

Course Registration FAQs -- Class of 2024

Please review this information in its entirety before selecting courses in the response document.

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. Most freshmen take six classes one semester, seven classes the other semester, and have at least 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 Government)
Foreign Language	6 semesters (must be in the same language)
Lab Science	6 semesters
PE/Health	3 semesters (PE may be waived, see below)
Fine Arts	1 semester
Public Speaking	1 semester
Computer Concepts	1 semester
Electives	2 semesters

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 available) in this decision. You are strongly encouraged to review the Math Testing information at www.ignatius.edu/math-testing for detailed information on the math program and placement. If you choose to take a math placement test, you can show up on any testing day; no registration is needed.

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. You will register your choice through your online course selection, however, we reserve the right to place a student in any of the three languages offered. Interested students are invited to apply for a higher level language course (e.g., Honors Latin I, Spanish II, Honors Spanish II, French II or Mandarin II). You can apply online at www.ignatius.edu/welcome2024.

Mandarin Chinese is also available *by application* to a limited number of freshmen. The application is the last page of this document. If you are interested in applying to take Mandarin Chinese, please complete and submit the application.

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 complete the applications for advanced level courses. These applications will 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. These applications will replace in-person placement exams.

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 will need to be available in the summer for Band camp. All freshmen must select a fine art course.

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

Honors level courses in math and language were described above. Honors level courses in English, biology, and Advanced Placement Modern World History are available to certain incoming freshmen, by invitation from the Assistant Principal for Academics. Placements into these courses are *independent and individual decisions*. The curriculum for all honors courses and the requirements for placement into them, are described in the Course Catalog.

What about Physical Education and the Waiver for Physical Education?

Saint Ignatius students who participate in sports or band can waive their PE requirement for graduation. No freshmen will be scheduled for PE. Physical Education courses are part of the junior and senior years.

Where can I find the full Course Catalog?

If these FAQ didn't tell you everything you wanted to know about courses, or if you want to look at courses beyond the freshman year, the catalog is [here](#).

Are there any summer courses available to me?

(Due to current events and social distancing protocols, summer classes are planned but could get cancelled.) Some students are expected 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 to determine if you are expected to complete any of these summer courses.

For those students not expected to take summer courses, there is: [Introduction to Saint Ignatius High School](#), An Extended Orientation Program for Incoming Ninth Graders

This is a five day program to welcome, orient, and prepare incoming 9th graders for academic life at Saint Ignatius. The program will focus on study skills, the summer reading assignment for freshmen, technology used for school, and the rules and regulations of Saint Ignatius High School as well as the history and culture of the school. It is also a great way to start to meet classmates as many of the activities will be collaborative and interactive. Each day will run from 9am to 11:45am. Students should come in dress code and may bring the BYOT device they plan

on using during the school year. There will be devices available for students to use if they do not have a device yet. Students should also have already purchased a copy of the summer reading book (TBA) and bring it with them to class each day. All other materials will be provided as part of the program fee including pens, a binder, paper, class readings and handouts.

NB: This program offers much of the same content as the four week summer school program that some incoming students are required to take so any student enrolled in the four week summer school program would not benefit from this program.

2020 Dates: Session I June 8 - 12; Session II June 15 - 19; Session III June 22 - 26

Program Fee: \$100

Any students interested in taking an advanced Fine Arts course during their freshman year may take an optional, for-credit, fine arts course over the summer. Taking a summer fine arts class does not take the place of the fine arts course in freshman year, but will earn a student academic credit and placement into an advanced art course during his freshman year.

What are my next steps?

The Course Registration meetings have been replaced with an online course selection method. Use the form at www.ignatius.edu/welcome2024 to select your Language and Fine Art. As soon as you complete the form, you will automatically also be registered for all the standard freshman courses (theology, English, world history, biology, algebra).

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

Due to current events and distance learning protocol, we are working to find ways to make math and language placement decisions for students that are not served by the standard freshmen courses. Information will be updated at www.ignatius.edu/Welcome2024 as it becomes available.

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

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. Due to current events, the school buildings are closed and the phone numbers listed will not be active until buildings reopen.*

Last Name	Contact	Phone (216.651.0222)	E-Mail
A-C	Mr. Brian Holleran	ext. 462	bholleran@ignatius.edu
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U-Z	Mrs. Megan Giavonette	ext. 449	mgiavonette@ignatius.edu

Sample Freshman Schedules—Class of 2024

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		
1st semester	Per .	2nd 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	<free period>
Theology	9	Theology

Standard Schedule (+ Band/Freshmen Chorus)		
1st semester	Per .	2nd 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