

SAINT JOHN'S PREPARATORY SCHOOL

ASPIRE EXCELLENCE

BEGINNING

FALL
2023

SAINT JOHN'S PREPARATORY SCHOOL'S UNIQUELY PERSONAL ASPIRE2EXCELLENCE CURRICULUM ENCOURAGES STUDENTS TO BE THE ARCHITECT OF THEIR OWN EXPERIENCE AND FUTURE.

Our distinctive approach to education challenges students to be deeply creative thinkers, intellectual risk-takers, experiential learners, and imaginative problem solvers. Our students have opportunities to develop a personalized learning plan made up of core courses, academic distinctions and merits. We provide them with the flexibility and encouragement to discover who they are and what they love.



FOUNDATIONAL PROGRAM CORE COURSES

REQUIRED COURSE PLANNER

The table below demonstrates required course information for graduation.

ACADEMIC DEPARTMENT	REQUIREMENT INFORMATION
English — ESOL	English-ESOL course required each semester of enrollment
Fine Arts — Music, Theatre, Visual	2 credits: 2 semesters during 9th/10th grades and 2 semesters during 11th/12th grades
Health and Wellness	1 semester of health. Athletic/extracurricular participation required each year of enrollment
Mathematics	3 years required; 4 years recommended
Interim	Participation required each year of enrollment
Science	Required courses of Physics, Chemistry and Biology
Social Studies	Social Studies course required each semester of enrollment. One credit/year of United States History required for graduation.
Theology	1 semester course required each year of enrollment
World Languages — Chinese, German, Spanish	3 years of the same World Language



ACADEMIC DISTINCTION

Students are encouraged to pursue educational pathways that provide opportunities for academic distinction in particular academic disciplines – beyond minimum graduation requirements. Distinctions are awarded in seven disciplines:

- English
- Math
- Performing Arts
- Science
- Social Studies
- Visual Arts
- World Languages

DISTINCTION REQUIREMENTS INCLUDE:

- 4 Merits beyond graduation requirements in discipline; merits achieved through additional coursework, co-curricular activities, or other departmental requirements
- Attainment of a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher within the discipline in junior and senior year



ACADEMIC HONORS

Honors is the highest level of academic distinction. Students who graduate with Honors demonstrate exceptional academic and intellectual depth and achievement.

HONORS REQUIREMENTS INCLUDE:

- Completion of 3 distinctions (equivalent of 12 merits)
- Completion of an interdisciplinary faculty-advised Senior Capstone based on a combination of research/original creative work, writing, and presentation. The Senior Capstone will be managed through a course offered each fall and spring.
- Completion of Honors Knowledge and Truth class
- Attainment of a composite weighted cumulative GPA of 3.75 or higher

DAILY SCHEDULES

The Prep School operates on an eight-period rotating schedule. While students may have up to eight classes per semester, they only attend five classes per day. All eight periods rotate in an eight-day cycle. Class periods are 65 minutes each, allowing for in-depth instruction, lab work, and assessments.

8:00 START - 65/8 DAY CYCLE									
DAY	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	MINUTES
8:00-9:05	1	6	3	8	5	2	7	4	65
9:10-9:35	COMMUNITY TIME								25
9:40-10:45	2	7	4	1	6	3	8	5	65
10:50-11:55	3	8	5	2	7	4	1	6	65
12:00-12:50	LUNCH								50
12:55-2:00	4	1	6	3	8	5	2	7	65
2:05-3:10	5	2	7	4	1	6	3	8	65

CSB+SJU COLLEGE CLASSES

Choosing college classes is different from high school courses. For one thing, colleges can offer hundreds, even thousands, of classes. The full academic guide contains information and procedures specifically to Saint John's Prep, the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University. Much of the information will be like any college or university you may attend within the United States after high school.

COLLEGE OF
Saint Benedict  Saint John's
UNIVERSITY

CORE COURSE REQUIREMENTS

ENGLISH

- 4 full years/credits (Non-native speaking students will be evaluated and placed in appropriate ESOL or English course.)
- Students must be enrolled in an English/ESOL course each semester

FINE ARTS — MUSIC, THEATRE, VISUAL

- 2 semesters of fine arts during student's 9th/10th grades
 - 2 semesters of fine arts during student's 11th/12th grades
- *2 semesters within 2 years

INTERIM

- 4 years of required participation earning .25 credits each year for total of 1 credit to be applied to overall graduation credits
- Participation requirement prorated for students entering SJP in 10th, 11th, or 12th grades
- Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory assessments given each year and reflected on students' transcript/permanent record with credits earned

SOCIAL STUDIES

- 4 full years/credits
- 1 full year/credit of American or United States History required
- Students must be enrolled in a Social Studies course each term

WORLD LANGUAGES — CHINESE, GERMAN, SPANISH

- 3 full years of same SJP-offered World Language (Enrolled during 9th – 12th grades)
- All native English-speaking students (including students from English speaking countries outside of the USA) must fulfill the World Languages requirement
- A fourth year of World Language is strongly recommended

GENERAL

- Courses listed in the General section are offered for general graduation credit, not linked to any specific academic area (see full course listing)

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

- 1 semester of health is required for graduation
- Participation in after school activities required each year
- Intramural courses are before/after school after school activities; required for graduation but do not receive credit for graduation since the activities are outside of the class day.

MATHEMATICS

- 3 full years/credits (Credits earned during 9th – 12th grades)
- A fourth year of mathematics is strongly recommended; many colleges require 4 years of mathematics for admission

SCIENCE

- 1 full year of each of the following in science course rotation: Physics, Chemistry, Biology

THEOLOGY

- Students entering 9th: 4 courses beginning with Theology I: A Sense of Place
 - Students entering 10th: 3 courses beginning with Theology I: A Sense of Place
 - Students entering 11th: 2 courses beginning with Theology I: A Sense of Place
 - Students entering 12th: 1 course of Theology I: A Sense of Place
 - Transfer students (10th, 11th, and 12th grades) who have had religious study courses at their previous schools will be assessed and placed in the appropriate level of theology course.
 - Students must be enrolled in a theology course each year
- *2 semesters within 2 years