



Fairfield College Preparatory School

A Jesuit, Catholic School of Excellence

Dear Parents of Students in the Class of 2021 and 2022:

During Guidance classes on Tuesday, January 15th and Wednesday, January 16th, Guidance Counselors will introduce students to the course selection process for the 2019 – 2020 academic year. The course selection process that we have designed at Fairfield Prep allows a student and his family ample time to consult with teachers and counselors and to choose a course of study best suited to the student's particular talents and interests. Additionally, the process enables faculty to place a student in appropriate courses based upon his academic performance while a student at Fairfield Prep. On Friday, January 11th, you will receive a first Course of Studies from our Registrar. This course of studies will outline his required courses and, if applicable, the number of elective courses needed to complete his course of studies for next year.

Requirements for Each Year

The course selection catalog for the 2019 – 2020 academic year is available on the Fairfield Prep website under Parent & Student Information.

Students are scheduled for the following classes depending on their class year:

SOPHOMORE YEAR (6 Credits Required)

Students in their sophomore year will take six courses:

1. English
2. Mathematics
3. Theology II
4. Foreign Language
5. Science (Students who were not enrolled in Biology as a freshman will enroll in Biology. Students who were enrolled in Biology as a freshman will enroll in Physics)
6. Social Studies (Students will be able to select either Western Civilization or Asian Studies for the Social Studies course in their sophomore year. Selected students will be invited to enroll in Asian Honors Humanities by the Social Studies Department Chairperson after the end of the third quarter.)

JUNIOR YEAR (6 Credits Required)

Students in their junior year will take six courses:

1. English
2. Mathematics
3. Theology III
4. Foreign Language
5. Science (Students who were enrolled in Biology as a sophomore will enroll in Physics. Students who were enrolled in Physics as a sophomore will enroll in Chemistry)
6. Social Studies (American History)

Course Selection Timeline

Thursday, January 17th: On Thursday, January 17th, all Department Chairs and faculty will begin speaking with students regarding course selection. Students can begin contacting Department Chairs and teachers regarding course requests and other questions.

Wednesday, January 30th

Students who wish to register for the following courses must contact the appropriate contact by Wednesday, January 30th at 3:00PM to request placement into the course:

Course	Contact / Department Chair	Contact Method
Select Choir	Mr. Horstmann	Meet in B304
Symphonic Band	Mr. Horstmann	Meet in B304
Symphonic Orchestra	Mr. Horstmann	Meet in B304
Studio Art	Mr. Fosse Previs	Meet in B302
AP French	Ms. Laguzza	Meet in X204B
Honors French IV / V	Ms. Laguzza	Meet in X204B
AP Latin	Ms. Laguzza	Meet in X204B
Honors Spanish IV	Ms. Laguzza	Meet in X204B
AP Spanish Language	Ms. Laguzza	Meet in X204B
AP Physics I*	Mrs. Kiel	Meet in X408

* For the first time, rising Sophomores and Juniors who completed Biology in their Freshman or Sophomore year are eligible to enroll in AP Physics I. Students who are interested in the course should speak with Mrs. Kiel. Students must be approved to enroll in this course based on their performance in Science and Math courses.

Wednesday, February 6th (approximately): The second Course of Studies will be sent to students and parents. This course of studies will include enrollment in any of the courses listed above.

Thursday, March 7th (approximately): The third Course of Studies will be sent to students and parents. This Course of Studies is primarily for the rising seniors – the second and third Course of Studies for your son should be the same. All rising juniors will see “Jr/Sr Math” on their schedule for now. Students will be placed in appropriate levels (Honors, AP) after the third quarter.

Monday, March 11th – Monday, March 18th: First Add / Drop Period for rising 10th and 11th grade students. Students who are requesting course changes or students who wish to register for a seventh course must complete the “Course Add / Drop” form and submit to their Guidance Counselor by Monday, March 18th.

Monday, March 18th, Wednesday, March 20th, and Friday, March 22nd: Rising juniors who wish to enroll in AP English need to sit for an essay assessment on one of these three days in B405 at 2:40PM. For details, contact Mrs. Clark.

Friday, April 26th (approximately): The fourth Course of Studies will be sent to students and parents. This course of studies will include enrollment in all courses and in appropriate levels (Honors, AP) for all rising 10th and 11th grade students.

Monday, April 29th – Friday, May 3rd: Final Add / Drop Period for rising 10th and 11th grade students. Students who are requesting course changes must complete the “Course Add / Drop” form and submit to their Guidance Counselor by Friday, May 3rd.

Special Notes

- Placement in an Honors or AP class is a privilege earned by class standing and performance within the discipline. Students are placed in these courses primarily based on their cumulative grade point average. Performance within a discipline is considered as a secondary factor to grade point average.
- Students who enroll in a seventh course will have that course included on their official transcript as an enrichment course, but the grade will not be calculated in his grade point average. Students who wish to take a seventh course may enroll by completing the “Course Add / Drop” during the first Add-Drop period (March 11th – March 18th). Students enrolling in a seventh course will be enrolled in the course if there is space in the course after all students have been scheduled for their prerequisite number of classes and with the permission of the appropriate Department Chair and Guidance Counselor.
- All rising sophomores and juniors who enroll in an AP class are required to take the AP examination in that course. The current cost of taking the AP examination during the 2018 – 2019 academic year is \$93.00 per course (fee subject to change). In order to retain AP placement, juniors must pay, in full, the cost of taking AP exams in all courses in which they are enrolled upon receipt of a special billing in the fall.
- Your son’s counselor will discuss with him the course selection process in detail in the Guidance classes and also in individual meetings, as requested. If you have any questions concerning the course selection process, please contact your son’s counselor.
- Please note the importance of the fact that, in order to maintain the integrity of the scheduling process, we will not honor requests for course changes after the final add/drop period which will take place during the week of April 29th – May 3rd.

I thank you in advance for the guidance and assistance that you will offer your son in selecting a course of studies that best fits his needs and abilities. If you have questions, please contact your son’s Guidance Counselor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Timothy G. Dee". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial 'T' and a long, horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Timothy G. Dee
Academic Dean