

# GREENHILLS SCHOOL COLLEGE PROFILE

2022-2023

# **ABOUT GREENHILLS SCHOOL**

An independent school guiding students in grades 6-12 to become curious, creative, and responsible citizens who better the world.

# **Student Body**

681 students in grades 6-12

16
Average class size

100% of students attend college after Greenhills

of students self-identify as students of color

×95
students per upper school grade

22% of students receive tuition assistance

# **Balanced and Engaged Community Members**

Greenhills students are encouraged to explore their interests, care for their physical and mental well-being, and better the world by being engaged in our community outside of the classroom.

- Students are only permitted to take three AP/Accelerated/
   Advanced/Honors courses each year, with exceptions made only to allow a student to dive deeper into their passion.
- **70% of students participate in athletics**, and compete in a program that has won 29 State Championships.
- Students give more than 6,000 hours of service to our community each year, independently and as part of the Civic Engagement and Service Learning program.
- 65% of upper school students participate in fine and performing arts, including music, theater, and visual art.
- Most students participate in several clubs, affinity groups, and activities available to them at Greenhills.



Greenhills students account for more than 30 percent of the National Merit Scholarship winners in Washtenaw County, despite respresenting less than five percent of the area's high school student population.

#### **GPA CALCULATION**

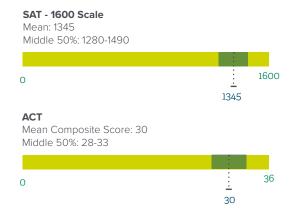
- · Students are not ranked.
- Cumulative GPAs are calculated based only on graded courses taken at Greenhills.
- GPAs at Greenhills are unweighted and calculated on the following scale (Note: A+ equalled 4.33 until the 2022-2023 school year, when it transitioned to 4.0):

**A+** (100 - >100%) = 4.0 **A** (93 - 99%) = 4.0 A - (90 - 92%) =3 67 **B+** (87 - 89%) = 3.33 **B** (83 - 86%) = 3.0 **B-** (80 - 82%) = 2 67 C+ (77 - 79%) =2.33 **C** (73 - 76%) = 2.0 **C-** (70 - 72%) = 167 **D+** (67 - 69%) =1.33 **D** (63 - 66%) = 10 **D-** (60 - 62%) =0.67 E (0 - 59%) =

#### STANDARDIZED TESTING 2020-2022

A Note About Standardized Testing During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Due to COVID-19, students were not required to take AP tests in the Spring of 2020 and 2021.



# **UPPER SCHOOL COURSES OF STUDY / ACADEMIC PROGRAMS**

A full list of courses with explanation of their content is available at **greenhillsschool.org/courseguide.** 

Individual student placements are based on a combination of achievement, interest, and course availability and do not always conform to the generalized offerings displayed below.

#### About AP, Post-AP, Honors, Accelerated, and Advanced Courses (denoted below in bold)

- Advanced courses go beyond AP curriculum, and all AP and Advanced courses prepare students for the associated AP exam.
- Department chair permission is required for all AP/Advanced courses.
- Balance is encouraged; therefore, students requesting more than three AP/Accelerated/Advanced/Honors courses in any given year are required to review their course load with the Dean of Academics for approval.

<b>English</b> Credits Required: 4	AP English III: American Literature Creative Writing English II: British Literature English II Honors: British Literature English III: American Literature	English IV: Senior Seminars Global Perspectives in History and Literature Journalism Perspectives in Humanities
<b>History &amp; Social Sciences</b> Credits Required: 3	Advanced US Government and Politics American Military History: 1900 to Present AP U.S. History Global Perspectives in History and Literature Humans and the Environment - Past, Present, & Future Macroeconomics Microeconomics Psychology - Human Mind & Behavior	U.S. Government and Politics U.S. History Sociology: Difference, Power, and Discrimination The History of Art The U.S. Constitution - Past, Present, & Future
Mathematics & Computer Science Credits Required: 3	Accelerated Pre-Calculus Algebra I Algebra II Honors AP Calculus A AP Calculus B AP Calculus C AP Computer Science A AP Computer Science Principles	AP Statistics Financial Applications Foundations of Computer Science Geometry Geometry Honors Multivariable Calculus I Multivariable Calculus II Pre-Calculus Pre-Calculus Honors
Science Credits Required: 3  AP courses are not offered in science. Advanced courses go beyond AP curriculum.	Advanced Biology Advanced Calculus-based Physics Advanced Chemistry Advanced Scientific Research Anatomy and Physiology Applied Engineering Design Chemistry Chemistry Accelerated	Conceptual Physics Earth, the Solar System, and the Universe Ecology and Global Sustainability Introduction to Biology Natural History of Living Things Physics Physics Accelerated
Modern & Classical Languages Credits Required: 2	AP Chinese V AP French AP Latin IV-V AP Spanish Chinese IV Chinese, French, Latin, Spanish I Chinese, French, Latin, Spanish II	Chinese, French, Latin, Spanish III French IV Culture French V Latin IV-V Spanish IV Spanish V
Fine & Performing Arts Credits Required: 1	2-D and 3-D Design Acting I Acting II Art Photography Art Photography Advanced Ceramics Chorus Comedy Performance	Drawing & Printing Intro to Art I Jazz Lab Jazz One Orchestra Painting Studio Jazz Tech Theatre
Wellness	Foundations of Fitness Health	Lifetime Fitness Yoga, Mindfulness, and Wellbeing

proposal and a reflection for each project.

