2017–2018 COLLEGE PROFILE

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ABOUT PACE

Pace Academy was established in 1958 as an independent college-preparatory coeducational day school. Pace is located on 27 wooded acres within the city of Atlanta. **Pace has an enrollment of 1,115 students in Pre-First through 12th grade; the Upper School (grades nine–12) has 475 students, and the Class of 2018 totals 114 students.** Pace is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) and the Southern Association of Independent Schools (SAIS) and holds membership in the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS), the Cum Laude Society, the College Board, the Educational Records Bureau and the National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC). Pace Academy was one of 40 schools in the nation invited to be a Founding School Member of the Association of College Counselors in Independent Schools (ACCIS).

MISSION

To create prepared, confident citizens of the world who honor the values and legacy of Pace Academy.

CORE VALUES

- We create success through partnership with parents, students and faculty.
- We are dedicated to developing the whole child.
- We have respect for others and their unique ideas and beliefs.
- We have pride in our accomplishments and our heritage.

HONOR CODE

Personal honor and integrity are the Pace community's most valued principles, and academic honesty is governed by a code of honor. Students pledge to observe the Honor Code on all tests, examinations and graded assignments. If a student is alleged to have violated the Honor Code, the matter is brought before the Honor Council, composed of students and faculty.

FACULTY

Pace has 152 professional faculty. Of those, 60 are in the Upper School and 76 percent hold graduate degrees or higher (12 hold Ph.D.s). The average Upper School class size is 12 students, with the maximum enrollment of 21 in a class. Faculty also act as academic advisors, club sponsors and coaches.

GLOBAL LEADERSHIP

At the heart of our mission is a commitment to create prepared, confident citizens of the world. The Isdell Center for Global Leadership (ICGL) spearheads this educational endeavor by providing students from Pre-First through 12th grade with wide-ranging curricular and co-curricular opportunities to explore, understand and engage in our globalized world. In addition to 20 annual global study tours, available to students in all three divisions, every student explores an annual global theme—Water, Food, Climate, etc.—through multiple disciplinary lenses: Science & Technology, Arts & Culture, Service & Sustainability, Business & Social Entrepreneurship and Public Policy & International Relations. This theme-based approach gives students the opportunity to tackle real-world issues while developing global-mindedness, cultural competence, international expertise and leadership skills—all essential components of global citizenship. Our students graduate with the ability to address national and international issues critically, as well as with a sense of visionary purpose to make a positive difference in our interdependent world. This year, study tours are traveling to China, Costa Rica, South Africa, Thailand, Peru, India, England, Italy, Brazil, Ghana, Botswana and Glacier National Park. The Pace Parents Club's Citizens of the World Travel Grant covers the cost of airfare once for every student in the Middle School, and once for every student in the Upper School. Last year, 197 students and 41 faculty traveled on ICGL study tours.

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ARTS

Pace offers an extensive program in visual arts, music and theatre. Beginning, intermediate, and advanced classes are offered in drawing, painting, digital illustration, video production, ceramics, photography, sculpture, chorus, band, orchestra, acting and stagecraft. A state-of-the-art Fine Arts Center includes a 600-seat theatre and Upper School studios.

ATHLETICS

Upper School students choose from 32 competitive teams, and more than 80 percent of Pace students play at least one sport. Students enjoy outstanding athletic facilities, including the recent addition of athletic complexes for lacrosse, football, softball, baseball and soccer.

DIVERSITY

Diversity at Pace begins with educating, broadening outlooks and creating more opportunities for continuous growth to reflect the progress of the world. The program facilitates interactions and discussions of difference by exploring the many meanings of diversity. Pace has built relationships with institutions and individuals dedicated to creating lasting, positive impacts on youth.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Pace Academy offers 25 Honors classes and 24 Advanced Placement courses. *Students enrolled in Advanced Placement courses must take the AP exam.*

ADVANCED PLACEMENT STUDENT SCORES

TESTING PROFILE 2014–2017	5	4	3	2	1	TOTAL
TOTALS	702	862	699	324	195	2,797
PERCENT OF TOTAL	25%	31%	25%	12%	7%	

APPLICATION STATISTICS

There were 105 graduates in the Class of 2017:

