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Course Registration FAQs-- Class of 2022

Please review this information in its entirety before submitting your online course requests (due no later than **Wednesday, March 28**)

What does a typical day look like in the schedule of a freshman?

All students at Saint Ignatius follow a nine-period schedule; each period lasts 45 minutes. Freshmen take seven classes each semester and have 75 minutes of free time each day to eat, study, or socialize; there are no mandatory study halls. See the end of this document for examples of typical freshman schedules.

What are the graduation requirements of a Saint Ignatius student?

All students must complete 50 semesters of coursework in the following areas to graduate:

English	8 semesters
Theology	8 semesters
Math	8 semesters
Social Studies	6 semesters (must include US Govt. and Personal Finance)
Foreign Language	6 semesters (must be in the same language)
Lab Science	6 semesters
PE/Health	3 semesters
Fine Arts	1 semester
Public Speaking	1 semester
Computer Concepts	1 semester
Electives	2 semesters

Where can I find more information about available courses?

The "Academics" section of our website hosts a tremendous amount of information about the school's faculty, curricular policies, and academic offerings. Special attention should be paid to Course Catalog (www.ignatius.edu/file/Course-Catalog-2018-2019.pdf), which provides descriptions of every course offered at the school as well as any pre-requisite information. A link to the Student Handbook can also be found on the website (www.ignatius.edu/dean-of-students).

Does Saint Ignatius "track" students?

We do not believe in limiting students to "honors" or "regular" tracks. Regardless of what courses you take as a freshman, you will still have the option of taking honors or Advanced Placement courses in the future based on your own interests, initiative, and the recommendations of your teachers.

What are my options for my math placement?

The Saint Ignatius Math Department will take a variety of measures to assess the best course for an incoming student. Most students will start in Algebra I, Honors Algebra I, or Honors Geometry, though students can also place into other courses such as Fundamentals of Algebra, Honors Algebra II or beyond. We will examine admissions scores, 8th grade teacher input, and placement testing (if applicable) in this decision. You are strongly encouraged to review the "Math Testing" link at www.ignatius.edu/welcome2022 for detailed information on the math program and placement.



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What are my options for my foreign language requirement?

Saint Ignatius offers three primary foreign languages for the freshman year—French, Latin, and Spanish; all students must enroll in a foreign language. We will try to accommodate the student's first or second choice; however, we reserve the right to place a student in any of the three languages offered. Special attention must be given to the course request deadline of Wednesday, March 28th; students who submit their choices after this date will be subject to assignment of their language. Interested students are invited to take a placement test to determine proficiency and correct placement (e.g., Level 1; Level 1 Honors; Level 2; Level 2 Honors, etc.).

Mandarin Chinese is also available by application to a limited number of freshmen. Refer to the information posted at the bottom of the course registration form (www.ignatius.edu/course-registration).

What can you tell me about the placement examinations in math and foreign language?

Students who feel they might qualify for advanced coursework in these two disciplines during the freshman year (that is, enrollment beyond Honors Algebra or first-year foreign language courses) are encouraged to sit for a placement examination. These tests are intended to help the families and departments determine the appropriate placement for students in the spirit of challenging—yet not overwhelming—they. Final placement is ultimately at the discretion of the department. Placement testing for foreign language requires pre-registration, while for math it does not; there is no charge for any placement exam. Detailed information regarding placement testing (including dates and registration procedures) is available at www.ignatius.edu/welcome2022.

What are my options for my fine art requirement?

Saint Ignatius offers six different fine arts options to incoming freshmen: semester-long courses in Rhetorical Arts, Visual Arts, Musical Arts, or Theater Arts; and year-long courses in Band or Freshman Chorus. Please refer to the Fine Arts department portion of the Course Catalog. Students requesting Band or Freshman Chorus as their first choice will normally be enrolled in that course; we reserve the right to place those who select a semester-long option into any of the four courses based on availability, although we will do our best to accommodate your first choice. All freshmen will take a fine art course.