## **COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

All students in grades 9-12 must earn a minimum of 20 credits to graduate, and are required to take a minimum of 5 courses that receive academic credit each semester.

Note: students may fulfill non-academic requirements at any point during grades 9-12, and may be required to take multiple Wellness and/or Fine and Performing Arts courses during their senior year.

# **Department Minumums**

#### **English: 4 Credits**

Global Perspectives in History and Literature (1 credit), English II, English III or AP English. Students must select a course both semesters during senior year.

## **History & Social Sciences: 3 Credits**

Global Perspectives in History and Literature (1 credit), U.S. History or Advanced Placement U.S. History (1 credit), and U.S. Government and Politics or Advanced U.S. Government and Politics (0.5 credit) required. Students must select a History and Social Science Seminar during junior or senior year (0.5 credit).

Mathematics & Computer Science: 3 Credits Through at least Algebra II.

# **Science: 3 Credits**

At least one in life science and one in physical science (Chemistry or Physics); we strongly encourage students to take at least one course in all three areas: Biology, Chemistry, and Physics.

Note: AP courses are not offered in science. Advanced courses go beyond AP curriculum.

# Modern & Classical Languages: 2 Credits

Two sequential levels studied at Greenhills School, although three years of study is strongly recommended. When possible, we recommend the entire sequence of study.

# Fine and Performing Arts: 1 Credit

# Wellness: 1 Credit

Students are required to take Foundations of Fitness (0.5 credits) and Health (0.5 credit) in 9th grade.



**SCAN OR CLICK TO SEE** THE ENTIRE GREENHILLS **COURSE GUIDE** 

greenhillsschool.org/courseguide

#### ABOUT UNIQUE PROGRAMS AND COURSES

#### **Advanced Research**

The Advanced Research program puts rising seniors in scientific laboratories and research centers across the country. They spend a summer doing real-life research in natural sciences, social sciences, computer science, or mathematics settings to prepare for college-level work and beyond. Students then spend their senior year analysing what they learned, creating research papers, and presenting their findings.

## **English IV: Senior Seminars**

In 12th grade, students are required to take one English IV: Senior Seminar each semester to meet the required full year of credit for English. Every Senior Seminar is an advanced course, and the seminar format of intensive study on a special topic serves as the capstone to students' previous work in upper school English courses. These will appear as English IV: Senior Seminar Name on the student's transcript.

# Wellness and Balance

Fresh is a required year-long course that provides 9th-grade students with interactive experiences designed to deepen self-awareness, increase social connection, and develop the academic skills necessary to navigate upper school at Greenhills.

# **Independent Studies and College Courses**

When a student has fulfilled all of their course requirements to graduate from Greenhills, they may elect to pursue their individual intellectual curiousities through an independent study, completed under the mentorship and supervision of a faculty member. They may also take college-level courses outside of Greenhills, with approval from the dean of academics, which would not appear on a student's transcript but would be uploaded as an additional transcript.

#### Foreign Languages

Beginning in sixth grade, Greenhills students are taught foreign languages in a fully immersive environment. This helps students learn the language and how to use it in the real world.

# **Global Perspectives in History** and Literature

Traditional English and history classes for all Greenhills ninth graders is replaced with this interdisciplinary study of history and literature. This course challenges students to explore how individual and shared experiences — and the stories we craft about them — shape and reflect global identities and perspectives throughout time.



# **GENERAL INFORMATION**

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# 2019-2022 COLLEGE MATRICULATIONS

Colleges and universities with two or more Greenhills student currently attending are in bold.

American University

Amherst College

Barnard College

Berklee College of Music

**Boston University** 

**Brown University** 

Carleton College

**Carnegie Mellon University** 

Case Western Reserve University

Claremont McKenna College

College of Charleston

**Cornell University** 

Dartmouth College

Delaware Stae University

**DePaul University** 

Denison University

**Drexel University** 

**Eastern Michigan University** 

**Elon University** 

**Emory University** 

ESSEC (École Supérieure des Sciences

Economiques et Commerciales)

**George Washington University** 

Grinnell College

Hamilton College

**Harvard University** 

Hillsdale College

**Indiana University** 

Jacobs University

Johns Hopkins University

Kalamazoo College

Kettering University

Lewis University

Macalaster College

Methodist University

Michigan State University

Michigan Technological University

Mount Holyoke College

**New York University** 

**Northeastern University** 

**Northwestern University** 

Nova Southeastern University

**Oberlin College** 

Occidental College

Pomona College

Princeton University

**Purdue University** 

Reed College

Ryerson University

**Scripps College** 

Shanghai Jiao Tong University

Smith College

**Southern Methodist University** 

**Stanford University** 

The University of the Arts

Tulane University of Louisiana

University of California - Berkeley

**University of California - Los Angeles** 

University of Chicago

University of Dayton

**University of Michigan** 

University of Michigan - Dearborn

University of Pennsylvania

University of San Francisco

University of MIssissippi

University of Pittsburgh

University of Washington

**University of Wisconsin** 

University of the Pacific

Villanova University

Washington University in St Louis

**Wayne State University** 

**Wellesley College** 

Wesleyan University

West Virginia University

Western Michigan University

Williams College

Yale University