

**2020-21
Registration
Timeline**

February	Lunchtime AP & Honors informational meetings
March 3-5	Pre-registration meetings with counselors
March 3	English 2/3 placement exams during homeroom
March 4	AP English Language 4 placement exams
March 5	Spanish placement exams during homeroom
March 9	Deadline to complete pre-registration
March 16-20	Mathematics placement exams during class
April 6	Acceptance lists for AP and Honors courses posted
April 6-24	Window to submit petitions for reconsideration
April 24	Deadline for students to register - PowerSchool
July 1	Student schedules available online via PowerSchool
August	Loyola website form to request schedule changes
September 1	Academic schedules lock

Pre-Registration & Registration

Students will meet with counselors in early March to discuss the various course options available. Additionally, many courses will hold their own lunchtime informational meetings to provide more detailed and specific information (check the daily announcements).

An in-depth description of every Loyola course can be found on the school's website under the Academics tab. Furthermore, short videos from each Academic Department Chair and various video tutorials for how and when to register can also be found on the site.

Students will pre-register online via PowerSchool for all courses in which they would like to be considered for enrollment. Pre-registration does not guarantee enrollment, but rather serves as a tool for analyzing AP and Honors requests as well as providing valuable insight for building the academic course "master grid".

In April, Loyola will post acceptance lists for Honors and AP courses, after which students will be invited to formally register for classes via PowerSchool. Petitions for reconsideration for Honors and AP courses will be available as an online form immediately after lists are posted.

Academic schedules will be finalized and posted to PowerSchool in July. Course changes are rare after schedules are posted. A course change request form will be made available beginning August 1.

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Course Registration Guidebook
Academic Year 2020-2021

Advanced Placement & Honors Courses

Loyola High School offers a wide range of Advanced Placement (AP) and Honors courses across six academic departments. These courses are designed to challenge students who have shown a high level of aptitude and a strong desire to work harder and accomplish more in particular subjects. Students should expect a workload **at least double** that of a regular college prep course and should also expect to be held to much higher standards of performance. It is highly recommended that students limit the number of AP and Honors courses to **ensure a healthy balance** of academic rigor along with extra-curricular commitments.

Every Loyola student is eligible to apply for entrance into AP and Honors courses. The admissions process into these courses is highly competitive and only those students who have demonstrated the **highest aptitude**, most **consistent performance**, and a heartfelt **desire to excel** will be admitted. It is important to note that Loyola does not "track" students. For example, students enrolled in Honors math during sophomore year must still proceed through the admissions process for junior level AP and Honors math courses. Likewise, students in college prep classes have opportunities to move into more rigorous courses each academic year if their performance and attitude merit an advance.

The process for admissions into AP and Honors courses is **highly structured and deliberate**. Students and parents should regularly view the school's online calendar as well as daily announcements to remain abreast of meetings, deadlines, and notices. They should also watch Department Chair videos and read course descriptions posted on the school's website.

Loyola grades AP and Honors classes on a 5.0 GPA scale. However, not all of these courses are given such a boost by universities. Families should ask their counselor and/or contact these higher institutions directly to learn more about specific policies.

Sophomore Course Offerings

English	Science	Social Science
English 2	Chemistry	World History
Honors English 2*	Honors Chemistry*	AP World History*
		(open registration)
Fine & Performing Arts	Theology	Modern & Classical Languages
Acting Workshop	Theology 2	
Band		
Ceramics		
Design		
Digital Photography		
Drawing		
Music / Music 2		
Music Appreciation		
Painting		
Photography		
Piano		
AP Music Theory*		

Junior Course Offerings

English	Science	Theology
English 3	Biology	Theology 3
AP English Language 3*	AP Biology*	
	AP Environmental Sci*	
	AP Chemistry*	
Fine & Performing Arts	Mathematics	Modern & Classical Languages
Acting Workshop	PreCalculus	French 3
Band	Calculus	Latin 3
Ceramics	Computer Programming	Mandarin 3
Design	Honors PreCalculus*	Spanish 3
Digital Photography	AP Calculus AB*	Honors French 3*
Drawing	AP Calculus BC*	Honors Latin 3*
Music / Music 2		Honors Mandarin 3*
Music Appreciation		Honors Spanish 3*
Painting		AP Span Lang & Culture*
Photography		
Piano		
AP Drawing*		
AP Music Theory*		
AP 2-D Design*		
AP 3-D Design*		
	Social Science	Enrichment
	US History	(Juniors & Seniors)
	AP US History*	Journalism (1 sem)
		Lifetime Fitness (1 sem)
		Personal Finance (1 sem)
		Weight Lifting (1 sem)
		Aquatics (1 sem)

Senior Course Offerings

English	Science	Theology (all 1 sem)
Poetry (1 sem)	Biology	Bioethics
Short Fiction (1 sem)	Oceanography	Catholic Peacebuilding
Shakespeare (1 sem)	Anatomy & Physiology	Christology
World Literature (1 sem)	AP Biology*	Church History
Mod. Am. Novel (1 sem)	AP Chemistry*	Developing as a Leader
AP English Language 4*	AP Environmental Sci*	Liturgy
AP English Literature 4*	AP Physics 1*	Narrative Theology
	AP Physics Mechanics*	Science & Religion
		World Religions
Fine & Performing Arts	Mathematics	Modern & Classical Languages
Acting Workshop	Calculus	Ancient Greek (pending)
Band	Statistics	Mandarin 4
Ceramics	Computer Programming	Spanish 4
Design	Hon Multivariable Calc*	AP French*
Digital Photography	AP Calculus AB*	AP Latin*
Drawing	AP Calculus BC*	AP Span Lang & Culture*
Music / Music 2	AP Computer Science A*	AP Spanish Lit & Culture*
Music Appreciation	AP Comp Sci Principals*	All Level 1 Lang Courses
Painting	AP Statistics*	
Photography		
Piano		
AP Drawing*		
AP Music Theory*		
AP 2-D Design*		
AP 3-D Design*		
	Social Science	
	African-American Studies (1 sem)	
	Economics (1 sem)	AP Art History*
	General Psych. (1 sem)	AP Economics*
	History of LA (1 sem)	AP European History*
	History of WWII (1 sem)	AP Government*
		AP Human Geography*
		AP Psychology*