## Choosing classes for 12th grade



Presented by the AHS Counseling Department

## Overview

$\square$ Course selection timeline and dates
$\square$ Reviewing requirements
$\square$ Schedule planning
$\square$ Online course selection

- March 7-8: Advisement Days
- Teachers review departmental options in class
- March 11-14: course selection presentations by AHS counselors in social studies classes
- March 19-20 @ lunch and March 20 \& 22 @ advisory: AHS counselor drop-in course selection help
- March 22: Aeries portal closes! Course selections must be complete by 10pm


## ALBANY HIGH SCHOOL

## Graduation requirements

| Graduation Status |  |
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| Subject Area | Credit Required |
| A - English | 40.00 |
| B - Math | 20.00 |
| C - Physical Education | 20.00 |
| D - Life Science | 10.00 |
| E - Physical Science | 10.00 |
| F - Social Studies | 10.00 |
| G - U.S. History | 10.00 |
| H - U.S. Government | 5.00 |
| I - Applied Arts | 10.00 |
| J - Fine Arts | 10.00 |
| K - Economics | 5.00 |
| L - Ethnic Studies | 5.00 |
| Z - Electives | 65.00 |

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

- Find a good balance between classes \& activities
- 6 classes is mandatory ( 5 for seniors). 7 is optional
- 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!
- 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 $1^{\text {st }}, 2^{\text {nd }}, 6^{\text {th }}$ or $7^{\text {th }}$ period.
- Choose alternate classes for all electives! Low demand, full classes or schedule conflicts mean you may not get first choice
- 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
- Non-Fiction (EDSET only)

All seniors not taking AP English Lit or ELD will take Senior Composition in the fall plus an English 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

## 12th grade program

## 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 2024-2
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 altemates for each elective. If a aternates are not listed and your first choice cannot be accommodated, your sch
exceptions, changes will NoT be possible.
please note that first-choice elective classes are not guaranteed

|  | - English Literature (AP)* <br> -or- <br> - <br> - Sr. Comp + English elective: <br> - Film As Literature <br> - Mythology <br> Non-fiction EDSET* <br> - Science Fiction <br> - Women's Literature |  |
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| WORLD LANGUAGES <br> - French 1 <br> - French 2* <br> - French 3* <br> - French $(\mathrm{AP})^{*}$ <br> - Spanish 1 <br> - Spanish 2* <br> - Spanish 4* <br> - Spanish (AP)* <br> - Mandarin 1 <br> - Mandarin 2* <br> - Mandarin 3* <br> - Mandarin (AP)* |  | FINE ARTS <br> - Foundation Art: 2D Emphasis <br> - Foundation Art: 3D Emphasis <br> - Advanced Art* <br> - Honors Drawing and <br> Painting* <br> - AP Studio Art* <br> - Symphonic Band <br> - Wind Ensemble* <br> - String Orchestra <br> - Basic Guitar <br> - Advanced Guitar* <br> - Tenor/Bass Chamber <br> Ensemble <br> - Treble Chamber Ensemble <br> - Chamber Singers* <br> - Graphic Design <br> - Photography <br> - Dance 1 <br> - Dance $2^{*} /$ Adv. Dance $2^{*}$ <br> - Theater Study |
| $\quad$ 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 <br> - Academic Peer Support* <br> - Step to College (SFSU) <br> - Fitness/Weight Training <br> - Service* <br> - Homework Lab |

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




## 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

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 by the course selection deadline!
- Be aware: determination of space availability may not happen until 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

For all current students:

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

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



## Course selection instructions

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



## Course selection instructions



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


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## AHS website resources



