Welcome to Ursuline Academy

Class of 2020 Curriculum Night

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Required Courses

<u>All Freshmen will take:</u>

- English I or English I Honors- 1 credit
- Algebra I or Algebra I Honors- 1 credit
- Biology or Biology Honors- 1 credit
- World Language -1 credit
- Christian Awareness- 1 credit
- Physical Education- 1/4 credit
- Health- 1/2 credit
- Freshman Guidance- 1/8 credit
- Elective- 1/2 credit

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English Placement

Incoming freshmen are placed in English I or English I Honors based on their entrance test scores.

Counselors will review your daughter's placement with you at the Incoming Freshman Course Selection Nights on February 16 or 18.

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Additional English Considerations

- Once in English I, a student may consider Honors courses in her Sophomore year if she demonstrates the following:

1. Intrinsic passion for learning and questioning of course material.
2. Excellence in writing, especially discussing ideas in detail and depth.
3. A consistent work ethic: comes prepared for class and submits work on time.

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Math Placement

Incoming freshmen are placed in Algebra I or Algebra I Honors based on their entrance test score.

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Additional Math Considerations

- Eighth graders who are currently taking Algebra I will have the opportunity to take our Algebra I placement test, on Saturday, March 12. If the student passes, she will be placed in Geometry Honors her freshman year. Specific information regarding the placement test will be given on Course Selection night.

- Eighth graders who are currently taking Geometry will take our Algebra I placement test, AND take our Geometry placement test. If the student passes both tests, she will be placed in Algebra II Honors her freshman year.

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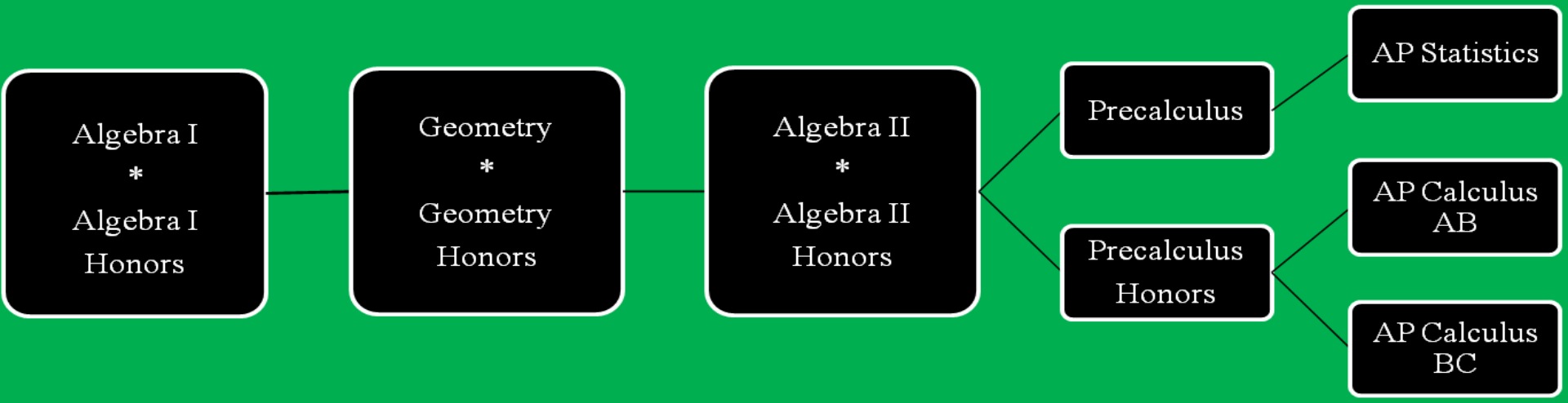
Additional Math Considerations



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World Language Placement

Languages offered:

Spanish, French, German, Latin

- A placement test is given on Saturday, February 27 for incoming freshman currently taking French or Spanish. This test will determine placement in Spanish I or Spanish II and French I or French II.
- Placement in German II and Latin II is determined by recommendation from student's current language teacher and World Language Department approval.

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Additional World Language Considerations

- Students are encouraged to select a language which interests them. Possibly one they have familiarity with through travel experience or through a family member.

- Latin and German traditionally have smaller class sizes with more individualized attention.

- Latin does not have the speaking component of other languages but emphasizes Latin root words from which English vocabulary is derived.

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Science Placement

Incoming freshmen are placed in Biology or Biology Honors based on their entrance test score.

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Additional Science Consideration

- Honors classes will progress at a faster pace, will cover concepts in greater depth and expectations of students will be higher.
- The state mandates three years of science. 97% of our students take four or more years of science.
- As sophomores, students may take either Chemistry, Chemistry Honors, or Environmental Science.

