Course Registration Process

2026-2027

Class of 2027

2026
Course Selection Assembly

For the

2026-2027

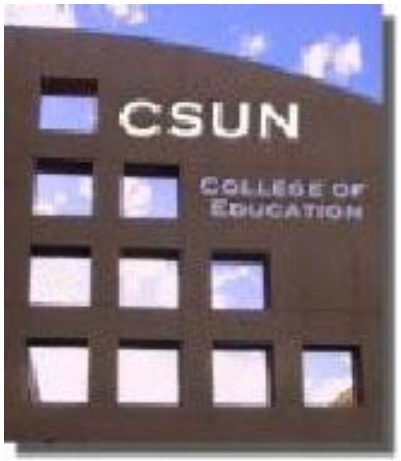
School Year

Purpose

- To Familiarize you with the process
- To make you aware of resources in the Course Catalog
- To remind you of the need for college preparation

Course Catalog

- Information about the college application process
  - Grade Level Checklist
  - Page 38-40
  - UC/CAL State Requirements
    - Page 8-11
      - Scores Index
      - GPA and SAT/ACT Scores needed



A Word on Eligibility Requirements

- University of California
  - Minimum GPA 3.00
    - Doesn't guarantee acceptance
    - Reality
      - 3.3 or higher
- Cal State
  - Minimum GPA 2.5
    - Doesn't guarantee acceptance
    - Reality
      - 2.5 or higher

A Word on GPAs

GPAs may be calculated as
weighted or **unweighted**

weighted GPA typically, gives an extra point to an honors or AP Class

unweighted GPA does not

Cal Grants

Students in California with **financial need** may be awarded a Cal Grant **depending on GPA**

3.0 GPAs receive a much bigger award. Usually enough to **pay tuition at a Cal State** with **money left over** for books and other "educational" expenses.

So….

C's and D's may get Degrees,

But A's and B's get you (serious) money!

Every grade helps.
Moving from a
C+ to a B- or a B+ to an A-
can make all the difference!

Transcripts

Notes

- OK
  - Made up in summer school
- Val
  - Sp IB validates Sp IA, etc… (LIMITED)
  - Some Math and Language Classes
- Req
  - Required to be made up for graduation (F) or UC/CSU Eligibility (D)
- Need VPA?

College Entrance Exams

- SAT and ACT
- Everyone SHOULD take at least one
- Many will take both
- Registration links on website
  - (Deadlines Coming Soon: April and May)
- Fee Waivers? See Mr. Catlin

SAT v ACT

Both exams are accepted by colleges

SAT: History based reading selections
ACT: Science based reading selections

Math: Both exams are similar
(ACT a little less wordy)

Preparation

collegeboard.org

- **Lots of resources for studying for SAT**
- **USE PSAT results to get started**
- **Links to Khan Academy on PSAT report**
- **Check out Big Future or see Mr. Ryan if you need another copy**

When should juniors take the test?

SAT: May 2, 2026 (Recommended)

Register at www.collegeboard.org

Deadline to register: April 17, 2026

ACT: June 13, 2026 (Recommended)

Register at ACTstudent.org

Deadline to register: May 8, 2026

Where to take the SAT or ACT?

Students will choose a test site when registering.

Local high school (typically)

More options the earlier your register

Course Selection

Descriptions and Prerequisites

- Core Classes
  - Required
  - No prerequisites
- Electives
  - You request them *
  - Some have prerequisites
    - Teacher approval, other classes, good grades
- Honors, AP
  - All have prerequisites
    - Entrance exam, Good grades, teacher approval

Core Classes

RELIGIOUS STUDIES IV
World Religions (P)/Christian Lifestyles
10 units – two semesters Course# 0401

Great Religions of the World opens doors to spiritual riches of the world's major religions. This course invites students to re-examine their personal faith and religious life in more depth. In the second semester, the students will study Christian lifestyles, a more comprehensive course that addresses issues relevant to all states of life from a Christian perspective. Students will examine single life, marriage, religious life, and ordained ministry.

Electives

GREAT BOOKS (P)
10 units – two semesters
Course# 1608

PREREQUISITES:
- **C or better in English II or English III**
- **11th and 12th graders only**

This course is designed to enable students to come into contact with the thinking and writing of some of the great authors of our western cultural heritage. Students will be reading from primary, rather than secondary sources. After an assigned reading, the students will exchange their insights in seminar discussion. The insights developed from these discussions will be related to current issues where possible. Frequent writing assignments will help students articulate the thoughts and knowledge gained from the seminar. Authors include Plato, Aristotle, Augustine, Aquinas, Euclid, Dante, Sartre, Marcel, Marx, Chardin, Jung, Freud, Buber, Dostoevsky, Darwin, St. Theresa of Avila, Mortimer Adler, T.S. Eliot, Robert Frost, and Bernard Lonergan.

LAW I (P)
10 units – two semesters
Course# 2415

PREREQUISITES:
- **11th or 12th graders only**

This course will provide the student with a law-related education that provides practical information and problem solving skills for students with an interest in our law-saturated society. Emphasis is placed on role-playing through case studies, mock trials, and moot court. The fall semester will focus on the history, structure, and process of the criminal justice system, and the spring semester will focus on the civil courts.

