

# **Course Registration FAQs -- Class of 2025**

Please review this information in its entirety before selecting courses in the response document. Responses are due by 11:59 p.m. on April 30.

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

All students at Saint Ignatius follow a seven-slot schedule; each period lasts 70 minutes. Most freshmen take six classes one semester, seven classes the other semester, with four of those classes meeting each school day. Each day also includes formation time and lunch time. These provide time each day to eat, study, or socialize. See the end of this document for examples of typical freshman schedules.

## **What classes do freshmen take?**

Freshmen take theology, English, math, world history, biology, foreign language, and at least one semester of fine arts.

## **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 needed) in this decision. You are strongly encouraged to review the Math Testing information at [www.ignatius.edu/math-testing](http://www.ignatius.edu/math-testing) for detailed information on the math program and placement.

## **What are my options for my foreign language requirement?**

Saint Ignatius offers four foreign languages for the freshman year—French, Latin, Mandarin Chinese, 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 languages offered. Interested students, if they have not already done so, are invited to apply for a higher level language course (e.g., Honors Latin I, Honors Latin II, Spanish II, Honors Spanish II, French II or Mandarin II). You can apply online at [www.ignatius.edu/welcome2025](http://www.ignatius.edu/welcome2025).

## **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 if I want more than the minimum of fine arts?**

Starting with the Class of 2025, students selecting a semester-long fine arts course may choose to take an additional semester of fine arts to fill out the free slot in the other semester. Students who opt to take a second semester-long course may choose from Rhetorical Arts, Visual Arts, Musical Arts, Theater Arts, 3-D Art, Drawing, or Graphical Design. Since this option is new for the class of 2025, availability is limited and not all students who opt to ask for this option will be guaranteed to get an additional fine arts course. There is no additional charge for this additional course.

**What are my options for restricted 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*. 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. 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?**

Some students are expected to participate in the Summer Bridge Program from July 28 - August 13. Please refer to your acceptance letter to determine if you were invited to participate in the Summer Bridge Program. Additionally, a limited number of summer enrichment courses will be made available to incoming freshmen. [See the summer course offering page here](#).

**What are my next steps?**

Use the form at [www.ignatius.edu/welcome2025](http://www.ignatius.edu/welcome2025) to select your Language and Fine Art(s) and answer some questions about math. As soon as you complete the form, you will automatically also be registered for all the standard freshman courses (theology, English, world history, biology). This form should be completed by Friday, April 30 at 11:59 pm.

**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/Welcome2025](http://www.ignatius.edu/Welcome2025) 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.*

Last Name	Contact	Phone (216.651.0222)	E-Mail
A-C	Mr. Brian Holleran	ext. 462	<a href="mailto:bholleran@ignatius.edu">bholleran@ignatius.edu</a>
D-G	Mr. Michael Strauss	ext. 271	<a href="mailto:mstrauss@ignatius.edu">mstrauss@ignatius.edu</a>

H-L	Mrs. Beth McDonnell	ext. 447	<a href="mailto:bmcdonnell@ignatius.edu">bmcdonnell@ignatius.edu</a>
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Q-T	Mrs. Melissa Lessick	ext. 463	<a href="mailto:mlessick@ignatius.edu">mlessick@ignatius.edu</a>
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## Sample Freshman Schedules—Class of 2025

For illustration purposes only—note that slot assignments will vary in order from student to student (all periods are 70 minutes long).

<b>Standard Schedule</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup> semester	Slot	2 <sup>nd</sup> semester
English	A	English
Math	B	Math
World History	C	World History
Foreign Language	D	Foreign Language
Theology	E	Theology
Biology	F	Biology
Fine Art elective	G	<free period> or 2nd FA elective

Each school day four classes meet; the next day picks up where the previous day left off. For example if on one day classes B,C,D,E meet; then the next day classes F,G,A,B meet.

<b>Standard Schedule (+ Band/Freshman Chorus)</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup> semester	Slot	2 <sup>nd</sup> semester
English	A	English
Math	B	Math
World History	C	World History
Foreign Language	D	Foreign Language
Theology	E	Theology
Biology	F	Biology
Band/Fr. Chorus	G	Band/Fr.Chorus