

JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL



COURSE PROGRESSION

Course offerings are listed below by department. In the five core areas, four (4) credits are required. In Math and Science, there are some choices as to which courses are taken to fulfill the required credits. Use these to chart a path toward graduation.

Theology		Social Studies		English		Mathematics		Science	
FR	Theology I (Scripture)	FR	Econ (.5) & Gov't (.5)	FR	Pre-AP English I or English I	FR	Algebra I	FR	PAP Biology I or Biology I
SO	Theo. II (Church History)	SO	World History	SO	Pre-AP English II or English II	SO	Geometry	SO/JUN	Ecology
JUN	Theology III (Morality & Sacraments)	JUN	Global Studies	JUN	AP Language & Comp. or English III	JUN	Algebra II	SO	PAP Chemistry
SEN	Theology IV (Ecumenical issues, Life in Christ)	SEN	AP U.S. History or U.S. History	SEN	AP Literature & Comp. or English IV	SEN	AP Statistics	JUN	Chemistry
notes		notes		notes		FR	PAP Geometry	JUN	PAP Physics
Courses are based on the 2008 USCCB curriculum framework for high school-aged catechetical materials. The bishops' have 6 core modules and 5 elective modules that the school has recombined into the above course structure.		Economics and American Government are viewed as foundational courses to the rest of the social studies curriculum, and thus are taught first. Global Studies is the World Geography course, and will have a history focus to it. The US History course will be either offered as an AP course or a dual credit course.		The three humanities courses, English, Social Studies, and Theology, will be integrated through each academic year, through a great books/classical curriculum model. The reading lists will be aligned along the subject matter and themes in the disciplines that year.		SO	PAP Algebra II/Trig.	SEN	Physics
						JUN	PAP Pre-calculus	SEN	AP Biology II
						SEN	AP Calculus (AB)		
						notes		Notes	
						Students not in the AP Calculus track can take Geometry in the summer to accelerate.		Note: All students must have Biology, Chemistry, and Physics among their four courses.	

Dual Credit vs. AP

Courses labeled as AP will be taught within that program, such as the Junior and Senior level English Language Arts courses. In some cases, the label is AP or DC (dual credit). For those courses, a determination will be made as to the proper direction once staff members are in place. The dual credit arrangement will be made with Alamo Community College District, at no extra cost to students.

⊕ Elective and Upper level courses

Courses labeled with the ⊕ are tentative, based on faculty expertise and enrollment. However, it is certain that the school will offer and enroll students in courses like these, and it is certain that our course catalog will expand beyond these listed as our school enrollment grows.

Physical education--Substitution

A student may substitute certain physical activities for the one and one-half required credits of physical education. The substitutions can be based on the physical activity involved in cheerleading or athletics (which at JPII, could include cross country, volleyball, football, basketball, soccer, swimming, golf, tennis, track, baseball, and fast-pitch softball). Additionally, a student may also earn physical education credits for other outside-of-school physical activities. These activities should average five hours per week, be overseen by a qualified coach or mentor, and need to be certified and approved by the school administration. A student may not earn more than the required one and half credits in physical education toward graduation requirements. Consult the handbook for more explanation.

Foreign Language	Other requirements and electives	
PAP Latin I	Tech 1: BCIS on the Mac (0.5) - REQ.	Intro to Studio Arts (0.5)
PAP Latin II	Health (0.5) - REQ.	Intermediate Studio Arts (0.5)
Latin III (AP or Dual Credit)	Speech (0.5) - REQ.	Digital Film (0.5)
Latin IV (AP or Dual Credit)	Texas Municipal Government (0.5) ⊕	Ceramics ⊕
Spanish I	Creative Writing ⊕	Music (instrumental)
Spanish II	Senior Honors Thesis (0.5) <i>Diploma distinction</i>	Music (voice) ⊕
Spanish III	Tech II (Variety of offerings on-line through K-12)	Theatre Arts (after school)
Spanish IV (AP or Dual Credit)	Physical Education (1.5 credits) PE I (0.5), PE II (0.5), PE III (0.5) - REQ.	Yearbook (after school)