



OJAI  
VALLEY  
SCHOOL

ACADEMIC  
PROFILE

# OJAI VALLEY SCHOOL

Ojai Valley School is an independent boarding and day school for grades PK-12 on two campuses in beautiful Ojai, California. Our high school campus is nestled in the national forest and provides an ideal venue for hands-on learning. We offer a balanced program of college-preparatory academics, visual and performing arts, athletics, outdoor education, equestrian, and community service opportunities. Students thrive in a close-knit community led by dedicated teachers who encourage critical thinking, problem solving, leadership, creativity, and collaboration.

## Course Offerings

The academic year is divided into two semesters. Minimum graduation requirements are 18 units, including: English, 4 years; Foreign Language, 3 years; Mathematics, 3 years; Science, 3 years; Social Science, 3 years; Visual & Performing Arts, 1 year; and Land & Climate, 1 year. The school also offers Interdisciplinary courses that meet University of California requirements as college-prep electives. Most OVS students take a range of year-long and semester courses based on their interests and intended college majors.

## COURSE OFFERINGS

### ENGLISH

English 9  
English 10  
English 10 Honors  
English 11  
English 12  
AP Language Composition  
AP English Literature  
AP Seminar  
Advanced ESL Reading  
Advanced ESL Writing

### FOREIGN LANGUAGE

French I  
French II  
French III  
Spanish I  
Spanish II  
Spanish III  
Spanish III Honors  
Spanish IV  
AP Spanish  
(Other languages available as online classes)

### MATHEMATICS

Algebra I  
Geometry  
Intermediate Algebra  
Algebra II  
Math IV: Math Analysis  
Honors Calculus  
AP Calculus AB  
AP Calculus BC  
AP Statistics  
Functions & Statistics  
Business Math  
AP Computer Science A

### SCIENCE

Biology  
Conceptual Chemistry  
Chemistry  
Conceptual Physics  
Astronomy  
Geology 🌿  
Marine Science 🌿  
AP Chemistry  
AP Environmental Science 🌿  
AP Biology  
AP Physics 1  
AP Physics 2  
AP Physics C - Magnetism \*  
AP Physics C - Mechanics and Electricity \*  
AP Computer Science Principles

\* Indicates semester course

### LAND AND CLIMATE

🌿 To meet the Land & Climate graduation requirement, a student may take one year-long approved science course, such as Geology or Marine Science, or two approved semester courses, such as Environmental History and Environmental Justice. Students may also seek approval in a specified AP course, such as AP Studio Art or AP Seminar.

### SOCIAL SCIENCES

Humanities  
World History  
AP World History  
United States History  
AP United States History  
American Government \*  
Economics \*  
AP Psychology

### VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS

Drawing  
Ceramics I  
Ceramics II  
Foundations of Voice  
Introduction to Music-Making: Composition, Mixing, and Production  
Music Theory & Composition  
Music History  
Piano  
Guitar  
Dance I\* and II\*  
Theater I\* and II\*  
Advanced Studio Art  
AP Studio Art: Drawing  
AP Studio Art: 2-D Design  
AP Studio Art: 2-D Design (Photography)  
AP Studio Art: 3-D Design  
Photography  
Media and Digital Design  
Video Production I  
Video Production II  
Woodworking I  
Woodworking II

### INTERDISCIPLINARY

AP Research  
Computer Science I\* and II \*  
Creative Writing  
Environmental History \* 🌿  
Environmental Justice \* 🌿  
Equine Science \*  
Ethics - The Activist's Voice \*  
Expository Writing  
Film Studies \*  
Freshman Studies (not for credit)  
History and Science of the Channel Islands \* 🌿  
Journalism  
Advanced Journalism  
Law & Society \*  
Literature of the Wilderness \* 🌿  
Robotics  
Yearbook



# COLLEGE PLACEMENT

OVS Graduates earned more than 623 acceptances in the past five years to colleges and universities across the globe. The list below represents a cross-section of those schools with matriculations for the Classes of 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 noted in **bold**.

