



St. Ignatius College Preparatory

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OUR MISSION

St. Ignatius College Preparatory is a Catholic, Jesuit school serving the San Francisco Bay Area since 1855. Through a rigorous and integrated program of academic, spiritual, and co-curricular activities, St. Ignatius challenges its students to lead lives of faith, integrity, and compassion. Students are enriched by a diverse and loving Christian community and are called to become life-long learners who develop their individual talents for the greater glory of God. With a commitment to intellectual excellence, leadership, service, and justice, we strive to be men and women for and with others, responding courageously to the opportunities and challenges of our time.

SCHOOL COMMUNITY

St. Ignatius College Preparatory is a four year coeducational college preparatory school conducted by the Society of Jesus (Jesuits), a religious order of the Roman Catholic Church, located in San Francisco. St. Ignatius draws students from the following Bay Area counties: San Francisco, Marin, Alameda, and San Mateo.

Accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) and the Western Catholic Education Association (WCEA), St. Ignatius holds membership in the Jesuit Schools Network, College Board, National and Western Association of College Admission Counseling, Association for Supervision and Curriculum Design (ASCD), and the National Catholic Education Association.

FACULTY

Of the 91 teaching faculty, 78% hold an advanced degree. The average class size is 24.

ADMISSIONS

The student body reflects rich, ethnic and social diversity. In 2019-2020, the student body includes 1465 students of the following ethnic groups:

45% White	10% Multiracial
1% Native American	14% Latin American
5% African American	4% Other
21% Asian American	

Admissions at St. Ignatius is selective. There are approximately 1,200 applications for 375 spaces in an incoming class. Admission is by entrance examination, recommendations, and previous year's school grades.

St. Ignatius provides various programs for students who are first-generation, college-bound, are traditionally under-represented in higher education, or from low-income families.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Financial assistance is received by 24% of the students.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

The academic program at St. Ignatius is designed to prepare students for college. A student must pass a minimum of six academic courses each semester, in addition to completing 100 volunteer hours prior to graduation. Upon completion of requirements, seniors will graduate on May 30, 2020.

HONORS, ADVANCED PLACEMENT AND ACCELERATED COURSES

Enrollment in honors and advanced placement courses is determined by successful completion of prerequisites and teacher recommendation.

Algebra 1 Accelerated *	French 2 H
Algebra 2 H	French 3 H
AP Biology **	Geometry Accelerated *
AP Calculus AB and BC	Geometry H
AP Chemistry **	Latin 2 H
AP Chinese Language and Culture	Latin 3 H
AP Computer Science A	Mandarin 2 H
AP English Literature and Composition	Mandarin 3 H
AP French Language and Culture	Physics H
AP Latin	PreCalculus Accelerated *
AP Physics C: Mechanics **	PreCalculus H
AP Spanish Language and Culture	Social Cognitive Psychology H
AP Statistics	Social Movements and Social Justice H
Behavioral Neuroscience H	Spanish 1 Accelerated *
Chemistry H	Spanish 2 H
Constitutional Law H	Spanish 3 H
Economics H	U.S. Gov: Crime, Law, and the Constitution H
English 103 H	U.S. Gov: Race, Gender and Power H
English203H	U.S. Gov: SF Case Studies H
English 303 H	United States Histories and Cultures H

* Accelerated courses are more challenging than regular courses, but they do not receive extra weight when calculating a student's weighted GPA

** AP Biology Lab, AP Chemistry Lab, & AP Physics Lab can only receive a pass/no pass grade.

There are no honors level courses in Religious Studies; however, the University of California has approved the following courses: RS 300: Ethics, Morality & Justice, RS 447: Encountering the World's Religions, Studio Art (B/C): Sacred Symbols.

The Religious Studies Program at St. Ignatius is an integral part of our school's identity, as it embodies our mission to develop the entire person: intellectually, spiritually, and ethically.

MINIMUM SEMESTER REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION

8 English	6 Social Science
6 Mathematics	7 Religious Studies
4 Foreign Language	2 Fine Arts
2 Physical Education	9 Electives
4 Science	

Due to the nature of our college preparatory curriculum, some students are unable to complete the 2nd semester of the PE requirement until their senior year.

GPA DISTRIBUTION FOR CLASS OF 2019

Weighted GPA		Unweighted GPA		Grading Scale	
RANGE	#	RANGE	#		
4.6-5.0	10	3.80-4.0	105	A+	4.0
4.4-4.59	44	3.60-3.79	78	A	4.0
4.2-4.39	63	3.40-3.59	58	A-	3.70
4.0-4.19	58	3.20-3.39	43	B+	3.30
3.8-3.99	43	3.00-3.19	27	B	3.0
3.6-3.79	31	2.80-2.99	19	B-	2.70
3.4-3.59	35	2.60-2.79	7	C+	2.3
3.2-3.39	21	Below 2.6	8	C	2.0
3.0-3.19	19			C-	1.70
2.8-2.99	14			D+	1.30
2.6-2.79	8			D	1.00
Below 2.6	5			D-	0.70

Average Weighted GPA 3.86 Average Unweighted GPA 3.54

St. Ignatius calculates both an unweighted and weighted GPA. For Honors and AP courses, students receive one extra grade point to the above values. Students do not receive an extra grade point for accelerated classes.

CLASS RANK

St. Ignatius has a rigorous college preparatory program; therefore, a cumulative ranking system based on GPA does not fairly represent a student's relative achievement. For this reason, St. Ignatius does not rank.