- Twenty-three percent of class received ACT/SAT scores of 34/1500 or greater; 41 percent of class received scores of 32/1400 or greater; and 64 percent of class received scores of 29/1300 or greater. The range of ACT scores was 18–36, and the range of SAT scores was 1050–1600.
- The class submitted 535 college applications to 128 colleges and universities.
- The class received 332 offers of admission, a 63-percent admit rate.
- Forty-one seniors applied early-decision; 24 were admitted.
- The class applied, on average, to five colleges.
- The class plans to attend 49 different colleges and universities in 20 states, the District of Columbia and Scotland. Twenty-eight students are the sole matriculates to their college.

NATIONAL SCHOLARS

The Class of 2017 included three National Merit Scholars, seven National Merit Finalists, two National Achievement Scholars, two National Hispanic Scholars and 12 National Merit Commended Scholars. In all, nearly 20 percent of the class received recognition from the National Merit Program.

THE GRADING SYSTEM

The Pace transcript uses an unweighted numeric grading scale for academic courses. Grade Point Average is reported on a 100-point scale with a weight of 7 for Advanced Placement courses, 5 for Honors courses and 2 for all other college-preparatory courses. A year-by-year and a cumulative weighted GPA are provided on the transcript for each student. Due to the small size of our senior classes, *Pace does not provide a class rank.*

PHILOSOPHY AND PROFESSIONAL ETHICS

- We provide a comprehensive college counseling program that focuses on finding the right college fit for each student.
- We support early-decision applications once students have carefully researched their options.
- We advise students of their ethical obligations in the admissions process regarding disciplinary issues, withdrawing applications and submitting enrollment deposits.
- Pace complies with NACAC Statement of Principles of Good Practice.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Pace Academy requires 46 total units of credit for its diploma—42 of which must be academic, four of which may be satisfied with academic or non-academic electives. In addition, students must satisfy a non-unit physical education requirement (either by participating in an interscholastic athletic team or in an after-school P.E. class), as well as a non-unit service requirement of 40 hours of community service. A normal schedule consists of six classes per semester. Students receive one unit of credit for each semester of study.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS (SEMESTER MINIMUM):	
ENGLISH	8 units
MATHEMATICS	8 units *(minimum of algebra II)*
SOCIAL SCIENCE	6 units *(minimum of one year world history and U.S. history each)*
SCIENCE	6 units *(two units each—physics, chemistry and biology)*
WORLD LANGUAGE	4 units *(minimum through third level)*
FINE ARTS	3 units
ACADEMIC ELECTIVES	4 units

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PACE ACADEMY

TESTING PROFILE: CLASSES OF 2014–2017

	ACT MID 50%	ACT MEAN	SAT MID 50%	SAT MEAN
CLASS OF 2017	28–33	31	1210–1430	1308
CLASS OF 2016	27–32	29	1170–1390	1282
CLASS OF 2015	27–33	30	1170–1400	1283
CLASS OF 2014	26–32	29	1140–1420	1278

UPPER SCHOOL COURSE OFFERINGS

	NINTH GRADE	TENTH GRADE	ELEVENTH GRADE	TWELFTH GRADE
ENGLISH	Literary Heroes Literary Heroes Honors	Literary Genres Literary Genres Honors	American Literature American Literature Honors AP English Literature & Composition	World Literature Creative Writing I, II Comparative Women's Literature Honors AP English Language & Composition
MATHEMATICS	Geometry Geometry Honors	Algebra II Algebra II Honors	Pre-Calculus Pre-Calculus Honors Analysis Honors	Discrete Math Statistics & Probability Finance Calculus Honors AP Statistics AP Calculus AB AP Calculus BC Multivariate Calculus Honors/ Advanced Topics in Math Honors (post-AP)
SCIENCE	Conceptual Physics Mathematical Physics Honors	Computational Chemistry Analytical Chemistry Honors	Environmental Biology Molecular & Genetic Biology Honors AP Biology	Anatomy & Physiology I, II AP Chemistry AP Environmental Science AP Physics 1 AP Physics C: Mechanics AP Psychology
HISTORY	Ancient World Civilizations Ancient World Civilizations Honors	Western Civilization AP Modern European History	American History AP U.S. History	Business Ethics Comparative Religions Economics Ethics Honors AP Art History AP Comparative Government & Politics AP Human Geography AP Microeconomics AP Macroeconomics AP World History
WORLD LANGUAGES	French II French II Honors Latin II Honors Spanish II Spanish II Honors	French III French III Honors Latin III Honors Spanish III Spanish III Honors	French IV AP French Language AP Latin Spanish IV AP Spanish Language	French V French V World Literature Honors (post-AP) Advanced Latin Poetry Honors (post-AP) Spanish V Spanish V World Literature Honors (post-AP)
OTHER NOTABLE COURSES				Robotics Advanced Studio Art AP Computer Science A Applied Psychology & Leadership AP Music Theory Data Structures & Algorithms Honors (post-AP)

