



Saint Agnes School 530 Lafond Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55103



Tuesday, February 8th, 2022
Opt. Memorial of St. Josephine Bakhita

High School Course Requests for 2022-23

DUE: Tuesday, February 15th at 11:59pm

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Greetings to you as we enter the middle of the 3rd quarter of the school year. We just finished a beautiful Catholic Schools Week and are looking forward in a few weeks to Snow Days. Believe it or not, with reenrollment now complete, we are already turning our attention to next school year. As we plan for 2022-23, an important part of this planning is the course request process. With this letter and the attached materials, we hope to provide parents and students all the information necessary to make the course request process for the 2022-23 academic year as easy as possible.

As in recent years, students will register for their courses online through Educate. **We highly recommend that you and your student look through all the course request materials together to plan for a successful 2022-23 academic year.**

Below is a summary of all the materials included with this letter/email:

1. Cover Letter, Course Updates for 2022-23, Note on Honors Courses & Directions
2. High School Curriculum Overview and Grade-Specific Course Request Guide
3. Grade-Specific Planning Sheet
4. Required Course Credit for Graduation Worksheet

*The updated **2022-23 Course Catalogue**, containing course descriptions, curriculum overviews and academic policies, is available online to download at www.SaintAgnesSchool.org/academics

The course request period opens today, Tuesday, February 8th and ends on Tuesday, February 15th; during this time students and parents will complete online registration in Educate. The submission deadline for online course requests is Tuesday, February 15th at 11:59 p.m.

We have pre-placed students into their required grade-level Theology courses. Students and families will use the accompanying documents and the online *Course Catalogue* to make requests for all other courses. Most specifically, students and families may choose whether to request enrollment into Honors courses. Classroom teachers have already provided some input to students about the differences between the grade level and Honors level courses, and the requirements for admission to Honors courses. Each department has specific requirements for students to be enrolled in Honors level classes, and all requests for Honors placement will be reviewed and confirmed by current teachers and department coordinators. Saint Agnes School reserves the right to make the final determination regarding student eligibility for course placements.

Please contact us at any time if you have questions about the academic program or course request process.

Sincerely,

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Course Updates for 2022-23

Science Department Update:

We have updated the sequence of the Science three-year requirement to include only core courses in the sequence; those include: Physical Science, Biology, Chemistry (or Honors), Physics (or Honors). Anatomy & Physiology and Introduction to Engineering will be reserved for seniors who have complete three years of courses from the core.

Electing to Take Multiple Honors-level Courses

As the course request process begins, it is important for parents and students to balance the benefits and potential issues regarding taking multiple Honors-level courses.

Parents and students are advised to carefully consider the increased workload of Honors-level courses in addition to how many Honors-level courses are taken; the amount of work in multiple Honors-level courses can add up quickly, especially those that are AP preparatory. In junior and senior year, Honors-level courses are meant to provide college-level work; in college, students typically take three or four courses per semester (Saint Agnes School has a seven-period day).

It is worth noting that Honors-level courses only benefit students if they do well in them (i.e. earn “A’s” and “B’s”). For example, it would be better for a student to take a grade-level course (e.g. Geometry vs. Honors Geometry) and earn a “B” than an Honors-level course and earn a “C,” especially considering the college application process.

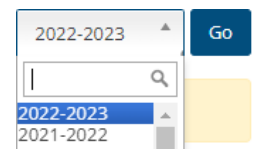
Considering all these factors, one could determine that enrolling in more than 2 or 3 Honors-level courses would require a significant amount of work and dedication from a student. Ultimately, this is for you and your student to decide - please consider these factors prior to making your requests.

Online Course Requests - Directions

All course requests will be made online through Educate. Educate may be accessed via the Saint Agnes School website at www.SaintAgnesSchool.org and by clicking “Educate” on the “Parents” page. Educate may also be accessed directly at <https://educate.tads.com/>. The 2022-23 High School Course Catalogue may be obtained on the school website under www.saintagnesschool.org/academics.

To select courses online in Educate (DUE: Tuesday, February 15th at 11:59 p.m.):

1. Login to Educate and click on “Students” under the “School” drop-down menu on the left.
2. Click on your student’s name and select the “Schedule” tab. Then select “Scheduling Requests,” and choose 2022-23 and click “Go.”
3. To view available courses, you may either view the courses by Department or select “All” to view all the courses available at once.
4. To select a course, click on “Request enrollment.” If you change your mind and elect not to take a particular course, select “Remove.”
5. There is no final “Submit” button; please simply confirm that all classes are listed as requested.
6. **DEADLINE:** The online course request period will open on **Tuesday, February 8th**. Requests will not be able to be made prior to this date. The course request period will be open through **Tuesday, February 15th**. On the 15th, the request period will close at 11:59 p.m. and families will no longer be able to request courses online.



Lost your username and password to login?

