

Course Request Guide – 2018-2019 Sophomores – SAHS Class of 2021

Theology

3400 - Theology II

English (Choose 1.0) – Pre-requisites Required

4450 - English II

4400 - English II (honors)

Math (Choose 1.0) – Pre-requisite Geometry Required

5450 - Algebra II

5400 - Algebra II (honors) + 8695 - Test Prep

If enrolled in H.AlgII, Test Prep is required graduation course in Semester 2. If enrolled in Alg II or Geometry, Test Prep is taken in Semester 1 of Junior year.

Science (Choose 1.0) – Pre-requisites Required

6450 - Chemistry ^

6400 - Physical Science ^

6415 - Environmental Science & 6425 - Geology

Social Studies

7400 - World History #

Foreign Language – Pre-requisites Required

8010 - German II

8060 - Spanish II

Electives (Courses are 0.5-1.0 credits each. Choose 1st choice as needed to complete 7.0 credits for schedule).

These required courses for graduation must be selected as electives if credit is not yet earned:

8000 - German I

8050 - Spanish I

7215 - MS Studies # ~

7225 - Geography #~

8205 - Health #

8215 - PE #

Business/Tech Course«

These elective courses are available for Sophomores if the graduation requirements above have been met:

8100/8105 - Band +*

8110/8115 - Choral Music +*

8120/8125 - General Music +

8130/8135 - Show Choir +

8150/8155 - Performing Arts I +

8300/8305 - Art I +

8470 - Exploring Computer Science «

8480 - Web Design & Media Rich Content «

8600 - Yearbook/Journalism*

8655 - Public Speaking

1. Parents must complete online 2018-2019 **registration forms** and fee. Due date without a late fee is March 1st.
2. Review your **Transcript** (order a self-view transcript using your **Parchment** account). Compare with graduation requirements to determine which classes are needed next year. Students will set up their accounts during an in-class workshop the week of February 20th. Students must know their own permanent email address and how to access their account (not their school-provided email address).
3. Review course descriptions and pre-requisites in the **Course Catalog**, which may be viewed online (www.vicksburgcatholic.org ~ Academics ~ Course Catalog).
4. **Discuss** choices with your parents and teachers to decide which classes are right for you.
5. **Individual** student meetings with the counselor will be held during February and March. Form(s) will be sent home with the student after his/her meeting. Parents must sign and return the form to the counselor's office. **Write** alternate elective choices on form in case of schedule conflict.
6. Staff will complete the complex process of scheduling over the summer. Please understand that phone call and email inquiries cannot be accepted until after the **master schedule** is done.
7. Final **class schedules** are published the first week of August. If there is a mistake in the student's schedule from the courses requested in the spring, a change request can be made via email before the first day of school.

Key: The following symbols are used throughout the Course Catalog for additional information:

Specific courses that are required by Mississippi Department of Education for graduation.

~ Courses that when taken in 8th grade, satisfy high school graduation requirements for a specific course.

« Business/Tech courses that may be used in conjunction with proficiency guidelines to meet MS graduation requirement.

^ Courses that are Lab Sciences – minimum 4.0 credits are required for college prep curriculum.

+ Elective courses that are Fine Arts -- minimum 1.0 credit is required for graduation.

* Elective courses that may be repeated for more than 1.0 elective credit.



VICKSBURG CATHOLIC SCHOOL

St. Aloysius High School

2018-2019

Scheduling Procedures:

In the spring term, current St. Aloysius students are presented materials about the courses being offered in the upcoming school year. They are instructed to review the list, course catalog, graduation requirements and their transcript and to discuss their choices with their parents, teachers and school counselor.

- The course request process concludes with verification forms which are sent with students after the counselor meeting and must be returned with the required parent/guardian signatures.

The requests of all St. Aloysius students are used to assign faculty and create the master schedule. Once the master schedule is completed, students are placed in the best available schedule.

- Electives, AP courses and DC courses may vary each year depending on student interest, faculty availability, and scheduling. Refer to the complete course catalog for potential offerings. Courses may be canceled due to insufficient number of requests.
- Every attempt will be made to place a student in his/her requested courses whenever possible.
- Please be advised that students who request honors math or honors English are very likely to be placed into the honors section of the other subject as well due to scheduling constraints.
- A student may also be placed in different courses based on principal, counselor, or department recommendation after reviewing his/her final grades at the conclusion of the current school year.
- Final schedules will be published online approximately one week before school starts in August. If necessary, requests for a change of schedule will be accepted per instructions provided at that time.

Graduation Requirements:

Vicksburg Catholic School graduates complete a *minimum* of **twenty-eight (28)** Carnegie units as follows:

Theology	4 units	Foreign Language	2 units
English.....	4 units	Electives.....	1½ unit
Math (Algebra I #~)	5 units	Fine Art +	1 unit
Science (Biology #~)	4 units	Computer/Technology # ~	1 unit
American History #	1 unit	Health #.....	½ unit
World History #.....	1 unit	Physical Education #.....	½ unit
MS Studies # ~	½ unit	ACT/SAT Test Prep	½ unit
Geography # ~	½ unit	<i>Effective with the Class of 2022 (8th grade in 2017-2018), the total units for graduation will be 30 with the addition of 1.0 social studies and 1.0 elective.</i>	
U.S. Government #.....	½ unit		
Economics #	½ unit		

Advanced Placement Courses (+2.0 QP):

Advanced Placement (AP) courses are high school courses that provide curriculum that is accelerated and often equated with college level material. AP course curriculum is determined by the College Board. Students may earn college credit with satisfactory completion of the course and scoring successfully on the related AP exam at the end of the term. College acceptance varies from one institution to another based on its own policies.

Dual Credit Courses (+1.0 QP, +3 College Hours):

Dual Credit (DC) courses are offered in partnership with Hinds Community College. Dual Credit students receive high school Carnegie units as well as college credit for their course work. Certain eligibility requirements must be met for placement in Dual Credit courses. High school students participating in Dual Credit are enrolled at Hinds and must follow all college policies. Out-of-State and Private College acceptance varies from one institution to another based on its own policies.

Honors Courses (+1.0 QP):

Honors courses provide a more in-depth curriculum that is taught at a rapid pace. Students must demonstrate that they are committed to a strong work ethic, willing to work independently and routinely contribute to a productive class environment.