Welcome rising seniors!

Course selection instructions for 12th grade



by the Albany High School Counseling Department

Overview

- Course selection timeline and dates
- Reviewing requirements
- Schedule planning
- Online course selection instructions



Important dates

- Week of March 6: course selection presentation by high school counselors
- March 9-10 & 14-15: AHS counselor drop-in help at lunch
- Wednesday, March 15: course selections must be completed in Aeries student portal.
 - Window closes at 9pm.



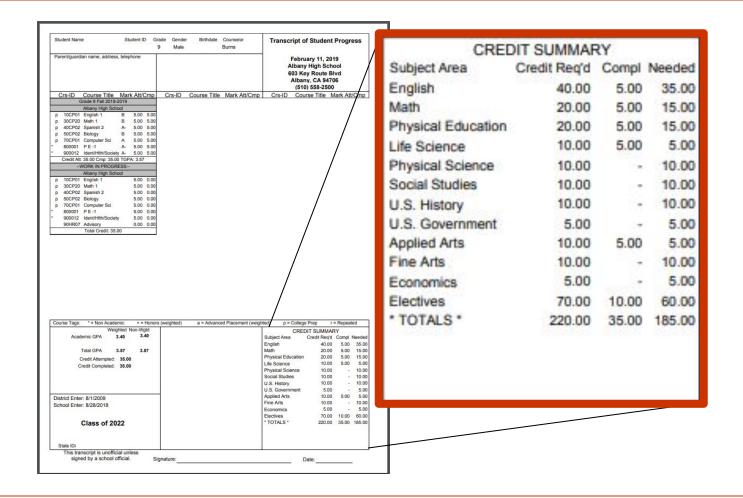
Graduation Requirements

Subject Area	Credit Required	
A - English	40.00	
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C - Physical Education	20.00	
O - Life Science	10.00	
E - Physical Science	10.00	
- Social Studies	10.00	
G - U.S. History	10.00	
H - U.S. Government	5.00	
- Applied Arts	10.00	
- Fine Arts	10.00	
C - Economics	5.00	
Z - Electives	70.00	

- 1 year = 10 credits
- See course lists and catalog for requirements and options in each subject area
- Electives includes any class taken in each subject area after requirement is met
- For 4-year college eligibility, add 1 year of math and 2 years of language



Credit Summary/Transcripts





Designing your Schedule

- Find a good balance between classes & activities
- 6 classes is mandatory (5 for seniors). 7 is <u>optional</u>
- 5 academic classes recommended for 4-year college-bound students. We do not recommend taking more than 5 academic classes
- Sleep, mental health, family, friends, & activities are just as important as the schedule you choose.
 Choose wisely.



Guidelines for choosing classes

- Placement for Math, World Language, and ELD is by teacher recommendation.
- Students with IEPs will work with their case managers so schedules reflect their plan.
- Talk with parents/guardians and teachers about your choices.
- If you're planning to take fewer than 7 classes, you may select an unscheduled 1st, 2nd, 6th or 7th period.
- Choose alternate classes for all electives! Low demand, full classes or schedule conflicts mean you may not get first choice



Guidelines for choosing classes

- Refer to Course List. Choose one course per discipline: English, History, Math, Science, plus electives (language, fine or applied arts, social studies and general electives).
- Course Catalog with course descriptions and guidance is also posted on website
- Some courses may be prescheduled (e.g. social studies grade-level requirements). DO NOT delete prescheduled courses.



Required classes

AP English Lit (separate sign-up required) *or*Senior Composition (fall) and elective (spring) *or*ELD (teacher recommendation)

U.S. Government (fall)/Economics (spring)

Students in our Special Education program will work with their case manager to create a schedule that accurately reflects their Individualized Education Plan (IEP)



English electives

- Film As Literature
- Mythology
- Science Fiction
- Women's Literature

All seniors <u>not</u> taking AP English Lit or ELD will take Senior Composition in the fall plus an elective in the spring.

Please list an alternate request for English elective!

Remember that semester courses (ex: Sr Comp/Elective; US Gov/Econ) look like two classes in Aeries Course Requests Entry but are really one full-year course



Electives

- See course list on AHS website for elective offerings in each subject area
- Check catalog for prerequisites and/or requirements for all classes marked with *
- Check bulletin and email for info sessions by department/ program (example: English options)

Albany High School course selection sheet for 2023-24 Courses open to TWELFTH grade students

In addition to English and U.S. Government/Economics, each student is to select a minimum of three (3) courses for a five (5) period day. It is extremely important to list alternates for each elective. If alternates are not listed and your first choice cannot be accommodated, your schedule may be incomplete. Please make your selections carefully. With few exceptions, changes will NOT be possible.

