

# School Profile

## 2023 - 2024

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**70 YEARS**  
Educating leaders who make their mark

Marymount Barranquilla is a private, Catholic, co-educational, bilingual K-12 institution located in Barranquilla, Colombia. Founded in 1953, Marymount is a 70-year-old school, member of the international network of schools established by the Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary, RSHM.



GLOBAL NETWORK OF  
**RSHM**  
SCHOOLS

Since 2018 the RSHM Network comprises twenty schools from

around the world (Colombia, Brazil, México, USA and Europe), all committed to education.

## OUR MISSION

We are a learning community, founded on Catholic principles, that offers a formative experience enabling individuals to undertake transformative life project in a globalized society.

## OUR VISION

### BE THE LEADERS EDUCATING LEADERS

Students at Marymount receive  
**15 YEARS OF SCHOOLING**  
that combine national and international curriculum requirements, specifically the US and Cambridge systems.

**K-12 SYSTEM**

**4 BIMESTERS**  
IN THE SCHOOL YEAR

**AUGUST - JUNE**

**180 SCHOOL DAYS**

**7 PERIOD DAY**

**45 MINUTES LESSONS**



## ACCREDITATIONS



WE ARE AN  
ACCREDITED  
SCHOOL



## CERTIFICATIONS



Excellence in education

GREAT  
PLACE  
TO  
STUDY



## MEMBERSHIPS



## ALLIANCES



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## THE MARYMOUNT WAY

Marymount graduates are self- directed learners who live by the Marymount Way. They build character through values, global competence and entrepreneurial leadership.

**Values:** They are recognized for living by the SHERR Values (Spirituality, Honesty, Excellence, Respect, and Responsibility).

**Global Competence:** Aligned with de research from the Asia Society (2012), as globally competent individuals, our students:

- Research the world.
- Recognize their own and other's perspectives.
- Communicate ideas effectively.
- Translate ideas into actions.

### Entrepreneurial Leadership:

Students positively inspire and influence others, and grow ideas to create and transform the world.



## MARYMOUNT SUPPORT SERVICES MSS

**MARYMOUNT SCHOOL SUPPORTS STUDENTS WITH ACADEMIC AND/OR EMOTIONAL NEEDS.**

Special students needs are supported through a Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS).

An IAP plan is developed to ensure that a student receives the accommodations that the school is able to provide, in order to facilitate access to the learning environment and academic success.

### BILINGUALISM:

**ADDITIVE BILINGUALISM  
ALONG WITH LANGUAGE  
CAMBRIDGE  
CURRICULUM  
ENGLISH** SINCE  
**IMMERSION** EARLY  
CHILDHOOD



**FRENCH** Our students graduate with a **B-1 Level** certificate in French offered through the Alliance Française - Colombia.

Due to the national exit examination Pruebas Saber 11, and because 65% of our Seniors go to college in Colombia, some of the core subjects in Middle School and High School are taught in Spanish.

## FACULTY



Currently, our staff is composed of:

School Head: (1)

Academic Director: (1)

Academic Extension Director: (1)

Sections Directors: PS, LE, UP, MS, HS (5)

Teaching Faculty: (135)

**65%**  
Bilingual

**7%**  
International

Middle & High School Faculty: (48)

Counselors in MS & HS: (3)

## ENROLLMENT 2023 - 2024

Preschool: 255



Lower  
Elementary: 257



Upper  
Elementary: 218



Middle  
School: 230



High  
School: 209



Graduating Class  
2024: 68



**TOTAL OF STUDENTS: 1169**  
**TOTAL OF FAMILIES: 798**



**Marymount School**  
does not rank  
**Seniors 2024**

## EDUCATIONAL SYSTEMS

	Marymount	Colombia	UK	USA
Preschool	Nursery	Guardería	N	-
	Prekinder	Prejardín	R	K4
	Kinder	Jardín	Y1	K5
L.E	1st	Transición	Y2	1
	2nd	1	Y3	2
	3rd	2	Y4	3
U.E	4th	3	Y5	4
	5th	4	Y6	5
	6th	5	Y7	6
M.S	7th	6	Y8	7
	8th	7	Y9	8
	9th	8	Y10	9
H.S	10th	9	Y11	10
	11th	10	Y12	11
	12th	11	Y13	12

# PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS FOR A *BACHILLERATO* AND/OR US HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA



## CURRICULUM:

<b>Framework:</b> Cambridge International Curriculum and National Requirements.	<b>Personalized profile:</b> *Our empowered learners select the Emphasis that best fits the profile they want to develop for their future careers.  *Options of Emphasis Advanced Mathematics and Engineering; Advanced Biology and Science; and Humanities; Arts and Advanced Economics.	<b>Standardized tests:</b> Cambridge Primary in 5th grade & Lower Secondary Checkpoint in 8th grade. <b>(Results: All subjects in the Good category).</b>  Starting the implementation of IGCSE exams in 10th grade and 12th grade. <b>(Results: 83% passing rate).</b>  Pruebas Saber test from the Colombian Ministry of Education <b>(Consistently in the highest category).</b>
<b>High-quality Learning at Marymount:</b> Learning at Marymount is the social, active, and meaningful process of acquiring knowledge through authentic experiences.	<b>*Advanced Curricula:</b> All the students work with an advanced curriculum (Cambridge IGCSE, AS, or A level) in the subjects they master in that emphasis.	
<b>Student's role:</b> Students are empowered learners who shape their learning profile.	<b>*To bolster their personalized profile,</b> students choose <b>Elective classes and Complementary subjects</b> where they are exposed to the advanced Cambridge curriculum or first-semester curricula from National Universities to develop different qualities and more specialized knowledge.	
<b>New curricular approach:</b> Instead of offering AP classes to a select group of students, the school extended the Cambridge Curriculum to allow <b>all students to work with an international advanced curriculum.</b>  <b>Benefits:</b> The extension of the Cambridge Curriculum has increased the academic rigor helping all students be better prepared for their higher education choices.		<b>GPA:</b> The grading scale is 10-100, with 70 as a passing grade.  The school implements a credit system per subject based on the number of teaching periods per week.  All courses accrue towards the cumulative GPA based on their credits.

## CLASSES OFFERING TO JUNIORS AND SENIORS

**Emphases:** To develop the learners' profile students want to have for their future careers, Marymount offers 3 academic emphasis to Juniors and Seniors.

**1.** Humanities and Arts

**2.** Mathematics and Physics

**3.** Sciences: Chemistry and Biology

Students also choose their complementary and elective subjects that best suit their profile.

**Advanced Curriculum:** Advanced classes are offered in 11th and 12th to all students depending on their selected emphasis. Those classes use the Cambridge IGCSE, AS or A level curriculum. With school support, students also have the opportunity to take AP courses as a personalized advanced path.

**Standardized test:** As for the academic year 2023-2024, students are not required to take the Cambridge AS or A level test. They can take the IGCSE exams that is part of their emphasis.

# SECONDARY ACADEMIC SEQUENCE AND ALTERNATIVES BY SUBJECTS

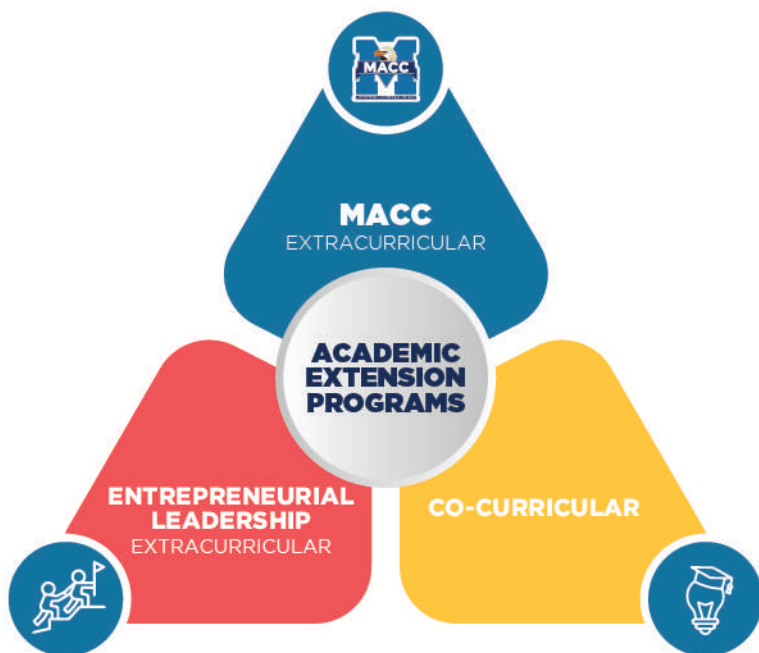
Cambridge Alternative

Common Core - College Board Alternative

Alternatives of the Colombian Ministry of Education

Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)

