



St. Francis High School Class of 2029 Course Registration FAQs

What is the process and timeline to register incoming freshmen for courses?

Incoming freshmen will enter their course requests into PowerSchool between March 17 - March 21. The Counseling Department will be available at Freshman Welcome Night on March 19 from 4:30-6:00 pm to answer any questions you may have or to troubleshoot any PowerSchool issues..

What classes are freshmen required to take?

Freshmen take **six required classes** plus electives. The six required classes are:

Subject	Freshman required course options
Theology (two semesters/10 credits)	All freshmen take Introduction to Scripture and Christology.
English (two semesters/10 credits)	All freshmen take English 9
Math (two semesters/10 credits)	Freshmen are placed in Algebra 1 unless they choose to take an optional challenge test for placement into one of the following classes: Geometry, Integrated Math 2, Algebra 2, Honors Algebra 2, Pre-Calculus, or Honors Pre-Calculus.
Modern and Classical Language (two semesters/10 credits)	Freshmen may take French 1, Italian 1 or Spanish 1 unless they choose to take an optional challenge test for placement in a Level 2 or higher language class.
Science (two semesters/10 credits)	Freshmen are placed in their freshman Science course based upon their HSPT scores and application supporting documents. The options are Integrated Science, Biology, and Honors Biology.
Social Studies (one semester/5 credits)	All freshmen take Early World History and Geography

TOTAL CREDITS FROM REQUIRED CLASSES: 55

What are course options beyond the six required classes?

Additional graduation requirements that can be completed during any of the four years at St. Francis include Health (one semester required), PE (three semesters required), and Visual and Performing Arts (1 year required). There are also optional electives in Ethnic Studies, technology, media, and leadership. Please refer to the Course Catalog

Freshmen will choose 10-15 elective credits from the following:

Subject	Freshman elective course options
Health (one semester/5 credits)	May be taken any time at St. Francis, but highly recommended freshman or sophomore year.
Physical Education (one semester/5 credits)	Options include Dance Grooves, Fusion Fitness, Yoga, and Hula (audition required). Students must complete three semesters of PE, and playing a St. Francis sport counts as a semester of PE. There are also some non-St. Francis sports that may earn a PE waiver.
Visual Arts (two semesters/10 credits)	Introduction to Studio Art
Performing Arts: <i>No audition required</i>	Theater Arts I (two semesters/10 credits), Introduction to Show Choir (one semester/5 credits), Concert Choir (two semesters/10 credits), Theater Tech & Design (two semesters/10 credits)
Performing Arts: <i>Audition required</i>	Apprentice Dance Company (two semesters/10 credits), Dance Company (two semesters/10 credits), Show Choir (one semester/5 credits), Chamber Singers (two semesters/10 credits), Concert Band (two semesters/10 credits), Concert Orchestra (two semesters/10 credits), Percussion (two semesters/10 credits), Vocal Solos (one semester/5 credits)
Technology and Media (two semesters/10 credits)	Computer Programming with C-STEM Advanced Media Productions
Other Courses	Applied Academic Strategies (one semester/5 credits) Ethnic Studies (one semester/5 credits) Ministry Leadership (one semester/5 credits) Student Leadership/Freshman Class Council (two semesters/10 credits; application and interview required)

Note: Academic Strategies is a one semester/5 credit invitation-only class that some freshmen may be strongly encouraged to take to support their transition to high school.

How do freshmen get free blocks in their schedule?

The St. Francis schedule is an 8-block, A through H schedule. Many freshmen will take 7 classes (70 credits) each semester and will have 1 free block in each semester. Freshmen *may* take 8 classes in each semester (80 credits), but it is not recommended.

Can freshmen request which class block will be their free block?

We are unable to accommodate requests for specific free blocks. Course schedules are run through our online schedule builder and individually reconciled to balance classes.

How does a student indicate their intention to play a St. Francis sport when registering for classes?

While SF sports earn PE credit, they do not count as a class during the school day, so students who intend to play an SF sport should not include the sport in their credit count. The sport will appear on the student's schedule once rosters have been finalized and verified.

How does student leadership/class council work for incoming freshmen?

Our freshman class council is chosen by application and interview rather than a class-wide election. Check the Class of 2029 webpage for more information regarding the application process. Students who are chosen for the freshman class council will be enrolled in the Student Leadership class and may need to postpone an elective class if they are oversubscribed.

When will the Class of 2029 receive their course schedules? What changes to the course schedule can be made at that time?

Final course schedules will be shared the first week of July. The only changes that can be made at that time are scheduling errors.

How do students receive their course schedules?

Course schedules are posted in PowerSchool and emailed to students via their Troubiemail accounts.

Whom can we contact with questions about freshman course registration in the meantime?

Please email counseling@stfrancishs.org and a member of our Counseling Department will reach out to you.