SAINT JOHN'S PREP

SAINT JOHN'S PREPARATORY SCHOOL
ASPIRE 2 EXCELLENCE

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
Theology

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

SOCIAL STUDIES

DEPARTMENT REQUIREMENTS

- 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

COURSES OFFERED

HIST 111: World History I: The Ancient World
HIST 211: World History II: The Modern World
HIST 311: United States History
HIST 341: World Affairs: Political Institutions, World Events
HIST 342: World Affairs II: Introduction to Today's World
HIST 351: History and the Humanities
HIST 361: Law and Government
HIST 401: AP Macroeconomics
HIST 402: AP Microeconomics
HIST 403: AP Comparative Government

DEPARTMENT SEQUENCE

HIST 111: World History: The Ancient World > **HIST 211: World History II: The Modern World** > **HIST 311: United State History** > **Upper Division Social Studies Electives**

THEOLOGY

DEPARTMENT REQUIREMENTS

- 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

COURSES OFFERED

THEO 101: Theology I: A Sense of Place
THEO 201: Theology II: The Human Story
THEO 301: Theology III: Topics in Theology
THEO 302: Theology IV: Philosophy
THEO 401: Faith, Science, and Reason

DEPARTMENT SEQUENCE

THEO 101: Theology I: A Sense of Place > **THEO 201: Theology II: The Human Story** > **Upper Division Theology Electives**

WORLD LANGUAGE — CHINESE, GERMAN, SPANISH

DEPARTMENT REQUIREMENTS

- 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

DEPARTMENT SEQUENCE

World Language sequence is based on the level of World Language the students begin when entering upper school at Saint John's Preparatory School.

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CHINESE COURSES OFFERED

CHIN 101: Chinese I
CHIN 151: Chinese II
CHIN 201: Chinese III
CHIN 251: Chinese IV
CHIN 301: AP Chinese Language and Culture
CHIN 353: Chinese Language and Cultural Heritage

GERMAN COURSES OFFERED

GERM 101: German I
GERM 151: German II
GERM 201: German III
GERM 251: German IV
GERM 301: AP German Language and Culture

SPANISH COURSES OFFERED

SPAN 101: Spanish I
SPAN 151: Spanish II
SPAN 201: Spanish III
SPAN 251: Spanish IV
SPAN 301: Spanish V
SPAN 401: AP Spanish Language and Culture

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

ENGLISH

DEPARTMENT REQUIREMENTS

- 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

COURSES OFFERED

ENG 101: English 9
ENG 201: American Literature
ENG 301: British Literature: Anglo-Saxton to Restoration
ENG 302: British Literature: Romantic to Contemporary
ENG 311: World Literature: The Classic World
ENG 312: World Literature:The Modern World
ENG 321: Creative Writing
ENG 401: AP English Literature

DEPARTMENT SEQUENCE

ENG 101: English 9 > ENG 201: American > Literature > Upper Division English > Electives

FINE ARTS — MUSIC, THEATRE, VISUAL

DEPARTMENT REQUIREMENTS*

- 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

MUSIC COURSES OFFERED

MUS 111: Concert Band
MUS 121: Concert Choir
MUS 131: Orchestra

MUSIC DEPARTMENT SEQUENCE: NONE

THEATRE DEPARTMENT SEQUENCE

THEA 112: Fundamentals of Theatre > THEA 120: Acting I > THEA 212: Theatre Capstone

THEATRE COURSES OFFERED

THEA 112: Fundamentals of Theatre
THEA 120: Acting I
THEA 212: Theatre Capstone

VISUAL DEPARTMENT SEQUENCE

ART 131: Drawing I > ART 231: Drawing II

ART 141: Painting I > ART 241: Painting II

ART 511: Honors Visual Arts Studio I > ART 512: Honors Visual Arts Studio II

ART 111: Ceramics I > ART 211: Ceramics II > ART 311: Ceramics III > ART 411: Advanced Ceramics

VISUAL COURSES OFFERED

ART 111: Ceramics I
ART 121: Digital Photography and Imaging I
ART 131: Drawing I
ART 132: Digital Drawing
ART 133: Printmaking
ART 141: Painting I
ART 152: 3D Art
ART 211: Ceramics II
ART 231: Drawing II
ART 241: Painting II
ART 311: Ceramics III
ART 411: Advanced Ceramics
ART 511: Visual Arts Studio I
ART 512: Visual Arts Studio II

GENERAL

DEPARTMENT REQUIREMENTS

- Courses listed in this section are offered for general graduation credit, not linked to any specific academic area

DEPARTMENT SEQUENCE: For Honors Distinction:

GEN 501: Knowledges and Truth > **GEN 502: Capstone**

COURSES OFFERED

MUS 221: Chamber Choir
MUS 241: Jazz Ensemble
GEN 303: Yearbook
GEN 401: Film Studies
GEN 402: Public Speaking
GEN 501: Honors Knowledge and Truth
GEN 502: Honors Senior Capstone

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

DEPARTMENT REQUIREMENTS

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

COURSES OFFERED

HPE 101: Health
HPE 102: Health and Physical Education 9
HPE 111: High School Intramurals (Grade 9)
HPE 211: High School Intramurals (Grade 10)
HPE 311: High School Intramurals (Grade 11)
HPE 411: High School Intramurals (Grade 12)

DEPARTMENT SEQUENCE

Sequence is based on student grade level and when they enroll at Saint John's Prep.

INTERIM

DEPARTMENT REQUIREMENTS

- 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 the 10th, 11th, or 12th grades
- Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory assessments given each year and reflected on students' transcript/permanent record with credits earned

COURSES OFFERED

Offerings vary year to year

DEPARTMENT SEQUENCE

Sequence is based on student grade level and when they enroll at Saint John's Prep.

MATHEMATICS

DEPARTMENT REQUIREMENTS

- 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

COURSES OFFERED

MATH 101: Algebra I
MATH 151: Geometry
MATH 201: Algebra II
MATH 301: Pre-Calculus
MATH 401: AP Calculus
MATH 452: AP Statistics

DEPARTMENT SEQUENCE

MATH 101: Algebra I > **MATH 151: Geometry** > **MATH 201: Algebra II** > **Upper Division Mathematics Electives**

SCIENCE

DEPARTMENT REQUIREMENTS

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

COURSES OFFERED

PHYS 101: Physics
PHYS 112: Astronomy
PHYS 301: AP Physics
CHEM 101: Chemistry
CHEM 302: AP Chemistry
CHEM 303: Intro to Organic Chemistry
CHEM 304: Medicinal Chemistry
BIO 101: Biology
BIO 201: Environmental Studies
BIO 210: Nature and Natural Experience
BIO 211: Outdoor Skills
BIO 401: AP Biology

DEPARTMENT SEQUENCE

PHYS 101: Physics > **CHEM 101: Chemistry** > **BIO 101: Biology** > **Upper Division Science Courses**