What are my options for honors courses in the freshman year?

Honors level courses in math, foreign language, and biology are offered in the freshman year. Placements into these courses are *independent and individual decisions*. As mentioned above, there is no tracking at Saint Ignatius. Honors world history and honors English are combined in the Fr. Streicher Humanities Program; students in this program take both courses. There is no honors world history or honors English available as stand-alone courses.

The curriculum for all honors courses, and the requirements for placement into them, are described in the Course Catalog (www.ignatius.edu/file/Course-Catalog-2018-2019.pdf). See above for placement testing in math and languages. All information about placement into honors courses will be communicated by e-mail so be sure to check your school e-mail account regularly.

Are there any summer courses available to me?

Some students are required to successfully complete summer coursework in reading, English, math, or a combination of those as a condition of their enrollment. Please refer to your acceptance letter and future mailings for further information.



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Students interested in taking an advanced Fine Arts course during their freshman year may take Visual Arts over the summer. This does not fulfill the fine arts requirement in freshman year, but will earn a student credit and placement in an advanced art course. This is a great option for students whose ambition is to take AP Studio Art before they graduate.

What are my next steps?

You will need to submit your course requests no later than **Monday, March 12th**. The submission form can be found at www.ignatius.edu/welcome2021. It is critical that you meet the deadline for this task; if the course requests are not received by the date due, those courses will be selected by the scheduling software.

When will I get more information about my course schedule for next year?

A listing of courses requested, which reflects those classes that will make your schedule, will be in your folder at Freshman Family Orientation.

Tentative math placement decisions will be emailed to parents on May 17th. Tentative foreign language decisions will be emailed in mid- to late-May.

Finally, official class schedules, with times, are distributed to students during their freshman orientation in August.

I've already submitted my course requests but now would like to make a change. What should I do?

If you've changed your mind or made a mistake in your course request submission, please contact ASAP the school counselor assigned to your last name below.

I still have questions about course offerings for next year; whom should I contact?

The Counseling Department is typically the first point of contact for any schedule-related matter. Feel free to contact one of the following department members based on the first letter of your last name should you have any other questions about course registration. *Please note that this person may or may not end up as your counselor next year; final assignments are made in August.*

Last Name	Contact	Phone (216.651.0222)	E-Mail
A-C	Mr. Brian Martin	ext. 462	bmartin@ignatius.edu
D-G	Mr. Michael Strauss	ext. 271	mstrauss@ignatius.edu
H-L	Mrs. Beth McDonnell	ext. 447	bmcdonnell@ignatius.edu
M-P	Mrs. Mary Walsh	ext.464	mwalsh@ignatius.edu
Q-T	Mrs. Melissa Lessick	ext. 463	mlessick@ignatius.edu
U-Z	Ms. Megan Simstad	ext. 449	msimstad@ignatius.edu



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Sample Freshman Schedules—Class of 2022

For illustration purposes only—note that period assignments will vary (all periods are 45 minutes long). English, math, history, foreign language, and biology courses can be either standard or honors-level depending upon placement.

Standard Schedule		
1 st semester	Per.	2 nd semester
English	1	English
Math	2	Math
World History	3	World History
Foreign Language	4	Foreign Language
<free period>	5	<free period>
Biology	6	Biology
Biology (10 min. class, 30 min. free)	7	Biology (10 min. class, 30 min. free)
Fine Art elective	8	Phys. Ed.
Theology	9	Theology

Standard Schedule (+ Band/Freshmen Chorus) (nb—Phys. Ed. deferred to future years)		
1 st semester	Per.	2 nd semester
English	1	English
Math	2	Math
World History	3	World History
Foreign Language	4	Foreign Language
Theology	5	Theology
Biology	6	Biology
Biology (10 min. class, 30 min. free)	7	Biology (10 min. class, 30 min. free)
<free period>	8	<free period>
Band/Fr. Chorus	9	Band/Fr. Chorus