AVERAGE ACADEMIC TEST SCORES FOR CLASS OF 2019

	MEAN	MIDDLE 50%	# OF TEST TAKERS
SAT—Evidence Based Reading & Writing	660	620-710	265
SAT—Math	646	580-710	
SAT—Composite	1306	1210-1410	
ACT—English	29.7	25-35	200
ACT—Math	26.1	23-29	
ACT—Reading	29.4	15-34	
ACT—Science	26.8	23-30	
ACT—Composite	27.8	24-31	

Advanced Placement Testing in 2019

504	Students Tested	
1096	Exams Administered	
68%	Pass Rate	
79	AP Scholars	42 AP Scholars with Distinction
29	AP Scholars with Honors	

DISCIPLINE

Disciplinary matters are internal school issues. It is the policy of St. Ignatius College Preparatory to refrain from providing commentary on student disciplinary matters. Please contact the student directly regarding concerns.

OF THE 350 GRADUATES OF THE CLASS OF 2019, 97% ATTEND A 4-YEAR COLLEGE. STUDENTS OF THE CLASS OF 2019 ARE ATTENDING THE FOLLOWING COLLEGES:

Amherst College	Dartmouth College	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of California, Riverside
Arizona State University	Denison University	Saint Joseph's University	University of California, San Diego
Auburn University	Dominican University of California	Saint Louis University	University of California, Santa Barbara
Azusa Pacific University	Duke University	Saint Mary's College of California	University of California, Santa Cruz
Baylor University	Elon University	San Diego State University	University of Colorado at Boulder
Berklee College of Music	Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach	San Francisco State University	University of La Verne
Boston College	Fairfield University	San Jose State University	University of Michigan
Bowdoin College	Fordham University	Santa Clara University	University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
Brown University	Georgetown University	Seattle University	University of Mississippi
Bucknell University	Gonzaga University	Skyline College	University of Nevada, Reno
California College of the Arts, San Francisco	Harvard College	Sonoma State University	University of Notre Dame
California Lutheran University	Hawaii Pacific University	Southern Methodist University	University of Oregon
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo	Holy Cross College	St. John's University	University of Portland
California State University, Maritime Academy	Indiana University at Bloomington	Stanford University	University of Redlands
California State University, Chico	Lehigh University	Swarthmore College	University of Rochester
California State University, Long Beach	Loyola Marymount University	Syracuse University	University of San Diego
California State University, Northridge	Loyola University, Chicago	Texas Christian University	University of San Francisco
California State University, Sacramento	Macalester College	The George Washington University	University of Southern California
Chapman University	Manhattan School of Music	The University of Arizona	University of St. Andrews
City College of San Francisco	Marquette University	Trinity College	University of the Pacific
Colby College	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Tufts University	University of Washington
Colgate University	Middlebury College	Tulane University	University of Wisconsin, Madison
College of San Mateo	New York University	United States Naval Academy	Villanova University
Colorado State University	Northwestern University	University of California, Berkeley	Wagner College
Columbia University	Occidental College	University of California, Davis	Wake Forest University
Cornell University	Pomona College	University of California, Irvine	Washington University in St. Louis
Creighton University	Pratt Institute	University of California, Los Angeles	Whittier College
Cuesta College	Regis University	University of California, Merced	Yale University



SOCIAL SCIENCE CURRICULUM REVISION: 2017

In 2015 the Social Science Department at St. Ignace began a process of examining the following essential question: how well is the Social Science Department meeting the needs of our students in preparing them for college and beyond? That question began a two-year process which has resulted in significant changes to the curriculum. The school proudly implemented these changes for the 2017-18 school year, and we want to remind you about what those changes look like on our students' transcripts. SI no longer offers AP courses in the Social Sciences department.

When you are reviewing the applications from the Class of 2020, you will not see AP US History, AP Government, or AP Psychology on their transcripts. We are confident that replacing AP US History and AP Government with our redesigned Honors courses will result in an increased level of rigor and engagement for our students. **All courses offered by the Social Science Department are approved by the University of California.**

SUMMARY OF CHANGES

YEAR	OLD COURSES	NEW COURSES—COLLEGE PREP & HONORS*
Freshman	World History 1 (<i>Year</i>)	Intro to Ethnic Studies (<i>1 Sem</i>)
Sophomore	World History 2 (<i>1 Sem</i>)	Modern World History (<i>Year</i>)
Junior	US History AP US History	US Histories & Cultures*
Senior	Government AP Government (<i>Year</i>) AP Government (<i>1 Sem</i>)	Constitutional Law*; Crime, Law, and the Constitution*; Race, Gender, and Power*; San Francisco Politics* (All Courses are One Semester)
	Psychology AP Psychology Economics European History	Social Cognitive Psychology* Behavioral Neuroscience* Economics * Social Movements and Social Justice*

*** Each course is offered in both College Prep and Honors versions. Students must meet prerequisites for Honors.**

All courses are UC approved.

CONCLUSION

St. Ignace has a rich tradition of providing our students with a high level of intellectual rigor, while also emphasizing care for the whole person. These changes in our Social Science curriculum reflect our commitment to that mission. The coursework will enhance our students' abilities to navigate an increasingly diverse society at a time when that skill is needed more than ever. Students will be exposed to more relevant content without sacrificing the core knowledge that is essential for them to develop into informed citizens. With an increased focus on writing and critical thinking, we are confident that our students will be better prepared to contribute to the mission of a college or university, both as scholars and as citizens. If you would like additional information about this curriculum revision, please feel free to contact the College Counselor listed on the applicant's Secondary School Report.