Honors

- Honors classes will be determined by each department.
- Students **WILL NOT** request honors classes on course registration
- Students should see current teacher and/or department chairs for information about honors classes

Advanced Placement

- AP Classes will be determined by each department
- Students **WILL NOT** select AP classes on Course registration
    - **EXCEPTION: AP Computer Science**
- Students will all select core classes
- Students should see their current teacher or department chair for information about AP admission and placement tests (3/23-4/27)

Process

- Transcript (This morning)
- Selection Form (Right Now)
- Meeting (In two weeks)

Transcript

- Review Transcript
- Are you on pace for graduation? UC/CSU Eligibility?
  - A-G Classes – No D's or F's = YES!
  - Have a D or F = NO
    - Summer School
      - All F's need to be made up at CHS
      - D grades may be made up at another school or online
        - **See Ms. Modesto for approval before taking the class**
      - Lab Sciences will be difficult to find outside of CHS
      - Don't give up. Finish strong this year
        - Summer School is not as good as passing the first time

Validation

- Students may validate a D in some first semester classes by passing second semester.
- Validation applies to only a select few:
- Algebra IA, Spanish IA

- HOWEVER: IT MAY STILL BE A GOOD IDEA TO MAKE IT UP!

Selection Form

- Don’t “check out” senior year
- Honors and AP classes will be chosen through your classes. Keep asking!
- Choose Challenging Electives
  - Identify pre-requisites

Filling Out the Selection Form

Everyone will be pre-enrolled in the following

****AP and Honors placement will take place at a later date****

Religion	English	Government

Honors and AP Classes will be chosen at a later date.
See your teachers

Filling Out Selection Form

1. Math (No Need To Select Anything)

UC and Cal States recommend you take four or more years of Math

1. **Math** (No need to select anything) **For AP Calculus or honors classes, see your current math teacher.**

If you are taking…	you will be enrolled in …
Geometry	Algebra II
Algebra II	Pre-Calculus or Business Math
Pre-Calculus	Business Math

Filling Out Selection Form

2. Foreign Language:

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If you are taking Spanish I…	**you will be enrolled in Spanish II**
If your Spanish IIA grade is > C then circle one…	**Spanish III NS Spanish III Spk NO SPANISH**

If you want to take AP Spanish Language or AP Spanish Literature:
See your Teacher

Filling Out Selection Form

3. Visual and Performing Arts (VPA): **UC and Cal State require one-year of a VPA class.**

Have you taken a VPA (i.e. Media Graphics, Studio Art, Vid Production)?	**Yes? Go to science**
Have you taken a VPA (i.e. Media Graphics, Studio Art, Vid Production)?	**NO? Choose one below (Circle)** **Media Graphics Studio Art Choir** **Theater Arts II/III Video Production I**

Filling Out Selection Form

4. Science: ****UC and Cal State recommends three years of a lab science****

If you are taking Chemistry…	you will be enrolled in Physics

Students may select Human Anatomy and Physiology in the ELECTIVES section

****Selection for AP Biology and AP Physics will take place at a later date and require placement tests**

Filling Out Selection Form

5. Interscholastic Sports

****Varsity athletes need to circle the correct class below.****

Circle one as needed	Football	Soccer	Baseball	Basketball

Filling Out Selection Form

6. **Electives:** ***UC and Cal State require you to take at least one-year of a college preparatory elective.***

English Department	Great Books (B or higher in English) Lit to Film and Utopian Literature (students take both semester classes)
Social Studies Department	Law A/B
Science Department	Human Anatomy and Physiology A/B
Computer Science and Engineering	AP Computer Science A (Java) (11-12) (Pre-Req: Computer Science I, Computer Science Teacher Recommendation and concurrent enrollment in Algebra 2 or higher level class. Must have a "B" average or better in Math, Science and Computer Science classes) AP Computer Science Principles (10-12) (Pre-Req:Computer Science Teacher Recommendation and concurrent enrollment in Algebra 2 or higher level class. Must have a "B" average or better in Math, Science and Computer Science classes) E-Sports (Gaming Principles) E-Sports II
Visual and Performing Arts Department	Choir Media Graphics Studio Art I A/B Studio Art II A/B (B or higher in Studio Art I) Studio Art III (B or higher in Studio Art II) Theatre Arts II/III Video Production I (c or higher in English) Video Production II / KCHSLA
Physical Education	Physical Education A/B

NOTE:Elective Classes are subject to an additional Lab or Class Fee

Rank Elective Choices

Choose four (4) electives from the above list to complete the selection form. Include Spanish III or PE/Sports Class from above.

1.	**2.**
3.	**4.**

Lastly

- Please answer the following questions:
- I plan on returning next year
- I DO NOT plan on returning next year
- I am not sure if I will be returning next year

Please check one of the following:

I plan on returning next year ☐	**I DO NOT plan on returning next year ☐**	**I am not sure if I will be returning ☐**

Meeting with Counselor

- Selection Forms need to be completed by:
  - **Monday March 16, 2026**
- Bring your course selection form to Religion Class

- Bring your transcript (You should have received one in Homeroom or Period 1: See Mr. Ryan if still needed)

- Tuesday March 17th
  - Period 3, 5, and 7 (Religion)
- Wednesday March 18th
  - Period 4 (Religion)

NOTE: Math and Science Academy will Meet with Mrs. Lopez

Review

- Review Transcript
- Review Course Catalog
- Complete Form
- Word hard and do good things!