## **American University of Rome**

## **American International University in London**

American University of Paris

University of Arizona

Arizona State University

## **Babson College**

Bard College

## **Berklee College of Music**

## **Boston College**

## **Boston University**

## **Bowdoin College**

Bucknell University

## **Cal Lutheran University**

## **California Northstate University**

## **Cal Poly Pomona**

## **Cal Poly San Luis Obispo (3)**

## **UC Berkeley (3)**

## **UC Davis (4)**

## **UC Irvine (4)**

## **UCLA (7)**

UC Merced

UC Riverside (2)

UC Santa Barbara

## **UC Santa Cruz (5)**

## **UC San Diego (3)**

Case Western Reserve

Chapman University

Clarke University

Colby College

Colgate College

## **Colorado College**

## **CU Boulder**

CU Denver

## **Colorado State University**

## **Columbia University**

Concordia University

Connecticut College

University of Connecticut

Cornell College

CSU, Channel Islands

CSU, Chico

CSU, East Bay

## **CSU Fullerton**

CSU, Humboldt

CSU, Los Angeles

CSU, Monterey Bay

CSU, Northridge

CSU, San Diego

## **CSU, San Francisco**

CSU, San Marcos

CSU, Sonoma

Denison University

University of Denver

## **Embry Riddle Aeronautical University (2)**

## **Emerson College**

Evergreen State College

## **Fashion Institute of Design**

## **& Merchandising**

## **Franklin & Marshall College**

Fordham University

George Mason University

## **George Washington University**

## **Georgia Tech**

## **Gettysburg College**

Gonzaga University

Hamilton College

## **University of Hawaii, Manoa**

Hawaii Pacific University

Holy Names University

Hofstra University

Hult International Business School

## **University of Illinois**

Illinois Institute of Technology

Indiana University

University of Iowa

Johns Hopkins University

## **James Madison University**

Lewis and Clark College

Loyola Marymount University

Loyola University, Chicago

## **Maine Maritime Academy**

Marquette University

University of Massachusetts, Boston

University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth

University of Massachusetts, Amherst

University of Massachusetts, Lowell

## **Menlo College**

## **University of Michigan**

## **Michigan State University**

University of Minnesota

Milwaukee School of Engineering

## **Montana State University**

New Jersey Institute of Technology

## **Northeastern University**

Northern Arizona University

The New School

## **New York University (3)**

University of New Hampshire

## **University of Nevada, Las Vegas**

University of Oregon (3)

Ohio State University

## **Oregon State University (3)**

## **Oregon State University, Cascades**

Otis College of Art and Design

Pace University

## **Pitzer College**

## **Pratt Institute**

Penn State University

Pepperdine University

University of Portland

University of Puget Sound

Purdue University

University of Redlands

Reed College

Rensselaer Polytechnic University

University of Rhode Island

University of Rochester

Rutgers University

Saint Mary's College of California

## **University of San Francisco**

University of San Diego

## **Santa Clara University**

## **Savannah College of Art and Design**

## **University of Southern California**

The School of the Art Institute of Chicago

Skidmore College

## **Smith College (2)**

Southern Methodist University

Southern Oregon University,

Honors College

## **Stanford University**

Stony Brook University

Suffolk University

## **Syracuse University (2)**

Union College

University of Utah

## **University of Washington (3)**

Washington State University

Wesleyan University

Western Washington University

Wheaton College

Whitman College

## **Whittier College**

William and Mary University

## **University of Wisconsin**

## **Worcester Polytechnic Institute**

Vassar College

Virginia Commonwealth University

Virginia Tech



## OVS AT A GLANCE

**195** Acre Campus in the Southern California foothills  
**115** High school students: 63 residents and 52 day  
**59** Students took 134 AP exams in 23 subject areas  
**26** Advanced Placement and Honors courses  
**24** Academic faculty  
**4:1** Student to faculty ratio  
**11** Students recognized in 2023 as AP scholars  
**30** Outdoor Education excursions  
**100%** College matriculation



## OVS ATHLETICS

Flag Football  
 Cross Country  
 Girls Lacrosse  
 Girls Volleyball  
 Equestrian  
 Fitness/Swimming  
 Boys Soccer  
 Girls Soccer  
 Boys Basketball  
 Girls Basketball  
 Weightlifting  
 Baseball  
 Golf  
 Surfing  
 Tennis  
 Track and Field  
 Boys Volleyball

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