



PRESENTATION HIGH SCHOOL

Freshman Scheduling Worksheet: Class of 2022

At the incoming freshman barbeque, a portion of the evening will be spent going over the freshman academic program. Information will be provided about required and elective course offerings and how and when to take proficiency tests. Use this guide as a worksheet to begin thinking about your choices. You will not turn this in but will instead register for your courses online using the PowerSchool Course Scheduler. You will receive your user name and password for PowerSchool at the barbeque. You can then go online to make your course requests anytime April 25 through April 29.

Religious Studies (year-long)

All freshman take a semester of Hebrew Scriptures and a semester of Christian Scriptures.

_____ Hebrew Scriptures (fall semester)

This semester will focus on the Bible, the living word of God, as revealed in the Hebrew Scriptures. The course will follow the Old Testament story of God's love and faithfulness through the stories of the patriarchs, God's desire for justice in the Exodus, Israel as a nation, and the prophets as spokespersons for God's justice. The course will begin with a discussion of God as a loving creator.

_____ Christian Scriptures (spring semester)

There are many questions we can ask about our relationship with Jesus of Nazareth. For example, what does Jesus' life, death and resurrection have to do with us? The relationship that Jesus calls his followers to is one that is committed to building the Kingdom of God. Students will be challenged to explore Jesus' call to relationship through prayer and spirituality rooted in and arising from Scripture. Lastly, the course will address a selection of New Testament letters, which give insight into the triumphs and challenges of the early Christian communities.

Computer Applications (1 semester)

Computer Applications is a one semester required course for all freshmen.

_____ Computer Applications

_____ I plan to fulfill the Computer Applications requirement by taking the summer school class.

At the completion of this course, students will be able to format research reports and tables in Google Docs on the laptop and iPad, as well as in the Word app; create spreadsheets, graphs, and charts in Google Sheets on the laptop and iPad, as well as using Excel on the iPad; design academic presentations in Google Slides on the laptop and in PowerPoint on the iPad, understand the concept of digital literacy and safety, and use digital image and video apps on the iPad.

Students may fulfill the Computer Applications requirement by taking it during the summer OR during the school year. Students who plan to take it during the summer must go to presentationhs.org/summer to register and pay for the class. Space is limited.



English (year-long)

Choose either:

- English 9** or
 Honors English 9

The study of literature in English 9 includes the short story, the essay, the novel, and the play. A thorough study of grammar, punctuation, spelling, and vocabulary is included. The ninth grade composition program begins with helping students to write clear, interesting, informative, and unified single paragraphs. This skill is then expanded into the development of longer essays. English 9 also includes units on speech and study skills.

Honors English 9 covers the same areas as English 9; however, it also includes additional short stories and essays, more in-depth coverage of material, advanced vocabulary lists, and longer writing assignments. This course is designed for the high-achieving English student who has a strong background in reading, grammar and writing.

Prerequisites for Honors English 9:

- Students must have scored at the 90% at the National level on the Reading and Verbal sections of the HSPT OR
- Received “Honors at Entrance” distinction

Social Studies (year-long)

Choose either:

- World History** or
 Honors World History

All freshmen take a year-long course of study in World History. The course is designed chronologically to give an overview of significant social, economic, political and religious events which have influenced society today. The first semester of the course will cover the beginning of civilization through the Industrial Revolution and imperialism, and the second semester will explore World War I through the end of the Cold War.

The Honors World History course follows a similar curriculum. Students will use a college text and supplementary primary source readings to gain a deeper and more analytical understanding of historical events and their impact.

Prerequisite for Honors World History:

- Students must have scored at the 90% at the National level on the Reading section of the HSPT; OR
- Received “Honors at Entrance” distinction



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Mathematics (year-long)

All freshmen must take a year-long math course.

Students wishing to take Algebra I may do so without taking a Proficiency Exam. Students wishing to enroll in any math class beyond Algebra I must take a Proficiency Exam. The test results will be used to properly place students in a math class freshman year. Students currently in Math Common Core 9 or a course with the title of Algebra should take the Algebra 1 Proficiency Exam.

Options in Mathematics and corresponding prerequisite requirements:

| Course | Prerequisite | Proficiency Test Date(s) |
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| Algebra I | No prerequisite | No Test Required |
| Geometry | Take and score at required level on the Algebra I Proficiency Test | Tuesday, May 15 OR Wednesday, May 16 |
| Honors Geometry | Take and score at required level on the Algebra I Proficiency Test | Tuesday, May 15 OR Wednesday, May 16 |
| Algebra II, Honors Algebra II, or higher | Take and score at required level on the Algebra I/Geometry combined Proficiency Test | Thursday, May 17 |

Note: If you wish to begin in Algebra II or higher, you must begin with the May 17th Algebra I/Geometry combined Proficiency Test. Placement higher than Algebra II will require additional testing. Please contact the Math Department Chair, Sharon Goldau at sgoldau@presentationhs.org to arrange for additional testing to be placed in a math class higher than Honors Algebra II.

Math Advancement through Summer School

Students may also advance in math by enrolling in summer school courses. Students wishing to take Algebra 1 over the summer may use the summer advancement course if they meet the prerequisites of A- or better in eighth grade math (whether Math 8 or Algebra 1) OR score a 40-59% on the Algebra 1 Proficiency Test. Students who score between 60-69% on the Algebra 1 Proficiency Test qualify to take just the second three-week session of Algebra 1 (Algebra 1: Semester 2). Upon successful completion of Algebra I in summer school, she will be placed in Geometry freshman year.

