



# Fairfield College Preparatory School

**A Jesuit, Catholic School of Excellence**

Dear Parents of Students in the Class of 2020:

During Guidance classes on Tuesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 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 11<sup>th</sup>, 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 Senior 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 for their senior year:

### **SENIOR YEAR (6 Credits Required)**

1. English (Students can select one of the five courses to fulfill their senior year requirement: AP English (with approval of Department Chair), Literature of Industry, Literature of Political Thought, British Writers, or American Drama and Film)
2. Mathematics
3. Theology (Students can select either Social Ethics and Global & Environmental Justice or Social Ethics and Economy & Society)
4. Elective / Foreign Language (Students who have not completed three levels of the same foreign language will enroll in a foreign language course. Students who have completed three levels of the same foreign language can choose an elective)
5. Elective / Science (Students who were enrolled in Physics as a junior will enroll in Chemistry. Students who were enrolled in Chemistry as a junior can choose an elective.)
6. Elective / Social Studies (Students who did not enroll in a Social Studies course as a freshman must enroll in a Social Studies course. Students who were enrolled in a Social Studies course as a freshman can choose an elective.)

## **Course Selection Timeline**

**Thursday, January 17<sup>th</sup>:** On Thursday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, all Department Chairs and faculty will begin speaking with students regarding course selection. Course selection forms (Google Forms) for Theology and English courses will be available online. Students can begin contacting Department Chairs and teachers regarding course requests and other questions.

**Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> (2:40PM), Wednesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> (2:40PM), or Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup> (10:00AM):** Rising seniors who wish to enroll in AP English need to sit for an essay assessment on one of these three days in B405. For details, contact Mrs. Clark.

**Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>**

Course selection forms (Google Forms) for Theology and English courses need to be submitted by 3:00PM.

Additionally, students who wish to register for the following courses must contact the appropriate contact by Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup> 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 Spanish Literature	Ms. Laguzza	Meet in X204B
AP English: Language & Composition (Sr)	Mrs. Clark	E-Mail
Computer Programming	Mr. Dee	E-Mail
AP Government & Politics	Mr. Mauritz	E-Mail
AP European History	Mr. Mauritz	E-Mail
AP Biology	Mrs. Kiel	Meet in X408
AP Physics	Mrs. Kiel	Meet in X408
AP Chemistry	Mrs. Kiel	Meet in X408
Environmental Science	Mrs. Kiel	Meet in X408
AP Statistics	Ms. Bohan	Meet in X307
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Principles of Business and Entrepreneurship*	Mr. Dee	E-Mail

\* For the first time, Fairfield Prep will be offering a Principles of Business and Entrepreneurship course. This course will provide authentic and meaningful experiences for students to learn the process of how to bring their original business ideas to fruition. Students will be encouraged to generate their own, original business ideas to develop in this class. Authentic experiences will include real-time presentations to experienced investors drawn from the ranks of successful Prep alumni, and open, shark-tank like competitions such as the Start-up program sponsored by Fairfield University, where students can compete for funding grants ranging into the tens of thousands of dollars.

**Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup> (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 and will also contain information regarding the lottery for elective courses.

**Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup>:** The Senior Lottery Course Selection Form (in Google Forms) will be available online. Courses that are available for selection are the following:

- The Modern Middle East (Semester 1) / U.S. History 1945 to the Present (Semester 2)
- Introduction to American Government
- Introduction to Sociology
- Economics
- Modern Asia
- Creative Writing

**Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>:** The Senior Lottery Course Selection Form (in Google Forms) needs to be submitted by 3:00PM.

**Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup> (approximately):** The third Course of Studies will be sent to students and parents. This course of studies will include enrollment in any of the courses listed above and any lottery courses. All rising juniors and seniors will see “Jr/Sr Math” on their schedule for now. Students will be placed in appropriate levels after the third quarter.

**Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup> – Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>:** First Add / Drop Period for 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 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup> (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 students.

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

### 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 11<sup>th</sup> – March 18<sup>th</sup>). 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.
- 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 29<sup>th</sup> – May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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,



Timothy G. Dee  
Academic Dean