



Students Grade 9: Online Course Request Instructions

The deadline to enter requests for 2017-2018 is 4:00 P.M., April 3rd

1. Select **Netclassroom** (top of website)
2. Select **Proceed to Netclassroom**
3. **Login** using your Netclassroom **student user ID and password**.
4. Select **Registration, Enter Requests** (Ignore the “# of requests needed”. Instead your “total credits” must equal **75**).
5. Select **Edit Requests** to add or edit requests. Choose courses using the drop-down lists.
Always select an alternate course from the Alternate drop-down list when asked.
6. When you have finished entering requests, click **Submit**. If exceptions are found, an explanation of each exception appears in red by the request. Make corrections and click **Submit** again.
7. Review your requests to make sure the correct requests have been saved.

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Course Selection Information for Grade 9

General Information:

Choosing Classes/Number of Credits Required

- All students are required to take **75 Credits** each year – seven courses per semester with some year-long courses and some semester courses. **The 75 credits will include the 8 week Online Computer Skills class that is a requirement for graduating from Chaminade.**
- **Freshmen are required to take:** Religion (2 sem), English (2 sem), Math (2 sem), Science (2 sem), World Languages (2 sem), Health (1 sem), Geography (1 sem), Computer Skills (online) and two semesters of elective options.
- **Please refer to courses open to 9th graders in the Course Description Guide online at: <http://www.chaminade.org/document.doc?id=147>**
- The majority of freshmen take two semesters of a level one Fine Art elective.

Choosing Alternates (when needed)

- When the directions ask you to select an alternate, you must do so.
- **Listing the same course** as both your primary and alternate has the same effect of not selecting an alternate – IT DOES NOT increase your chance of getting the course.
- When no alternate is provided, you will be assigned to whatever course is available and fits your schedule.

Honors Courses

- You may select an honors course **only if you have been accepted to Chaminade with honors.**
- **Honors acceptance is by subject** – you may only choose to take honors in the subjects you have been accepted to.
- **You do not have to take honors just because you are accepted** – take the level that you and your parents think is best for you.
- Students who choose Honors but are not accepted with Honors will be automatically changed to their appropriate placement.
- If you have any **questions** regarding your eligibility for Honors, please contact the Admissions Office.

Subject Specific Information:

Religion

- There are two required Religion courses, so there are no selections to make.

English

- Freshmen must select the Literature and Composition course unless they have been previously notified that they have been accepted with honors in English.
- Students accepted with honors have the **option** of choosing the honors course or the college prep level course.

Mathematics

- Three years of math are required to fulfill the graduation requirement, but Chaminade recommends taking four years.
- Math courses must be taken sequentially in the following order: Algebra I (or Algebra I Honors), Geometry (or Geometry Honors), Algebra II (or Algebra II/Trigonometry Honors).
- If you have completed a **high school level Algebra or Geometry** course in 8th grade and you received a “C”, it is recommended that you re-take the course.
- If your Algebra or Geometry course **was not a complete high school level** course, you should select that course for your freshman year.
- Students accepted with honors have the **option** of choosing the honors course or the college prep level course.

Science

- Three years of Science are required to fulfill the graduation requirement.
 - Colleges like to see students take four years of Science when possible.
- Biology is the entry level course in the Science curriculum at Chaminade.
- Students accepted with honors have the **option** of choosing the honors course or the college prep level course.

World Languages

- Two years of the **same** World Language are required to fulfill the graduation requirement and meet the *minimum* requirement for the UC and Cal-State systems.
- Chaminade encourages students to take three or more years of World Languages.
- You may choose French I, Latin I, Spanish I or Mandarin Chinese I.

Current Chaminade Middle School 8th graders:

- You **must** choose level two of French II, Spanish II or Chinese II, if you earned a grade of “B” or higher at first semester in level 1B of that language. You **must** maintain a grade of “B” or better in level 1B in second semester to be able to remain in level two.
- **If you wish to be considered for level II Honors**, you must pass a placement test. For more information, please contact your World Language teacher.

New Students:

- **If you wish to be considered for a level II World Language course**, you must pass a placement test. For more information please contact the Department Chair, Mary Perez-Korinko, at mperez-korinko@chaminade.org.

Social Studies

- Geography is a one semester class that is required for all freshmen.
- Half of the freshmen will take it in the fall, and the other half will take it in the spring.

Electives

- All freshmen need two semesters worth of electives.
- This can be two semesters of a level 1 Fine Art course **OR** two one-semester electives.
- **Freshmen are strongly encouraged** to take two semesters of the same level 1 Fine Arts course in the 9th grade because it fulfills a graduation requirement and will give them greater scheduling flexibility in later years.

Fine Arts Graduation and VPA (Visual and Performing Arts) Requirements

- All level 1 Fine Arts courses fulfill the Chaminade graduation requirement and the VPA requirement for the UC and Cal-State systems, and are noted in the course description guide.
- **NOTE: Many Fine Arts courses have outside-of-class requirements and/or additional fees for participation, equipment, etc.** This information is listed in the online Course Description Guide.

Concert Band/Jazz Band

- These **courses meet outside of the school day**.
- If you wish to register for a Concert Band/Jazz Band course, please contact Ken Hoffman, Band Director, at khoffman@chaminade.org.

Computer Science

- Students will be required to complete an online Computer Skills class to fulfill the graduation requirement.
- **Students will be asked to indicate the quarter they prefer to take the online course during the year, out of 4 possible quarters:**
 - Quarter 1: August to October
 - Quarter 2: October to December
 - Quarter 3: January to March
 - Quarter 4: March to May
- **Students must indicate a first preference and an alternate preference.**
- **Online Computer Skills may be taken in Chaminade Summer School before beginning 9th grade. Once you have successfully completed** the Online Computer Skills course in the summer, it will be removed from your schedule.
- Additional courses in this department are taken by *elective choice*.

Physical Education

- Health is a one semester class that is required for all freshmen. Half of the freshmen will take it in the fall, and the other half will take it in the spring.
- **Health may be taken in Chaminade Summer School before beginning 9th grade. Once you have successfully completed** the Health course in the summer, you will select another course to replace it.
- Two semesters of Physical Education fulfill the graduation requirement.
- This requirement may be met by taking any two P.E. courses or will be “waived” by participating two complete seasons for any CIF sanctioned “team sport” (i.e., football, soccer, tennis, track, etc.)
- **NOTE: Team participation waives the grad requirement, it does not award any credit or grade.** Students opting to waive their PE requirement will be expected to take other electives in place of PE.