

Monta Vista High School

Course Selection—

9th grade

Class of 2024



Agenda

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- Course selection process and timeline
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Academics



**Daily
living**

**Extra-
curricular**

4-year timeline

9th Grade — getting to know yourself & school

- Transitioning from middle to high school
- Identifying your learning style & solidifying study techniques
- Develop self-advocacy & independence
- Naviance — interest inventories

10th Grade — exploration

- Explore — take risks & try new things
- Find out what interests you & what you are passionate about
- Naviance — career & major exploration

11th Grade — honing in

- Go deeper in your areas of interest (both academic & extra-curricular)
- Seek balance
- Naviance — college exploration

- Tests — AP, CAASP, PSAT, SAT/ACT

12th Grade — putting it all together

- Go deeper in your areas of interest (both academic & extra-curricular)
- Seek balance
- Naviance — college applications

- Tests — AP, SAT/ACT

High School Requirements

Requirement	Graduation	UC/CSU eligibility
<i>English</i>	<i>40 credits</i>	<i>4 years</i>
<i>Science</i>	<i>20 credits</i>	<i>2 years</i>
<i>Math</i>	<i>20 credits (through Geometry)</i>	<i>3 years (through Algebra II)</i>
<i>Social Science</i>	<i>30 credits</i>	<i>2 years</i>
<i>PE</i>	<i>20 credits</i>	
<i>Electives</i>	<i>70 credits</i> <u><i>In addition to 2 out of 3:</i></u> <i>10 credits Applied Academic</i> <i>10 credits Fine Art</i> <i>10 credits World Language</i>	<i>1 year Fine Art</i> <i>2 years World Language</i> <i>1 year College Prep Elective</i>
<i>Total Credits</i>	<i>220 total credits</i>	

****1 year course = 10 credits***



Selecting Courses

- Sophomore Year student have some choices
- Select courses that are right for you
- Good rule of thumb is to match rigor with interests!
- Informed decision making — seek information from teachers, guidance staff, current & former students, parents etc.

Course Selection Process

Students/families should receive the following by the end of January:

- . K12 online course registration form
- . Course offerings handout
- . “How-to” video for Infinite Campus course selection

It is required to complete both the K12 form and Infinite Campus course selection

Course Selection Timeline

- Infinite Campus Portal: 2/11—3/5
- K12 Course Request Forms due: 3/5
- Course verification/corrections: 3/22—3/26
- Final course verification: Early June
- Tentative schedules sent home: Early August
- Running of the Bulls (ROTB)--add available courses, drop courses: August 9th
- Pick up schedule first day of school: August 16th

10th Grade Core Course Offerings

<i>English</i>	<i>Social Science</i>	<i>Science</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• World Literature• World Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• World History• World Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chemistry• Chemistry Honors• Physics• AP Physics 1

10th Grade Lit and History



World Lit/History

- 2 separate classes, independent grades
- About 30 students per class
- Traditional classroom environment

World Studies

- Combined World Lit and History class--2 consecutive periods
- 60 students
- Team teaching
- More group work and collaboration

10th Grade Science



Chemistry

- **Chemistry**
 - Introduction to Chem
 - Passed Alg. 1 or higher
- **Chemistry Honors**
 - Math intensive
 - Passed Geometry or higher
 - Rigorous/fast-paced course

Physics

- **Physics**
 - Introduction to Physics
 - Passed Geometry or higher
- **AP Physics 1**
 - Passed Algebra 2 or higher
 - College level course

MVHS Math Pathways

Algebra 1

Geometry

Algebra 2

**Algebra 2 /
Trigonometry**

**Applications of
Advanced Math**

Pre-Calculus

**Pre-Calculus
Honors**

AP Statistics*

AP Calculus AB

AP Calculus BC

*AP Statistics may be taken upon successful completion of any upper level math class

10th Grade Elective Courses

- **Fine Arts**

- Art, 3D Sculpture & Design, Music/Choir, Drama

- **Applied Academics**

- Business, Computer Science, Woodworking, Engineering, Journalism, STEM

- **World Language**

- Chinese, Japanese, Spanish, French

- **General Electives**

- TA, Lab Assistant, Media Assistant, Yearbook, Leadership, AVID

- **PE**

- Racquet Sports, Weight Training, Dance, Basketball

Selecting Courses

- Request your top 6 academic courses
- Free 7th for sport, open period
- If interested in taking 7 classes you may request one, however placement into a 7th class is based on availability
- No two classes within the same curricular department

Course Selection Support

- MVHS.fuhsd.org website
- Course Selection Parent Q & A Webinars:
 - Rising 9th and 10th graders — 1/26, 5-6pm
- Course Selection Student Q & A Webinar — Advisory, 1/26, 9:15-9:45am
- Elective Night Q & A Webinar — 2/2, 5-6pm
- EL Course Selection Webinar — 2/9, 5-6pm
- Student Course Information Fair — 2/10 (Advisory)

Striking Balance

- Consider your options and time commitments carefully!
- Facilitate a conversation at home:
 - Daily living hours
 - Course workload expectations
 - Extra-curricular hours

Campus Life

- MVHS is a *comprehensive* high school! This is a time for your student to:
 - Explore interests
 - Learn
 - Have fun
 - Try new things!
- Clubs
- Leadership
- Music
- Theatre
- Spirit
- Dance Team
- Color Guard
- Athletics

Top 5 for 10th graders

1. Maintain balance
2. Choose courses that are right for *you*
3. Continue to explore and deepen your areas of interest
4. Foster independence & encourage self-advocacy
5. Contact us & seek support when needed

Next Steps

- Attend Q & A webinars
 - Students — 1/26, 9:15-9:45am
 - Parents — 1/26, 5-6pm
- Contact teachers to discuss course selections
- Elective Night Q & A webinar — 2/2, 5-6pm
- Turn in K12 course selection form by 3/5
- Complete Infinite Campus portal course selection registration by 3/5