Departments	9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade Orientations			12th Grade Orientations		
			Math	Scie nce	Huma nities	Math	Scie nce	Huma nities
English Language Arts	IGCSE English as a First Language		AS Level English as a First Language			AS Level English as a First Language		
					Journa lism			Journa lism
Spanish	IGCSE Spanish		Spanish and Literature			Spanish and Literature		
Science Biology	IGCSE Biology			AS level Biology			AS level Biology	
Chemistry			IGCSE Chemistry			IGCSE Chemistry		
Mathematics	IGCSE Mathematics		AS Level Mathematics			A Level Mathem atics	AS Level Mathematics	
	IGCSE Physics		AS Level Physics			AS Level Physics		
						Statistics		
History	IGCSE History							
Sociales			Sociales (Colombian Studies)			Sociales (Colombian Studies)		
			Competenicas Ciudadanas (Citizenship Skills)			Competenicas Ciudadanas (Citizenship Skills)		
French	French A2	French B1	French B1					
Economy			IGCSE Economy		AS Level Economy	IGCSE Economy		AS Level Economy
Philosophy				Philosophical Reading			Philosophical Reading	
Physical Education (PE)	Physical Education	Physical Education	Physical Education			Physical Education		
Art or Music	Art or Music	Art or Music	IGCSE Art and Design or Music			IGCSE Art and Design or Music		
Religion	Religion	Religion	Religion			Religion		
Technology	Techno logy	Techno logy	Technology			Technology		
Explore Horizons			Explore Horizons (Capstone Project)			Explore Horizons (Capstone Project)		
Complementary subjects			IGCSE Accounting / AS- level Accounting, Python, Mass Communication, etc.					
Electives	Electiv es	Electiv es	Electives			Electives		



## EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: CULTURAL



Arts and crafts



Cooking



Music



Band

## EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: SPORTS



Athletics



Basketball



Baseball  
Softball



Soccer



Volleyball



Ping Pong



Gymnastics



Swimming

## LEADERSHIP AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP:



## CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:



High Potential program  
(Students with notable  
academic, artistic or  
sports potential)



International  
Exchanges and  
Expeditions Program



National and  
International  
Summer Camps



Co-curricular  
subjects



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**COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES:**

- All recommendations are confidential as permitted by law.
- We review and make determinations whether any disciplinary issue in a student's file reaches the level for reporting to universities.

**OUR GRADUATES**

**100%** of graduates pursue higher education in four-year program colleges.



**2%** Defer their college entrance for a semester or year, to study another language.

**35%** pursue their studies abroad.

**COLLEGE ENROLLMENT CLASSES  
2021, 2022, 2023**

**USA:**

- Baylor University
- Cornell University
- Colorado State University
- Columbus State University
- Concord University
- Emerson College
- Florida International University
- Georgia Institute of Technology
- Hult International Business School
- Illinois Institute of Technology
- Loyola University Chicago
- Lynn University
- Marymount University
- Miami Dade College
- Nebrija University
- New York University
- New York Film Academy
- Northeastern University
- Nova Southeastern University
- Pace University
- Purdue University
- Santa Fe Community College
- University of Cincinnati
- SCAD
- The University of Texas at Austin
- The University of Texas at Arlington

- The University of Tampa
- University of Miami
- University of Notre Dame
- University of San Diego
- University of Central Florida
- Virginia Commonwealth University
- Washington University
- México
- Tec de Monterrey
- Iberoamerican University

**EUROPE:**

- CEU Madrid
- ESADE Business School
- IE University
- Francisco de Vitoria University
- Jacobs University
- John Cabot University
- Navarra University
- Sorbonne University

**COLOMBIA:**

- CESA
- Eafit
- Pontificia Universidad Javeriana
- Universidad del Norte
- Universidad de la Sabana
- Universidad del Rosario
- Universidad Nacional
- Universidad de los Andes