

SAINT PETER'S PREP

COURSE SELECTIONS FOR GRADE 12, CLASS OF 2010

Selecting courses for the 2009-2010 school year

CURRENT JUNIORS (RISING SENIORS):

READ THIS FIRST, then read the Course of Studies Booklet (also available on the Prep website, under "Academics"). These suggestions will guide you in the selection of your courses for 2009-10. You must review your options with your guidance counselor. Ms. Durante will be available during the lunch hour to answer any questions you may have.

1. All seniors must take a total of six majors plus physical education. The total of 6 majors can be any combination of full-year and semester courses. For example, a senior may select four full-year courses and four one-semester courses to fulfill the requirement of six majors.
2. All seniors must register for the following courses:
Seminar in Religion (#0040/4000), and Physical Education 4 (#8040).
3. All students must take an **English 4** and a **United States History 2**.
4. **You will have many options when you select your senior courses.** Keep in mind the suggestions of the college counselors at Prep, found on page 1 of the **Course of Studies** booklet. Select courses with reference to your intended major in college and your academic strengths and interests. **For example,** a student thinking of math, engineering, or a science major in college should complete four years of high school math and science. A student interested in languages should consider a third year of a modern language or an additional year of a classical language. The ability to manage data is a critical skill for all, so selecting a computer course or two is a good option. College study in the computer sciences should lead one to register for Programming and/or Java Honors. Students with musical and/or artistic skills should continue to improve themselves in these disciplines. Finally, a love of the humanities may point a student towards additional creative writing, classics, and history courses.
5. Before selecting your **English, Classics, History, Mathematics, Modern Languages and/or Science** courses, read the section "HONORS AND AP COURSES" on the first page of the **Course of Studies** booklet. Note the specific requirements for the honors and AP courses available to juniors, described in the Course of Studies Booklet and on the other side of this form.
6. **Taking a 7th Major:** A 7th major will increase your workload substantially. Any student who wishes to register for a 7th major should give careful and serious thought to the decision and discuss it with his guidance counselor. **All requests for a seventh major must be approved by the Vice Principal.**
7. Saint Peter's Prep will make every effort to schedule each student's course selections. Be sure to identify second choices or alternate courses where requested. In the event of a conflict, Ms. Durante will contact the student to resolve the difficulty.
8. **Complete the attached form (both sides) and return it to the MAIN OFFICE no later than Thursday, April 30, 2009.**

Senior Course Registration

Name _____ HR _____ Guidance Counselor _____

After you have read the first page and thought about your options, circle your choices below. Then log on to PowerSchool. Go to "Course Registration." You MUST make your selections online to complete the registration process.

1. You will take all of the following courses (you will automatically be registered in them):

4000 Seminar in Religion 8040 Physical Education 4

Select one in each set:

2. **ENGLISH** 1640 English 4 **or**
 1940 AP English Literature (minimum of 90 in English 3 or 85 in AP English Language, departmental approval)
3. **HISTORY** 4040 US History 2 **or**
 4045 AP US History 2 (85 in AP US History 1, departmental approval)

To complete your schedule, choose the equivalent of 3 full-year courses from the following lists. Except for semester minor courses, semester courses count for 0.5 of a year course.

Full-year courses:

4. **CLASSICS** 2120 Greek 1
 2045 AP Latin: Vergil (minimum of 90 in Latin 3 Honors, departmental approval)
 2225 Greek Drama and Society (strong interest in the humanities, performance in Latin and English, departmental approval)
5. **MATH** 5045 Topics in College Mathematics (departmental approval)
 5740 Precalculus (departmental approval)
 5840 Calculus Honors (Algebra 2 and Trig. Honors or Precalculus Honors, departmental approval)
 5845 AP Calculus (minimum of 96 in previous math courses [88 in math honors courses] and departmental approval)
 5847 AP Statistics (85 in Algebra 2 Honors or 93 in Algebra 2; GPA of 85; Precalculus or higher concurrently; departmental approval)
6. **SCIENCES** 6041 Biology **or** 6045 Biology Honors (90 in Physics, Chemistry; departmental approval)
 6037 AP Chemistry (90 in Chemistry, math; and departmental approval)
 6027 AP Biology (Biology, 90 in science courses, departmental approval)
 6648 Human Physiology
 6055 Advanced Physics (Physics and Chemistry, at least Precalculus or Calculus concurrently, departmental approval)
 6048 Environmental Science (Physics, Chemistry and Biology)
7. **MODERN LANGUAGE** - LEVEL 3 Honors (85 or above in Level 2 class, departmental approval)
 3040 French 3 Honors 3141 German 3 Honors
 3240 Italian 3 Honors 3342 Spanish 3 Honors
 3343 Spanish for Medical and Business Professions: Level 3 Honors

AP Languages (90 or above in Level 3, departmental approval)

3341 AP Spanish Literature 3357 AP German Language 3055 AP French Language

8. **COMPUTER SCIENCE** 7045 Java Honors (85 in math courses, departmental approval)

9. **SEMESTER COURSES: Semester 1**

Semester 2

7032 **Computer Science** Programming
7031 **Computer Science** Applications
7727 **Studio Art** Drawing and Composition
7728 **Studio Art** Design and Color
7736 **Studio Art** Sculpture

1970 **Creative Writing 2**

7031 **Computer Science** Applications
7033 **Computer Science** Web Design
7723 **Studio Art** Drawing and Composition 2
7728 **Studio Art** Design and Color
7738 **Studio Art** Ceramics
7729 **Studio Art** Painting
1970 **Creative Writing 2**

HISTORY semester electives:

4468 Contemporary Issues
4482 U.S. Law
4484 Communist Experiment
4485 History of the Middle East

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10. **Band, Chorus, Instrumental Music Courses:**

7500 Band 7502 Chorus 7480 Beginning Instrumental Music 7482 Jazz Band

Half-time Semester Minor Courses:

7483 Basic Music Theory 7484 Advanced Music Theory 1698 Creative Writing 1
7485 Music Synthesis and Production 7495 Music Synthesis and Production II

If you wish to request a 7th major, choose the equivalent of another full-year course (one year-long course or two semester courses) from groups 4 through 9. You may request a semester course as a seventh class in one semester only.

SIGN: _____
Student Signature

Parent Signature