

Standards and Guidelines

Courses Listed by Department

Please note: To be considered for AP and Honors courses, in addition to meeting the course prerequisites, a student's cumulative academic GPA and standardized test scores will also be reviewed for placement.

***In addition, a student's Habits of Scholarship marks must reflect satisfactory effort, diligence and, behavior and will be considered in determining placement in Honors and AP courses.**

English

English 1-2 Honors

Grade 9. Placement determined by HSPT and English Assessment Test.

*English 3-4 Honors

Grade 10. Grade of A- or higher in both terms of English 1-2, or B- or higher in both terms of English 1-2 Honors AND no U marks in Habits of Scholarship.

*AP English: Language and Composition

Grade 11. Grade of A- or higher in both terms of English 3-4, or B- or higher in both terms of English 3-4 Honors AND no U marks in Habits of Scholarship.

*AP English: Literature and Composition

Grade 12. Grade of A- or higher for both terms of American Literature or grade of B- or higher for both terms of AP Language and Composition AND no U marks in Habits of Scholarship.

Mathematics

Advanced Freshman Algebra with Geometry Honors

Grade 9. Placement determined by HSPT and Math Assessment Test.

Geometry

Grade of C- or higher in Algebra 1-2.

*Geometry Honors

Grade 9: Placement determined by HSPT and Math Assessment Test.

*Grade 10: Grade of A- or higher in both terms of Algebra 1-2 OR B- or higher in both terms of Algebra 1-2 Honors AND no U marks in Habits of Scholarship.

Algebra 3-4

Grade of C- or higher in both Algebra 1-2 and Geometry.

*Algebra-Trigonometry 3-4 Honors

Grade of A- or higher in both terms of Algebra 1-2 or B- or higher in both terms of Algebra 1-2 Honors and grade of A- or higher in both terms of Geometry or B- or higher in both terms of Geometry Honors AND no U marks in Habits of Scholarship.

*AP Precalculus

Grade of A- or higher in both terms of Algebra 3-4 or grade of B- or higher in both terms of Algebra-Trigonometry 3-4 Honors, or a grade of A- or higher in both terms of Math Analysis AND no U marks in Habits of Scholarship.

Statistics Honors

Grade 12 only. Grade of B- or higher in both terms of Algebra 3-4 or grade of C- or higher in both terms of Algebra-Trigonometry 3-4 Honor AND no U marks in Habits of Scholarship,

Math Analysis

Grade of B- or higher in both terms of Algebra 3-4 or grade of C- or higher in both terms of Algebra-Trigonometry 3-4 Honors.

*AP Calculus BC

Grade of B- or higher in both terms of AP Precalculus AND no U marks in Habits of Scholarship.

Finite Math and Problem Solving

Grade 12. Grade of C- or higher in both terms of Algebra 3-4.

*AP Computer Science Principles

Grade 11, 12. Grade of B- or higher in Algebra 1-2 Honors or grade of A- or higher in both terms of Algebra 1-2.

ATDP ~ Students interested in advancing to a higher level of math must complete, with a grade of B or higher, a full 10-credit math course at UC Berkeley's Academic Talent and Development Program (ATDP) during the summer. Students must submit a Course Plan from ATDP to the College Counselor once they are accepted into ATDP. Students can see their counselor or college counselor for more information.

Science

Physiology

Grade 11, 12. Grade of C- or higher in both terms of Conceptual Physics or Chemistry.

Physics

Grade 11, 12. Grade of B- or higher in both terms of Chemistry and concurrent enrollment in Math Analysis, AP Precalculus or AP Calculus.

*AP Biology

Grade 11,12. Grade of A- or higher in both terms of Chemistry AND no U marks in Habits of Scholarship.

*AP Chemistry

Grade 11, 12.

Rising juniors - grade of A- or higher in both terms of Chemistry and must be concurrently enrolled in Algebra-Trigonometry 3-4 Honors or higher-level math AND no U marks in Habits of Scholarship.

Rising seniors - grade of A- or higher in both terms of Chemistry AND no U marks in Habits of Scholarship.

***AP Environmental Science**

Grade 11,12. Grade of A- or higher in both terms of Chemistry AND no U marks in Habits of Scholarship.

***AP Physics C: Mechanics**

Grade 11, 12. Grade of B- or higher in both terms of AP Precalculus AND no U marks in Habits of Scholarship. Concurrent enrollment in AP Calculus.

Marine Biology AND Sports Medicine

Grade 11, 12. Grade of C- or higher in both terms of Biology.

History/Social Science

***AP Human Geography**

Grade 9. Placement based on course registration.

***AP World History**

Grade 10. Grade of A- or higher in both terms of English 1-2 or B- or higher in both terms of English 1-2 Honors, and grade of A- or higher in Geography AND no U marks in Habits of Scholarship.

***AP United States History**

Grade 11. Grade of A- or higher in both terms of World History, or B- or higher in both terms of AP World History AND no U marks in Habits of Scholarship.

***AP United States Government & Politics**

Grade 12. Grade of A- or higher in both terms of US History, or B- in both terms of AP US History AND no U marks in Habits of Scholarship.

Visual and Performing Arts

Intermediate Visual Arts

C- or higher in both terms of Introduction to Visual Arts.

***AP Drawing**

A- or higher in both terms of Advanced Visual Arts OR instructor approval AND no U marks in Habits of Scholarship.

***AP 2-D Art and Design**

A- or higher in both terms of Advanced Visual Arts OR instructor approval AND no U marks in Habits of Scholarship.

***AP 3-D Art and Design**

A- or higher in both terms of Advanced Visual Arts OR instructor approval AND no U marks in Habits of Scholarship; Multimedia Design highly recommended.

Beginning Band

Prior musical training is preferred for enrollment, not required.

Intermediate Band

Enrollment by audition for incoming freshmen who may qualify for higher placement. For continuing students, a C- or higher in both terms of Beginning Band.

Advanced Band

Audition with the music instructor is required.

Advanced Jazz Ensemble

Audition with the music instructor is required.

Intermediate Dance

C- or higher in both terms of introduction to Dance.

Intermediate Theater

C- or higher in both terms of Introduction to Theater Arts.

World Languages

French 3-4

Grade of C- or higher in both terms of French 1-2.

French 5-6

Grade of B- or higher in both terms of French 3-4.

French 7-8

Grade of B- or higher in both terms of French 5-6.

***AP French Language & Culture**

Grade of A- or higher in both terms of French 5-6 or French 7-8 AND no U marks in Habits of Scholarship.

Spanish 3-4

Grade of C- or higher in both terms of Spanish 1-2.

Spanish 5-6

Grade of B- or higher in both terms of Spanish 3-4.

***Spanish 5-6 Honors**

Grade of A- or higher in both terms of Spanish 3-4 AND no U marks in Habits of Scholarship.

Spanish 7-8

Grade of A- or higher in both terms of Spanish 5-6 or grade of B- in both terms of Spanish 5-6 Honors.

***AP Spanish Language & Culture**

Grade of A- or higher in both terms of Spanish 7-8 AND no U marks in Habits of Scholarship.