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COLLEGE ENROLLMENTS

The 427 graduates of the Classes of 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017 attend the following colleges and universities:

American University
Auburn University (12)
Augsburg College
Belmont University
Berry College
Boston College (2)
Brown University (4)
Bucknell University
Case Western Reserve University
Chapman University (2)
Clark Atlanta University
Clemson University (2)
College of Charleston (2)
College of Coastal Georgia
College of William and Mary
Colorado College
Dartmouth College (4)
Davidson College (2)
DePaul University
Duke University (6)
Durham Technical Community College
Elon University (8)
Emory University (8)
Fairfield University
Florida State University
Fork Union Military Academy
Furman University (5)
George Washington University (2)
Georgetown University (4)
Georgia Institute of Technology (26)
Georgia Southern University (5)
Grinnell College
Harvard University
Haverford College
Holy Cross College
Indiana University at Bloomington (2)
James Madison University
Johns Hopkins University
Kennesaw State University (2)
Lafayette College
Loyola Marymount University (2)
Macalester College (3)
Massachusetts Institute of Technology (2)
Mercer University
Miami University, Oxford (6)
Middlebury College (3)
Morehouse College (2)
Mount Holyoke College
New York University (5)
North Carolina State University
Northeastern University (4)
Northwestern University (3)
Oglethorpe University
Oral Roberts University
Pennsylvania State University (2)
Piedmont College, Athens Campus
Point Park University
Pomona College
Pratt Institute
Princeton University (5)
Purdue University
Reed College
Rhodes College (4)
Rice University (2)
Rollins College (2)
Santa Clara University
Scripps College (2)
Sewanee: The University of the South (3)
Skidmore College
Southern Methodist University (11)
Spelman College
St. John's University, Queens Campus
Stanford University (3)
Stetson University
Texas A&M University
Texas Christian University (5)
Trinity College
Tulane University (7)
University of Alabama (15)
University of Arizona (3)
University of California, Berkeley (2)
University of California, Santa Barbara
University of California, Santa Cruz (2)
University of Chicago (4)
University of Colorado, Boulder (6)
University of Florida
University of Georgia (60)
University of Miami (7)
University of Michigan (8)
University of Mississippi (7)
University of New Haven
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill (10)
University of North Georgia
University of Notre Dame (4)
University of Pennsylvania (15)
University of Pittsburgh
University of Richmond (3)
University of South Carolina (3)
University of Southern California (3)
University of St Andrews (4)
University of Tennessee, Chattanooga
University of Tennessee, Knoxville
University of Texas, Austin (6)
University of Virginia (6)
University of West Georgia
Vanderbilt University (10)
Vassar College
Virginia Tech (2)
Wake Forest University (9)
Washington and Lee University (4)
Washington University in St. Louis (8)
Wofford College
Yale University

COLLEGE ENROLLMENTS BY REGION

CLASSES OF 2014–2017				
	2017	2016	2015	2014
GEORGIA	27%	17%	29%	29%
SOUTH (including Ga.)	62%	55%	54%	61%
NORTHEAST	4%	6%	6%	7%
MID ATLANTIC	6%	10%	10%	10%
MIDWEST	11%	14%	12%	8%
WEST (including Texas)	13%	14%	15%	12%
UK or CANADA	1%	1%	1%	1%
GAP YEAR	2%	0%	1%	1%
PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS	47%	49%	48%	52%
PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS	53%	51%	52%	48%