

OLM Profile 2014-15



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The History, the Community, the Mission

Established in 1952 by the English speaking Catholic Society of Our Lady of Mercy, Our Lady of Mercy School (OLM) is an American, Catholic school whose mission is to educate the whole person for global understanding. The school offers a fully accredited pre-nursery through 12th grade program, which is recognized in the United States by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools as well as AdancEd (2010) and in Brazil by Ministry of Education and Culture of the State of Rio de Janeiro (Ministério Estadual de Educação e Cultura de Rio de Janeiro). As an American school OLM provides for its students' intellectual, physical, artistic, and social development through a college preparatory, English-language curriculum. As a Catholic school we tend to students' spiritual and emotional development through religious education, community service, and student service programs, as well as by celebrating Catholic liturgies and offering preparation for the sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation. As an international and inclusive school, OLM provides transitional and ongoing support for those students with second-language and special learning needs. Based on Catholic principals for English-speaking children of all nationalities, Our Lady of Mercy School proudly represents 22 countries and provides maximum class sizes of 21 students.

Affiliations

Our Lady of Mercy School is a participating member of:

- Association of American Schools in Brazil - AASB
- Association of American Schools of South America - AASSA
- Excelsior Chapter of the National Honor Society and Junior National Honor Society

Unique Requirements to graduate and receive two diplomas, American and Brazilian

- Write and defend a Senior Thesis in English
- Complete 100+ hours of Community Service

High School Student Demographics

- Brazilian students – 78%
- American students (or English speaking countries) – 11%
- Students from Europe and Asia – 8%
- Students from Latin America and Africa – 3%

Special High School Programs

- Model United Nations – New York
- Model United Nations – South United States
- Global Initiatives Network (AASSA)
- Knowledge Bowl

Grading

The High School Curriculum can be defined as “mainstream advanced college preparatory”. For example, the mandatory 10th (Biology), 11th (Chemistry), and 12th (Physics) grade Sciences are offered in a 7-period per week format, which allows for more hands-on learning through enriched lab experiments. Additionally, students can elect for more advanced courses in Chemistry, Physics, Biology, English, Calculus, Statistics, World History and Spanish.

Our Lady of Mercy School does not “teach to standardized tests”. The students' body of knowledge and preparation to function at high-level Bloom in university work, in addition to using developed social and emotional skills, is evidenced in the school's participation in high-stakes academic competitions. These include Knowledge Bowl, Global Initiative Network (GIN), local academic competitions that measure stamina, skill, and knowledge, in addition to student participation in MUN–New York and MUN–Southern United States. The grades students attain in the classroom over a period of four years in high school are the major indicator of academic preparedness.

Students who receive Differentiated Evaluation based on documented Individual Education Plans have a formal statement of this attached to the student's official transcript and is part of his/her school record. It is sent to the admissions office of college of the student's choice.

Grades are expressed in concepts (letters) and in GPAs (grade point averages).

GRADE	RANGE OF CORRESPONDING NUMERICAL VALUES	GPA RANGE
A+	95 - 100	4.0
A	90 - 94	4.0
B+	85 - 89	3.5 – 3.9
B	80 - 84	3.0 – 3.4
C+	75 - 79	2.5 – 2.9
C	70 - 74	2.0 – 2.4
D+	65 - 69	1.5 – 1.9
D	60 - 64	1.0 – 1.4
F	0 a 59	0 .0 – 0.9
P / F (Pass or Fail, without numeric equivalence, in: Artistic Education, Physical Education, Computing, Religious Education, Community Service, and Senior Thesis, the latter in the senior year.)		
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University Acceptance

	Information available for number of students	Brazilian Four Year Private Universities	Four Year Universities Outside Brazil	Countries
Class of 2012	26	17	9	USA – 7 Madrid, Spain – 1 Peru – 1
Class of 2013	28	20	8	USA – 8
Class of 2014	21	13	8	USA – 7 Italy – 1

Sample Standardized Testing Scores

Sample: Class of 2013

Nine ELL students took the SAT Test.

The mean scores were:

Critical Reading: 525

Math: 564

Writing Score: 520

SAT Scores – Class of 2014

Twenty-three ELL and one native English speaker took the SAT Test. The mean scores were:

Critical Reading: 534

Math: 581

Writing Score: 545

SAT Subject Test Scores – Class of 2013

Math Level I: 590, 580, 620

Math Level II: 630

Chemistry: 600, 750

Physics: 630

Spanish: 770, 720

World History: 590, 670, 580

US History: 550, 600

SAT Subject Test Scores – Class of 2014

Math I: 540, 690, 700,

Math II: 770, 640, 650, 690, 680

Molecular Biology: 710, 610, 680

Chemistry: 680

Physics: 570,

Literature: 560, 440

Sample – Class of 2014

Student SUMMA CUM LAUDE – straight A during four years of high school – 1 student.

Sample – Class of 2014

Advanced Placement Tests – English Language and Composition (1 five, 2 threes), Calculus AB (4 fives, 3 fours), and Biology (1 five, 4 fours, 1 three).

Ten students completed 18 exams with a 90% pass rate.

**GRADUATES OF OLM HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED INTO THE FOLLOWING UNIVERSITIES SINCE 2010.
THE ASTERISKS INDICATE THE UNIVERSITIES OLM STUDENTS DECIDED TO ATTEND IN THE LAST 5 YEARS.**

American College Dublin	Michigan State University *	University of North Florida *
American University	New Jersey Institute of Technology	University of Notre Dame
Amherst	Northeastern University	University of Southern Maine *
Bates	Nova Southeastern University	University of Toronto
Bentley University	NYU New York University *	University of Virginia
Boston College	Ohio State University *	Valencia College
Boston University *	Pace University *	Vassar College
Brandeis University	Palm Beach Atlantic University	Washington College
Brown University *	Parsons	Wentworth Institute of Technology *
Chapman University	Penn State *	
Columbia College	Pepperdine University	
Dartmouth University	Pontificia Universidade Católica –	
Drexel University	PUC Rio *	
Eckerd College *	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute *	
Emerson College *	Senai-SETICQ	
Escola Superior de Propaganda e	SUNY Binghamton	
Marketing ESPM *	SUNY Brockport *	
FIDM San Francisco	SUNY Buffalo *	
Florida International University	Temple University	
Florida Tech *	Temple University	
Fordham University	Tennessee Wesleyan College *	
Fundação Getúlio Vargas – Rio	UC Berkeley*	
de Janeiro*	UCLA *	
George Washington University *	UNIGRANRIO *	
Georgetown University	Universidad Francisco de Victoria,	
Georgia Tech *	Madrid, Spain*	
Grinnell College	Universidade Católica de Lisboa	
Hamilton College	Universidade do Estado de Rio de	
HULT Int Bus school	Janeiro - UERJ*	
IBMEC – Rio *	Universidade Estácio de Sá – Rio	
Indiana University	de Janeiro *	
Instituto Superior de	University of California San Diego *	
Comunicação de Lisboa	University of British Columbia	
Universidade Veiga de Almeida *	University of California Davis	
Iowa State University *	University of California Berkeley*	
University of Calgary, Canada	UCLA *	
Johns Hopkins University *	University of Colorado Boulder *	
Keyo University – Tokyo *	University of Illinois Chicago	
Lawrence Tech *	University of Illinois Urbana	
Lewis University	Champaign	
Loyola Chicago	University of Miami	
Loyola Marymount College *	University of Michigan	
Marymount Manhattan College *	University of Missouri	