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Fine Arts Electives

- *Art*:

  -Fundamentals of Art

- *Electronic & Digital Media:*

  -Introduction to Technical Communications

  -Introduction to Media Production

- *Music*:

  -Beginning Guitar

  -Women's Chorus

  -Instrumental Music

  -Percussion Ensemble

  -Sinfonia

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Fine Arts Electives: Art

- Art pre-requisite course: Fundamentals of Art is a ½ credit, semester-long course.
- This course could be taken freshman year, but it is open to all grade levels.
- This course can be enjoyed by all students regardless of previous art experience and will teach students the "language" of art and design. They will be prepared to pursue other art courses if desired.

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Fine Arts Electives: Electronic & Digital Media

- **Introduction to Technical Communications**
  - Learn to design websites and create media presentations
  - Learn to design using color and typography theory

- **Introduction to Media Production**
  - Learn to film and edit commercials and short films
  - Learn to use greens screens and special effects
  - Designing storyboards

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Fine Arts Electives: Music

Music:

- Women's Chorus -offered during school day or as an after school course
- Beginning Guitar-offered during the school day
- Instrumental Music-offered during school day or as an after school course
- Percussion Ensemble-offered after school only
- Sinfonia-requires an audition and meets after school only.

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General Electives

- Public Speaking
  - This course introduces the theory and practice of public speaking. Theoretical topics include basic communication, verbal communication, nonverbal communication, listening strategies, topic selection, research techniques, and speech organization.
- Chinese
  - Offered after school only
  - Does not fulfill a World Language credit

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Schedule Changes

- Schedule Changes permitted until June 24th, 2016
- Courses are offered based upon student interest
- Freshman Counselors will monitor the student's placement in REQUIRED courses as the school year begins.

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Course Selection Nights

- Individualized Meeting with a Counselor to develop Freshman Schedule
- Placements determined by HSPT scores
- Opportunity to choose course levels begins in Sophomore year

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FRESHMAN COURSE SELECTION FORM 2016-2017

6 COURSES PER SEMESTER ARE REQUIRED (NOT INCLUDING GUIDANCE)			ALTERNATE COURSE
SUBJECT	COURSE NAME	FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
English			
Math			
Religious Studies	Christian Awareness	3110	
Science			
World Languages			
Elective Choice			
Guidance	Freshman Guidance	0110	
Health	Health	0210	
PE	PE 1	0230	
I want to take more than six classes. Please schedule me for the following courses.			

I plan to take Placement Tests for:

_____ Math

_____ French

_____ Spanish

By signing this form, I agree to the policies outlined in the 2016 *Curriculum Guide*.

Student Signature	Parent Signature	Counselor Signature
Date:	Date:	Date:

College Credit Plus

- College Credit Plus can help you earn college and high school credits at the same time by taking college courses from community colleges or universities.
- Replaces PSEO/dual enrollment
- Grade you earn is applied to your high school and college GPA
- Limited funding for private schools
- Seniors get first priority if there is funding available
  Entry-level courses earned at an Ohio public college are guaranteed to transfer to any other Ohio public college

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Support Services

- Freshman Counselors
  - Facilitate Freshman Guidance classes
  - Individual personal & academic counseling
  - Consultation with parents & teachers
  - Student Assistance Council
- School Psychologist
  - Individual personal counseling
  - Consultation with parents and students
  - Psycho-educational Evaluations and/or Accommodation Plans
  - Crisis Intervention

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Support Services

- Academic Language Consultant
  - Academic resource for students who want to study efficiently & successfully
  - Individual or small group interventions (test taking & study strategies, written language, note-taking, time management)
  - Accepts referrals by teachers, parents, & self-referrals
  - Member of Student Assistance Council
- School Nurse
  - Maintains pertinent health information
  - Serves as a resource for the distribution of medication
  - Supports students with related health issues
  - Resource for students, parents, & faculty

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Co-Curricular Activities

- Campus Ministry
  - Freshman Class Reflection Day
  - Retreats
  - Daily PA prayer & School Liturgies
- Community Service
  - Service Hours
  - Student led projects
  - Community Service Fair
  - Parent Volunteers

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Co-Curricular Activities

- Multicultural Department
  - Jewel Family/Inclusion Program
  - Faces of UA Talent Show
  - Multicultural Assembly
  - Lions in Waiting Learning to Lead Summer Camp
- Student Activities
  - Over 25 clubs & organizations
  - Club Fair
- Athletics
  - Athletic Information Night-April 6 7:00-8:30pm
  - Spiritwear Sale 6-7pm

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Does anyone have any

Questions?

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Thank you for coming!

- We look forward to seeing you February 16 or February 18 for the Incoming Freshman Course Selection.
- Please bring your Curriculum Guides with you to your Course selection meeting.

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