In order to take Geometry over the summer, a student must be placed in Honors Geometry based on her Proficiency Test results. Upon successful completion of Geometry in summer school, she will be placed in Honors Algebra 2 or Algebra 2 freshman year. More information on summer school advancement will be provided with the proficiency test results. You can refer to the Summer at Presentation website for more detailed information regarding prerequisites.



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Modern Language (year-long)

Choose either:

- Spanish
- French

Presentation offers two Modern Languages, Spanish and French. Students should enroll in level 1 if they have little or no prior experience with the language. Any student who speaks the language at home, or has studied it in school, are strongly encouraged to take the proficiency test in order to determine the correct level for her.

Options in Modern Language and corresponding eligibility requirements:

| Course | Prerequisite | Proficiency Test Date(s) |
|---|--|---|
| Spanish I, or French I | No prerequisite | |
| Any level of Spanish or French beyond Level I | Take and score at required level on Modern Language Proficiency Test | Spanish - Monday, May 7 OR Thursday, May 17 French - Wednesday, May 9 OR Tuesday, May 15 |

Science

Choose from the following:

- I do not plan to enroll in Science freshman year
- Biology I (year-long)
- Honors Biology I (year-long)

Biology I (year-long)

The Biology I course explores the variety of life on Earth while focusing on fundamental principles of Biological Science. The major topics include Ecology, Cell Biology, Genetics and Human Anatomy and Physiology. Individual units incorporate a variety of laboratory and interactive computer experiences as well as group activities.

Honors Biology I (year-long)

Biology I Honors provides a more in-depth exploration of the Biology I topics and assumes that students have solid organizational skills, good study habits, and are able to learn material with high degree of self-initiative. Students are eligible for Honors Biology either by being accepted “Honors at Entrance” or by passing the proficiency test.

Options in Science and corresponding eligibility requirements:

| Course | Prerequisite | Proficiency Test Date(s) |
|-----------|---|--------------------------|
| Biology I | No Prerequisite but recommended for students with 50% or higher on the HSPT | No Test Required |



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| Honors Biology I | 75% or higher on the Composite score on the HSPT AND passing score on the Proficiency Test OR “Honors at Entrance” distinction | Tuesday, May 8 OR Thursday, May 10 |
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Note: Students who demonstrate that they are prepared for Honors Biology I may still opt to enroll in regular Biology.

Rhetoric (1 semester - fall)

This semester long course is an introduction to public speaking, research methods, and argumentation. This class will provide fundamental skills that students will use throughout their academic career with regards to writing techniques and effective research. Students will be exposed to various written and oral techniques of persuasion, argumentation, exposition, discussion, and analysis of controversial current issues. Students will further develop their reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills, and learn how to research, analyze and organize materials for effective oral presentation and argument. Students will be required to deliver speeches in interesting and creative methods. **Rhetoric is a recommended course for any freshman planning to participate in Speech and Debate.**

Electives

Presentation has 7 periods and students are required to take 6 classes each semester. Depending on the class choices a student makes, she may have room in her schedule for electives and/or a study period. There are a variety of electives offered in Visual and Performing Arts and P.E. to choose from. You can view a complete listing of these in the online course directory at <http://www.presentationhs.org/academics/course-directory/index.aspx>. When you select your courses in the PowerSchool Course Scheduler you will be able to view which course electives still have spaces available for freshmen. You may also choose to take a study period. A study is a free period in the day that can be spent working in the library or computer labs.

Please note: Auditions for the Presentation Dance Team and Choir (Cantabile) take place in May. Information about workshops and tryout dates can be found on the Class of 2022 webpage. Participation on both the Dance Team and Choir fulfills the Visual and Performing Art course requirement.

General Guidelines and Considerations:

1. You should seriously consider taking Proficiency Tests in any subject area in which you qualify. All proficiency tests begin at 3:30 p.m. and take about one hour to complete. In late May you will receive your course placement based on your test results. If you are eligible to advance in multiple subjects, you can choose whether or not you wish to do so. It is not recommended that freshmen take more than 2-3 honors courses.
2. If you have a conflict with any one of the proficiency test dates, please contact Linda Doolin, Assistant to the Vice Principal of Academics, at ldoolin@presentationhs.org to see if it is possible to reschedule. We request that you make every attempt to attend the test dates as scheduled.



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Working Draft of Freshman Schedule

You may use the grid below to map out the courses you are considering for freshman year. This will assist you in confirming that you have at least 6 classes each semester. Below is an example of a freshman schedule.

| Fall | Spring |
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| Block 1: | Block 1: |
| Block 2: | Block 2: |
| Block 3: | Block 3: |
| Block 4: | Block 4: |
| Block 5: | Block 5: |
| Block 6: | Block 6: |
| Block 7: | Block 7: |

Example of a Freshman Schedule

| Fall | Spring |
|--------------------------------|---|
| Block 1: English 9 | Block 1: English 9 |
| Block 2: Computer Applications | Block 2: Elective (PE, Art, non departmental) |
| Block 3: Algebra I | Block 3: Algebra I |
| Block 4: Hebrew Scriptures | Block 4: Christian Scriptures |
| Block 5: Spanish I | Block 5: Spanish I |
| Block 6: Biology | Block 6: Biology |
| Block 7: World History | Block 7: World History |