Please contact the Main Office at 651-925-8700 to request a password reset for Educate.

Saint Agnes School - High School Course/Credit Checklist

24.5 total credits minimum are required for graduation (1 Semester of a course = .50 credit)

Department Credit Requirement	9 th Grade	10 th Grade	11 th Grade	12 th Grade
Theology 4 credits	The Creed & Introduction to Old Testament 1.0 credit	Introduction to New Testament & Sacraments 1.0 credit	Apologetics & Catholic Moral Theology 1.0 credit	A History of Catholic Dogma: Documents of the Magisterium & Catholic Social Doctrine 1.0 credit
English 4 credits	Literature & Composition 1.0 credit	American Literature ~ Hon. American Literature 1.0 credit	European Literature ~ Great Conversation: European Lit. † (Honors) 1.0 credit	World Literature (Course awards "Honors" credit) 1.0 credit
History, Philosophy & Economics 4 credits	Introduction to Logic & Philosophy 1.0 credit	United States History ~ Honors U.S. History † 1.0 credit	European History ~ Honors European History † 1.0 credit	Economics & Civics 1.0 credit
Mathematics 3 credits	Intermediate Algebra ~ Geometry / Honors Geometry ~ Algebra II / Honors Algebra II 1.0 credit	Geometry / Honors Geometry ~ Algebra II / Honors Algebra II ~ Trig. & Pre-Calculus / Honors Trigonometry & Pre-Calculus 1.0 credit	Algebra II / Honors Algebra II ~ Trig. & Pre-Calculus / Honors Trig. & Pre-Calculus ~ Intro to Calculus / Hon. Calculus I † 1.0 credit	Trig. & Pre-Calculus / Honors Trig. & Pre-Calculus ~ Intro to Calculus / Hon. Calculus I † ~ Hon. Calculus II † ~ Statistics 1.0 credit
Science 3 credits	Physical Science ~ Biology 1.0 credit	Biology ~ Chemistry / Honors Chemistry † 1.0 credit	Chemistry / Hon. Chem. † ~ Physics / Hon. Physics † 1.0 credit	Physics / Honors Physics † ~ Honors Biology † ~ Honors Chemistry † ~ Human Anatomy & Physiology ~ Fundamentals of Engineering 1.0 credit
Language 2 credits	Latin & Spanish - Levels I-IV (†Levels IV & V) Greek (limited to juniors/seniors with proficiency in language level III or higher; offering dependent upon interest) 2.0 credit minimum (i.e. 2 consecutive years of Latin or Spanish in High School required)			
Fine Arts 1 credit	Performing Arts: Band (1.0 credit/full-year) / Concert Chorale (1.0 credit/full-year) Madrigal Singers (8 th hour - full-year) Studio Arts: Drawing/Adv. Drawing / Painting/Adv. Painting / Sculpture/Adv. Sculpture Photojournalism 1 & 2 (grades 10-12) / Portfolio Preparation Each course above is worth .50 credit unless otherwise noted.			
Phy. Ed.* & Health 1 credit	Strength & Conditioning / Team & Individual Sports <i>The following courses are offered on a three-year cycle</i> Year A (23-24): First Aid, CPR, & Health/Year B (24-25): Recreational Sports/Year C (2022-23): Cardio Conditioning Each course above is a single semester worth .50 credit			
Electives 2.5 credits	Technology & Keyboarding (.50 credit) <i>High School students must take 2.50 credits of Electives in addition to the minimum credit requirements of the core subject areas above; it is recommended that Electives are chosen to fulfill post-secondary goals (e.g. a 4-year university may require 4 years of math for admission).</i>			

*Participation in 1 full season of a High School sport may cover a one-time .50 P.E. credit toward graduation
/ or ~ symbol indicates a choice in courses

† Indicates an Honors course that is AP preparatory.

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Sophomore Course Requests 2022-23

Current Freshmen: Please follow the guidelines below when choosing courses.

Included with this form is a summary of the 4-year High School academic sequence.

The period for on-line course requests opens Tuesday, February 8th and closes on Tuesday, February 15th.

I. All sophomores must take:

1. Theology

- Semester 1 - Introduction to the New Testament / Semester 2 - Sacraments & Worship

II. Sophomores should request a one year-long course from each of the following required disciplines:

For example:

If you completed Intermediate Algebra your freshman year... → ...you may take Geometry your sophomore year.

Current Course/Pre-Requisite

Course Request/Placement 2022-23

2. English (full-year)

- Literature & Comp. → American Literature or Honors American Literature*

3. Mathematics (full-year)

- Intermediate Algebra → Geometry
- Geometry / Honors Geometry → Algebra II / Honors Algebra II*
- Algebra II / Honors Algebra II → Trig. & Pre-Calc / Honors Trigonometry & Pre-Calculus*

4. Science (full-year)

- Physical Science → Biology
- Biology → Chemistry or Honors Chemistry*

5. History (full-year)

- Logic & Philosophy → United States History or Honors United States History*

6. Language (full-year)

- Proficiency in current Latin or Spanish → proceed to next level of Latin or Spanish

Please note:
A full day is
comprised of
7 class periods.

