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At Saint Francis, we believe in a well-developed curriculum with diverse offerings that is rooted in Catholic teachings on social justice.

Our curriculum provides a solid foundation in humanities, arts, and sciences, and offers forward-thinking classes that give students the ability to stretch their knowledge in the arts, language, technology and religious studies.

Our inclusive curriculum provides a solid foundation of critical thinking and skill development that gives students the ability to challenge their thinking and expand their knowledge. Students learn to think critically and creatively in a collaborative, supportive, co-ed environment.

Graduates are compassionate leaders of impact in society and the environment, prepared for post-high school experiences at colleges, universities, and the workplace. With more than 120 courses in ten departments, students have the opportunity to select classes that reflect their interests, align with their goals, and challenge their thinking.

HONORS and ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES

English

English I Honors
English 2 Honors
AP Language
AP Literature

World Language

French 5 Honors
Spanish 3 Honors
AP Chinese Language
AP French Language
AP Spanish Language
AP Spanish Literature

Mathematics

Algebra Honors
Geometry Honors
Advanced Algebra/Trig Honors
Precalculus Honors
AP Statistics
AP Calculus-AB
AP Calculus-BC
AP Computer Science

Science

Biology Honors
Chemistry Honors
Physics Honors
AP Biology
AP Chemistry
AP Environmental Science
AP Physics

Social Studies

AP World History
AP Government
AP Macroeconomics
AP Psychology
AP US History

Visual and Performing Arts

AP Music Theory
AP Studio Art





excellence

Our educators are passionate professionals whose objectives are to create inclusive spaces for students to love learning and think critically. Many of our teachers hold advanced degrees and are experts in the fields they teach. Our faculty members believe in the Holy Cross tradition and are role models who, through wisdom and example, inspire students to reach their full potential.

A distinct characteristic of Holy Cross educators is their commitment to students' development as empathetic, compassionate, humble advocates of social justice. Educators emphasize these characteristics in the classroom and in the spaces where they moderate clubs and coach.

TEACHERS

- 100% serve as coaches or moderators
- 26 served as chaperones for immersion trips
- 60 coach athletic teams
- 70 moderate clubs and activities





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GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

by Semester

English	8
Social Studies	6
Religious Studies	8
Visual & Performing Arts	2
Mathematics	6
Science	6
World Language	4
Health and Fitness	2
Selectives	6
Community Service	50

At Saint Francis, students are never tracked into specific courses.

Freshmen are placed in honors classes based on their test scores, grades, recommendations and qualifying exams. In the upper level courses, students elect their own placement according to their academic performance and college goals.

Saint Francis students typically take six or seven academic courses per year. Nationwide, colleges and universities recognize that our academic course offerings prepare students for the rigors of college. Courses are taught at the college preparatory level and in accordance with state graduation requirements. In addition, Saint Francis requires students to complete eight semesters of religious studies.

FOUR-YEAR ACADEMIC PLAN

Freshman Year	Sophomore Year	Junior Year	Senior Year
English	English	English	English
Religious Studies	Hebrew Scriptures/New Testament	Social Justice/Moral Issues	Christian Vocation/Selective
Math	Math	Math	US Government/Economics
World Language	Science	Science	Science
Science	World Language	US History	World Language
Health and Fitness	World History/Geography	World Language	Math
Elective	or AP European History	Elective	Free Period or Elective
	Elective		

Elective Courses

Academic Electives Advanced Speech and Rhetoric AP Psychology Argumentation and Debate Biomedical Ethics Case Studies in Human Rights Case Studies in Asia and Africa Contemporary American Issues Contemporary World Problems Creative Writing Ethnic Studies Facing History History and Politics of the Olympics Irish Literature Journalism Leadership Speech 1 Psychology 1 Western Tragedy and African Hope	English Selectives: Seniors Contemporary American Authors Culture and Voice Film as Literature Mystery and Detective Fiction Science Fiction and Fantasy World Languages American Sign Language Chinese French Spanish Health and Fitness Advanced Team Sports 1 and 2 Advanced Weight Training and Conditioning 1 and 2 Aquatic Fitness Core Fitness Fitness for Life Mindfulness Net Games Speed and Agility	Religious Studies Selectives: Seniors Christianity and Philosophy Christian Spirituality Design Thinking for Justice Sports and Spirituality World Religions Design AP Computer Science Computer Programming Bioprinting Designing Systems for Gender Equity Design Thinking Engineering Entrepreneurship History of Science Independent Inquiry Robotics Visual and Performing Arts Acting for Musical Theater Advanced Art Advanced Dance Advanced Guitar	AP Music Theory AP Studio Art Art and Cultures of the World Basic Design/Drawing 1 Beginning Classical Guitar Ceramics 1 and 2 Concert Band 1 Concert Choir 1 – 4 Dance 1 Design Digital 2D Animation Digital Music Digital Photography Drama 1 – 4 Drawing and Composition 2 Graphic Arts Graphic Arts for the iPad Improvisational Theater Jazz Band Painting 1 Percussion Ensemble Printmaking Symphonic Band 2 – 5 Technical Drawing Technical Theater Video Production
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