PLEASE NOTE THAT FIRST-CHOICE ELECTIVE CLASSES ARE NOT GUARANTEED

SOCIAL STUDIES U.S. Govt/Econ (required) U.S. Govt/Econ EDEET* Electives: Art History (AP) Comparative Govt (AP) Current Global Events Ethnic Studies Psychology	English Literature (AP)* Or- Sr. Comp + English elective: Orim As Literature Mythology Non-fiction EDSET* Science Fiction Women's Literature	MATH Pre-Calculus* Calculus AB (AP)* Calculus BC (AP)* Statistics (AP)*
WORLD LANGUAGES French 1 French 2* French 3* French 4* French (AP)* Spanish 1 Spanish 2* Spanish 3* Spanish 4* Spanish 4* Spanish 4* Mandarin 1 Mandarin 2* Mandarin 3* Mandarin 4* Mandarin 4* Mandarin (AP)* American Sign Language (Berkeley City College)	APPLED ARTS Photography Advanced Photo* Graphic Design Electronics Workshop* Journalism/Adv. Journalism* Honors Drawing and Painting* Engineering & Design Principles 1 & 2 (semesterlong courses) Computer Science Computer Science (AP)* Computer Science Principles (AP)* Culinary Arts International Cuisine Yearbook/Adv. Yearbook*	FINE ARTS Foundation Art: 2D Emphasi Foundation Art: 3D Emphasi Advanced Art* Honors Drawing and Painting* AP Studio Art* Symphonic Band Wind Ensemble* Jazz Band* String Orchestra Basic Guitar* Concert Choir Treble Chamber Ensemble* Chamber Singers* Graphic Design Photography Adv. Photo* Dance 1 Dance 2*/Adv. Dance 2*
LIFE SCIENCE Anatomy/Physiology Biology Biology (AP)* Environmental Science (AP)*	PHYSICAL SCIENCE Chemistry* Chemistry (AP)* Earth Space Science Environmental Science (AP)* Physics* Physics (AP)*	GENERAL ELECTIVES Academic Peer Support* Step to College (SFSU Fitness/Weight Trainin Service* Homework Lab

Courses marked with (*) require prerequisites and/or teacher approval

Math, World Language, and English Language Development (ELD) classes are determined by teacher recommendation. The AHS counselors will work with the teachers in these departments to place students in the appropriate level course. No signatures are needed on the course request form in these subjects. For students in our Special Education Program, you will work directly with your Case Manager to create a schedule that accurately reflects your Individualized Education Plan (IEP). MacGregor counselor based on credit needs.



Special Programs

- EDSET (continuing students only): 2 years, environmental focus, two classes per year plus internship. Be sure to select EDSET versions of Senior Comp/Non-Fiction and US Gov/Econ classes.
- Step to College: SFSU course @ AHS for college credit
- New classes: Electronics Workshop, Academic Peer Support



Requesting 2 classes in same subject

Forms to request a second class in a single subject are available in the Counseling Office

This process applies to Science, Math, Social Studies*, English and Language only (the UC requirement areas A-E).

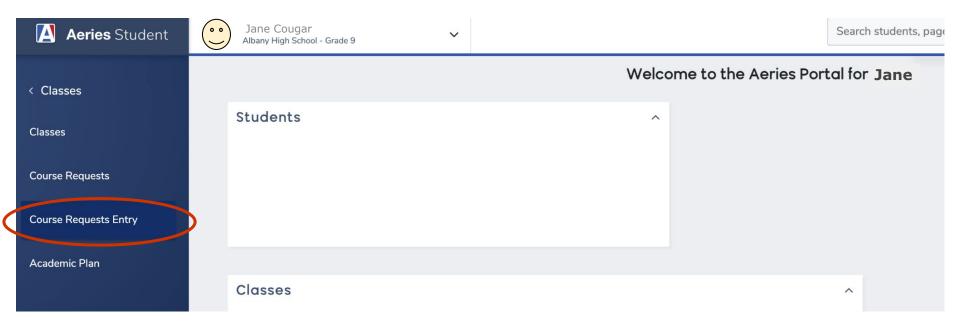
- Second courses are available on a space-available basis
- Request form requires student and parent signature. It will be reviewed by your counselor and submitted to the principal for approval. Forms are due 3/15!
- Be aware: determination of space availability may not happen until just before school starts next year. It is very important to select an alternate for any proposed second subject-area course.



^{*}Most social studies electives are categorized as UC area G. AP Comp Gov (area A) is exempt from this policy since AHS grants elective credit only for this course.