III. Fine Arts (1.00 credit in 4 yrs. required for graduation) / P.E. (1.00 credit req.)¹ / Electives:

Studio Art courses are .50 credit per semester and may be taken out of sequence.

- Drawing - Sculpture - Painting
- Advanced Drawing - Advanced Sculpture - Advanced Painting
- (Advanced courses require prior completion of entry level courses)
- Photojournalism 1 (Semester 1) - Photojournalism 2 (Semester 2, following Sem. 1)
- Portfolio Prep.* (instructor approval)

Performance Fine Arts courses are all full-year courses (Note: Concert Band and Chorale earn 1.0 credit).

- Concert Band (audition required) - Concert Chorale (audition required)

Physical Education courses are .50 credit per semester.

- Strength & Conditioning - Team & Individual Sports - Cardio Conditioning

Electives:

- Technology & Keyboarding (.50 credit)

Please contact the School Counselors if you have any further questions.

* Generally speaking, Honors placement requires outstanding academic performance in previous courses, and exemplification of the virtues of industriousness, studiousness, and magnanimity. Each department has specific requirements for students to be placed in Honors level classes. All requests for Honors placement will be reviewed and confirmed by current teachers and department coordinators.

¹ PE graduation requirement: A one-time .50 credit may be applied to a student's transcript towards the 1.00 PE credit requirement if the student plays one full season of a sport at Saint Agnes School.

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Sophomore Course Placement/Requests

Student Name: _____

Department	Course Placement/Request	
Theology	Intro to New Testament (Sem. 1) Sacraments & Worship (Sem. 2)	
English	<input type="checkbox"/> American Literature <input type="checkbox"/> Honors American Literature*	
History	<input type="checkbox"/> United States History <input type="checkbox"/> Honors United States History*	
Mathematics	<input type="checkbox"/> Geometry <input type="checkbox"/> Honors Geometry* <input type="checkbox"/> Algebra II <input type="checkbox"/> Honors Algebra II*	<input type="checkbox"/> Trig/Pre-Calc <input type="checkbox"/> Honors Trig/Pre-Calc* Other: _____
Science	<input type="checkbox"/> Biology <input type="checkbox"/> Chemistry <input type="checkbox"/> Honors Chemistry*	
Foreign Language	<input type="checkbox"/> Spanish - Level ____ <input type="checkbox"/> Latin - Level ____	
<p>All 10th grade students may request one year-long elective or two semester-long electives. Please refer to the Course Catalogue for the full list of offerings in Fine Arts and Physical Education, including the Technology/Keyboarding course. Note: The placement of semester-long electives into specific semesters cannot be guaranteed.</p>		
Elective(s)	1: _____	2: _____
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Required Course Credit for Graduation (24.5 credits total)

Check each semester as completed. Each box represents 0.5 credit. All the white boxes and 5 of the gray boxes are required for graduation (22 credits in white + 2.5 credits in gray = 24.5 total credits)

Semesters	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Theology 8 semester credits (0.5), or 4 full year credits (1.0) of Theology								
English 8 semester credits (0.5), or 4 full year credits (1.0) of English (include 1.0 credit for <i>The Great Conversation</i> course senior year, optional)								
History 8 semester credits (0.5), or 4 full year credits (1.0) of History (include 1.0 credit for <i>The Great Conversation</i> course senior year, optional)								
Science 6 semester credits (0.5), or 3 full year credits (1.0) of Science								
Math 6 semester credits (0.5), or 3 full year credits (1.0) of Math								
Foreign Language 4 semester credits (0.5), or 2 full year credits (1.0) of a Foreign Language								
Fine Arts 2 semester credits (0.5), or 1 full year credit (1.0) of Fine Art								
Physical Education / Health 2 semester credits (0.5), or 1 full year credit (1.0) of Phy Ed/Health; max of 0.5 credit can be earned by participating in sports (includes cheer)								
Electives (gray boxes)								
<i>High School Students must take 2.5 credits of Electives from beyond the minimum credit requirements of the core subject areas above. (Example: If a student takes 4 years of Band; the 1st year (1.0 credits) goes towards the Fine Arts requirement, the other 3 years (3.0) are considered elective credits. (Use this box for Technology and Keyboarding) -></i>								
Senior Year: Integrated Humanities Seminar								
The Great Conversation: Integrated Humanities Seminar, <i>optional</i> (English & History - 2.0 credits)								

Total white boxes _____ + Total gray boxes _____ = _____ / divide by 2 = _____ **Total Graduation Credits**