestyle Relay



78% of students participate in 21 interscholastic sports



Girl wrestlers win gold and bronze at World Championship in Russia



Girls field hockey team wins 3rd consecutive state championship



Dance Marathon raises over \$25K to provide playground at hospital



Advisory program develops character, social-emotional learning



PRISM (Gay-Straight Alliance) supports LGBTQIA+ community



Rusty Flack Gallery hosts revolving student art exhibits and masterworks



Student-run coffee houses uncover talented performers



Students attend PMEAFestivals, including All-State Orchestra



3 National Merit finalists and 4 Commended Students in Class of '21



23% of 2021 graduates plan to play NCAA sports in college



Sem offers 13 studio art classes and 2 AP studio art courses



Narrative 4 harnesses power of the story exchange



Black students find common ground in BLM discussions



Students attend Round Square conferences virtually



Sem adds Hip Hop and Dance Fitness to dance curriculum



Performing arts program finds creative ways to show talents during COVID

◀ COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES ▶

The list comprises some of the college/university acceptances of the Classes of 2017-2021. The 639 (137 in 2021) students in the last five consecutive classes received 2575 (658 in 2021) offers of admission to 609 (227 in 2021) different colleges and universities in the United States and abroad. The 5 classes have matriculated to 324 (89 in 2021) distinct schools worldwide. For the complete lists, visit www.wyomingseminary.org/acceptances and www.wyomingseminary.org/matriculations.

American University
Amherst College
Arizona State University
Babson College
Bard College
Bates College
Baylor University
Beloit College
Bentley University
Binghamton University
Boston College
Boston University
Bowdoin College
Brandeis University
Bryn Mawr College
Bucknell University
California Polytechnic State University
University of California, Berkeley
University of California, Los Angeles
University of California, San Diego
University of California, Santa Barbara
Carnegie Mellon University
Case Western Reserve University
College of Charleston
University of Chicago
Clark University
Clemson University
Colby College
Colgate University
Colorado College
University of Colorado at Boulder
Columbia University
Connecticut College
University of Connecticut
Cornell University
Davidson College
University of Delaware
Denison College
Dickinson College
Drexel University
Duke University
Duquesne University
Elon University
Emerson College
Emory University
Fairfield University
University of Florida
Fordham University
Franklin & Marshall University
Furman University
The George Washington University
Georgetown University
University of Georgia
Georgia Institute of Technology
Gettysburg College
Hamilton College
Harvard University
Haverford College
Hobart & William Smith Colleges
Hofstra University
College of the Holy Cross
Howard University
University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
Indiana University at Bloomington
The University of Iowa
Ithaca College
Johns Hopkins University
Kenyon University
Lafayette College
Lawrence University
Lehigh University
Loyola Marymount University

Loyola University Maryland
Marist College
University of Maryland, College Park
University of Massachusetts, Amherst
University of Miami
University of Michigan
Middlebury College
Mount Holyoke College
Muhlenberg College
University of New Hampshire
New York University
The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
North Carolina State University
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
University of Notre Dame
Occidental College
The Ohio State University
Pace University-New York
Pennsylvania State University
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
Princeton University
Providence College
Purdue University
Reed College
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rhodes College
Rice University
University of Richmond
Rochester Institute of Technology
University of Rochester
Rutgers University, New Brunswick
Saint Joseph's University
St. Olaf College
University of San Diego
Santa Clara University
Sarah Lawrence University
Seton Hall University
Sewanee: The University of the South
Skidmore College
University of Southern California
Spelman College
St. Lawrence University
Stanford University
Stevens Institute of Technology
Swarthmore College
Syracuse University
Temple University
University of Texas, Austin
The New School
Tufts University
Union College
United States Military Academy
United States Naval Academy
Vanderbilt University
University of Vermont
Villanova University
Virginia Tech
University of Virginia
Wake Forest University
Washington and Lee University
Washington University in St. Louis
University of Washington
Wesleyan University
Wheaton College MA
College of William and Mary
Williams College
University of Wisconsin, Madison
The College of Wooster
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Yale University



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