



School Profile 2023-2024

OUR MISSION: Prestans Online Academy believes in the transformative power of connection in fostering meaningful educational experiences for all students. Leveraging dynamic educators and individualized instruction, the school is committed to empowering new generations of learners across an evolving educational landscape.

OUR VALUES: Connection, Student Centered, Flexibility, Innovation

THE SCHOOL: Prestans Online Academy is an online independent school that seeks to enroll curious and industrious students committed to the ideals of connection, integrity, and innovation. Prestans Online Academy is a diverse community of learners and educators from across the United States and from around the world.

EQUITY & INCLUSION: Prestans Online Academy is committed to establishing a community that encourages people of diverse backgrounds and beliefs to understand and respect one another and be sensitive to differences of gender, ethnicity, class, and sexual orientation.

CREDIT-CONTINUATION PROGRAM: In addition to providing a rigorous college preparatory experience for its full-time students, Prestans Online Academy partners with other schools, to support students who need to be separated from campus for extended leaves of absence. Prestans' credit bearing program has served 50 schools and over one hundred students during the 2022-2023 school year.

STUDENT BODY: 136 students.

ACCREDITATION: Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools

OUR FACULTY: Prestans Online Academy employs 117 instructors. 95% of which have taught in independent schools and 85% of which hold advanced degrees.

SCHOOL LEADERSHIP: CEO - Peter Friedman

CURRICULUM: Prestans Online Academy operates on a rolling admission, with classes offered all year. All courses utilize a block schedule and students typically take between 4-6 courses during an academic year. A full year course (1 credit) consists of 30 synchronous hours and a minimum of 45 hours of asynchronous learning. Semester courses (0.5 credits) consist of 15 synchronous hours and a minimum of 35 hours of asynchronous learning. Trimester courses (0.33 credits) consist of 10 synchronous hours and a minimum of 25 hours of asynchronous learning. The average class size at Prestans Online Academy is 3 students.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS: Students must complete 21 credits to earn a diploma, including credits in: English [4]; Math [4]; World Language (or complete through level III) [3]; Lab Science [3]; History, including U.S. History [2]; and Arts [1].

ADVISING: Advising is an important consideration for all our full-time students. Although advising is not a credit-bearing course, our experienced advisors work 1:1 with students weekly on a range of academic skills, and support them socially/emotionally throughout their time with us.

**HONORS & ADVANCED TOPICS COURSES****MATHEMATICS:**

Honors Algebra I
 Honors Geometry
 Algebra II
 Honors Algebra II
 Honors Precalculus
 Advanced Topics in Statistics
 Advanced Topics in Calculus AB
 Advanced Topics in Calculus BC

SCIENCE:

Honors Biology
 Honors Chemistry
 Honors Physics
 Advanced Topics in Biology
 Advanced Topics In Physics
 Advanced Topics in Psychology
 Advanced Topics in Computer Science

HISTORY & PHILOSOPHY:

Honors United States History
 Honors World History
 Advanced Topics in United States Government & Politics
 Advanced Topics in Comparative Government & Politics
 Advanced Topics in European History
 Advanced Topics in United States History
 Advanced Topics in Modern World History
 Advanced Topics in Microeconomics
 Advanced Topics in Macroeconomics

WRITING & LITERATURE:

Honors Classic and Contemporary Literature
 Advanced Topics in Language & Composition
 Advanced Topics in Literature & Composition

WORLD LANGUAGES:

Honors French I
 Honors French II
 Honors French III
 Honors French IV
 Advanced Topics in French
 Honors Spanish I
 Honors Spanish II
 Honors Spanish III
 Honors Spanish IV
 Advanced Topics in Spanish

HONORS & ADVANCED TOPICS COURSES:

Prestans Online Academy offers a number of courses at the Honors level or Advanced Topics Level. Advanced Topics courses provide a first year college level academic experience while simultaneously preparing students to sit for the AP exam should they choose to. Advanced Topics courses are not certified by the College Board. A complete list of Honors and Advanced Topics courses by department is listed to the left.

GRADE SCALE: Prestans Online Academy is a standards based school. Student learning is assessed using a four point scale which is displayed below.

Four Point Scale	Standard	Letter Grade
3.5 - 4.0	Exceeds	A
2.5 - 3.4	Meets	B
1.5 - 2.4	Approaching	C
0.5 - 1.4	Does Not Yet Meet	D
0.0 - 0.4	No Evidence	F

Note - Prestans Online Academy calculates both yearly and cumulative GPAs. Grades from previous institutions do not factor in GPA calculations. Prestans Online Academy does not convert grades to the 100 point scale nor does it rank its students.

COLLEGE MATRICULATION: Brandeis University, Connecticut College, Fordham University, The George Washington University, NYU, The New School, Stanford University, Trinity College, University of Utah, UC Davis, US Irvine, University of Chicago, University of Washington (Seattle), Yale University

ACADEMIC OFFICE: For any questions about Prestans Online Academy programs or students, please contact Wes Chaput (Director of Academics) at wes@prestans.us or 757-323-3047

