



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, 2025-2026

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
ESL History

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
Photography II
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 have earned 778 acceptances in the past six years to colleges and universities across the globe. The list below represents a cross-section of those schools with matriculations for the Classes of 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025 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

Brandeis University

Bucknell University

Cal Lutheran University

Cal Poly Pomona

Cal Poly San Luis Obispo (3)

UC Berkeley (5)

UC Davis (7)

UC Irvine (5)

UCLA (7)

UC Merced

UC Riverside (4)

UC Santa Barbara

UC Santa Cruz (8)

UC San Diego (3)

Carnegie Mellon University

Case Western Reserve

Chapman University

University of Cincinnati

Clarke University

Colby College

Colgate College

Colorado College

CU Boulder (3)

CU Denver

Colorado School of Mines

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

University of Denver

Embry Riddle Aeronautical University (2)

Emmanuel College

Emerson College

Evergreen State College

Fashion Institute of Design &

Merchandising

University of Florida

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

Hofstra University

Hult International Business School

University of Illinois

Illinois Institute of Technology

Indiana University

University of Iowa

Johns Hopkins University

James Madison University

Lipscomb University

Lewis and Clark College

Loyola Marymount University

Loyola University, Chicago

Marquette University

University of Massachusetts, Boston

University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth

University of Massachusetts, Amherst

University of Massachusetts, Lowell

Menlo College (2)

Michigan State University

University of Minnesota

Milwaukee School of Engineering

Montana State University

Northeastern University (2)

Northern Arizona University

The New School

New York University (5)

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

Parsons School of Design

Pitzer College (3)

Pratt Institute (3)

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 (2)

Savannah College of Art and Design

Scripps College

University of Southern California

The School of the Art Institute of Chicago

Skidmore College

Smith College (2)

Southern Methodist University

Stanford University (3)

Stony Brook University

Suffolk University

Syracuse University (2)

Union College

University of Utah

University of Washington (3)

Washington and Lee University

Washington State University

Wesleyan University

Wheaton College

Whitman College

Whittier College

William and Mary University

University of Wisconsin

Vassar College

Virginia Commonwealth University

Virginia Tech



OVS AT A GLANCE

- 195** Acre campus in the Southern California foothills
- 110** High school students, including 62 boarding and 48 day students
- 26** Advanced Placement (AP) and honors courses offered
- 66** Students took 157 AP exams in 28 subject areas in May 2025
- 22** Faculty members
- 5:1** Student to faculty ratio
- 13** Countries and regions represented, including China, Canada, Germany, Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, Mali, Mexico, Nigeria, Russia, Switzerland, Taiwan and USA
- 35** Outdoor Education and field studies trips to 19 destinations, including the Channel Islands, Yosemite, Joshua Tree, and Death Valley national parks; the Kern, Colorado and Rogue rivers; and local surf breaks and hiking trails



OVS ATHLETICS

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

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ACCREDITATION: Ojai Valley School is fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges and holds membership in the California Association of Independent Schools, the College Board, the National Association of College Admissions Counselors, the National Association of Independent Schools, and The Association of Boarding Schools.