



St. Francis High School Class of 2028 Course Registration FAQs

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

Incoming freshmen receive the Course Registration Form via email. Please bring your completed Course Registration Form to Freshman Welcome Night on March 13. The Counseling Department will be available from 4:30-6:00 pm to collect the completed forms and answer any questions you may have.

What classes are freshmen required to take?

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

Subject	Freshman required course options
English (two semesters/10 credits)	All freshmen take English 9
Social Studies (one semester/5 credits)	All freshmen take Early World History and Geography
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, or Honors Pre-Calculus.
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.
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.
Theology (two semesters/10 credits)	All freshmen take Introduction to Scripture and Christology.

TOTAL CREDITS FROM REQUIRED CLASSES: 55

All incoming freshmen will learn of their Science placement and the results of any challenge test placements before March 13, 2024. For that reason, the SFHS Class of 2028 Course Registration Form will not include options for any of the six required classes except for Modern and Classical Language, for those students who did not take a challenge test and need to choose their level 1 Modern and Classical Language class.

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 technology, media, and leadership.

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), Honors Chamber Singers (two semesters/10 credits), Concert Band (two semesters/10 credits), Honors Symphonic Band (two semesters/10 credits), Chamber Orchestra (two semesters/10 credits), Honors Chambers Orchestra (two semesters/10 credits), Vocal Solos (one semester/5 credits)
Technology and Media (two semesters/10 credits)	Computer Programming with C-STEM (<i>PREREQUISITE: Completion of Algebra 1 or Integrated Math 1</i>), Advanced Media Productions (application required)
Leadership	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.

All incoming freshmen will learn of any arts audition placements before March 13, 2024. The SFHS Class of 2028 Course Registration Form will include options for electives in Health, PE, Visual and Performing Arts, and Technology.

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. If you intend to play an SF sport, do not include this in your credit count on the Registration Form since sports are not a scheduled class during the school day.

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?

The Class of 2028 Course Registration Form will have a section for students to indicate their intention to participate in a St. Francis cut or non-cut sport. While SF sports earn you PE credit, it does not count as a class during the school day.

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 2028 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 2028 receive their course schedules? What changes to the class 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 class schedules?

Class 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.