Course Selection Instructions: all current students

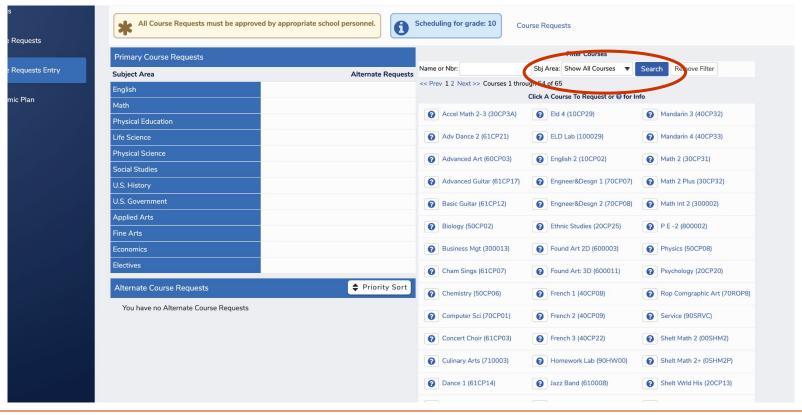
- Log into your Student Aeries account
- Go to Classes > Course Requests Entry





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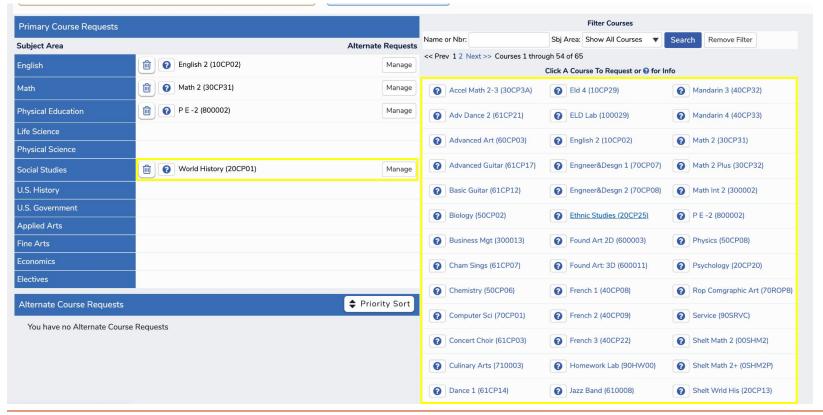
- Set Subject Area to Show All Courses
- Hit Search to display list (may be more than one page)
- Find classes alphabetically by name





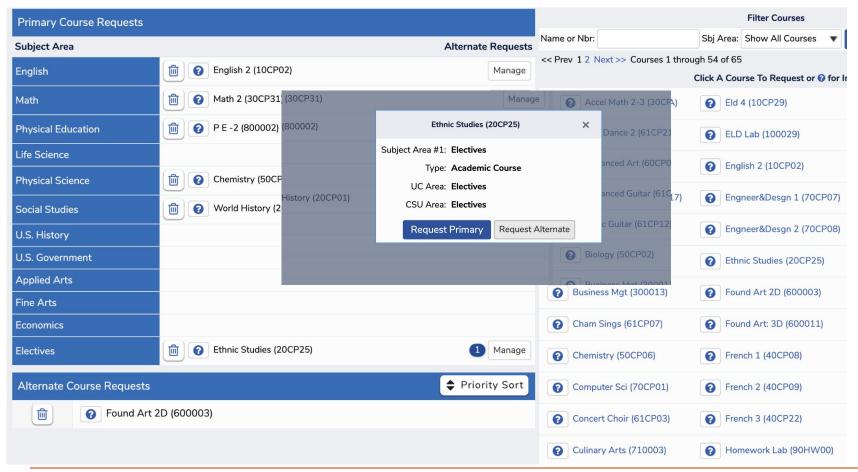
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- Available classes will show on the right; selected courses will move to the left column
- Be sure to select alternates for all elective courses





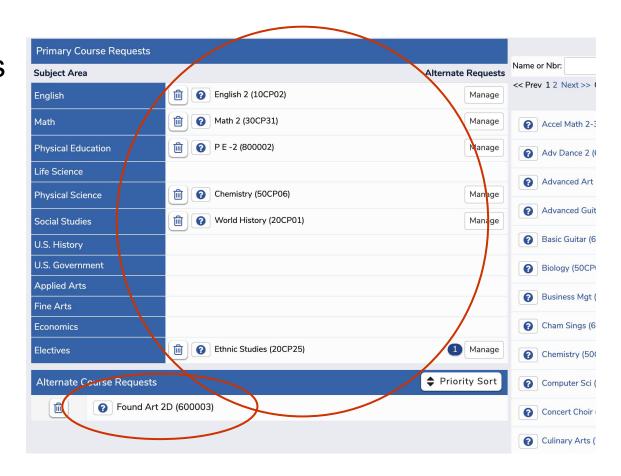
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Course Selection Instructions

- Course requests will save automatically.
- Once the Aeries window closes you will not be able to edit choices.





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