



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 123 teaching faculty, 93% hold an advanced degree. The average class size is 24.

ADMISSIONS

The student body reflects rich, ethnic and social diversity. In 2018–2019, the student body includes 1465 students of the following ethnic groups:

47.8%	White	9.1%	Multiracial
.8%	Native American	14.6%	Hispanic
5.6%	African American	1.7%	Other
20%	Asian American		

Admissions at St. Ignatius is selective. There are approximately 1,288 applications for 383 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 22% 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 June 1, 2019.

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 *	English 203 H
Algebra 2 H	English 303 H
AP Biology **	French 2 H
AP Calculus AB and BC	French 3 H
AP Chemistry **	Geometry Accelerated *
AP Chinese Language and Culture	Geometry H
AP Computer Science A	Latin 2 H
AP English Literature and Composition	Latin 3 H
AP French Language and Culture	Mandarin 2 H
AP Latin	Mandarin 3 H
AP Music Theory	Physics H
AP Physics C: Mechanics **	PreCalculus Accelerated *
AP Spanish Language and Culture	PreCalculus H
AP Statistics	San Francisco Politics H
Behavioral Neuroscience H	Social Cognitive Psychology H
Black Experience H	Social Movements and Government H
Chemistry H	Spanish 1 Accelerated *
Constitutional Law H	Spanish 2 H
Criminal Justice H	Spanish 3 H
Economics H	United States Histories and Cultures H
English 103 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 2018

Weighted GPA		Unweighted GPA		Grading Scale	
RANGE	#	RANGE	#		
4.6–5.0	11	3.80–4.0	73	A+	4.0
4.4–4.59	39	3.60–3.79	77	A	4.0
4.2–4.39	42	3.40–3.59	63	A-	3.70
4.0–4.19	37	3.20–3.39	65	B+	3.30
3.8–3.99	56	3.00–3.19	35	B	3.0
3.6–3.79	45	2.80–2.99	21	B-	2.70
3.4–3.59	44	2.60–2.79	9	C+	2.3
3.2–3.39	26	Below 2.6	9	C	2.0
3.0–3.19	28			C-	1.70
2.8–2.99	8			D+	1.30
2.6–2.79	7			D	1.00
Below 2.6	9			D-	0.70

Average Weighted GPA 3.79 Average Unweighted GPA 3.47

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 2018

	MEAN	MIDDLE 50%	# OF TEST TAKERS
SAT—Evidence Based Reading & Writing	650	600–690	258
SAT—Math	620	560–690	
SAT—Composite	1280	1170–1380	
ACT—English	29.4	25–34	200
ACT—Math	26.1	23–29	
ACT—Reading	29.6	26–34	
ACT—Science	27.1	23–31	
ACT—Composite	27.7	25–31	

Advanced Placement Testing in 2018

550	Students Tested		
1057	Exams Administered		
69%	Pass Rate		
99	AP Scholars	63	AP Scholars with Distinction
25	AP Scholars with Honors	2	National AP Scholars

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 353 GRADUATES OF THE CLASS OF 2018, 99% ATTEND A 4-YEAR COLLEGE. STUDENTS OF THE CLASS OF 2018 ARE ATTENDING THE FOLLOWING COLLEGES:

American University	Georgetown University	San Jose State University	University of California, Riverside
Arizona State University	Gonzaga University	Santa Clara University	University of California, San Diego
Azusa Pacific University	Harvey Mudd College	Sarah Lawrence College	University of California, Santa Barbara
Boise State University	Haverford College	Seattle Pacific University	University of California, Santa Cruz
Boston University	Hofstra University	Seattle University	University of Chicago
Bucknell University	Indiana University at Bloomington	Smith College	University of Colorado at Boulder
California Polytechnic State University—San Luis Obispo	John Cabot University	Sonoma State University	University of Massachusetts, Amherst
California Polytechnic State University—Pomona	Johns Hopkins University	Southern Methodist University	University of Michigan
California State University, Chico	Lehigh University	St. Olaf College	University of Nevada, Reno
California State University, Monterey Bay	Lewis & Clark College	Stanford University	University of Oregon
California State University, Northridge	Loyola Marymount University	Stevens Institute of Technology	University of Pennsylvania
Chapman University	Loyola University Chicago	Syracuse University	University of Portland
City College of San Francisco	Marquette University	Temple University	University of Puget Sound
Clark University	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Texas Christian University	University of Redlands
Colby College	Miami University, Oxford	The George Washington University	University of San Diego
College of San Mateo	Middlebury College	The University of Alabama	University of San Francisco
College of the Holy Cross	New York University	The University of Arizona	University of Southern California
Colorado College	Northeastern University	The University of Oklahoma	University of Virginia
Colorado State University	Notre Dame de Namur University	The University of Texas, Austin	University of Washington
Columbia University	Oregon State University	Trinity College	University of Wisconsin, Madison
Cornell University	Pomona College	Tufts University	Vassar College
Courtauld Institute of Art	Principia College	Tulane University	Villanova University
Dartmouth College	Purdue University	United States Military Academy	Washington and Lee University
Denison University	Quinnipiac University	Preparatory School—Army	Washington University in St. Louis
Dominican University of California	Regis University	United States Naval Academy	Wesleyan University
Drexel University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of British Columbia—Okanagan Campus	Whitman College
Elon University	Rhodes College	University of California, Berkeley	Willamette University
Emerson College	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of California, Davis	Yale University
Florida State University	Rockhurst University	University of California, Irvine	
Fordham University	Saint Louis University	University of California, Los Angeles	
	San Diego State University	University of California, Merced	
	San Francisco State 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 our students' transcripts. SI no longer offers AP courses in the Social Sciences department. **When you are reviewing the applications from the Class of 2019, 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*, Criminal Justice*, Social Movements*, The Black Experience*, San Francisco Politics* (<i>All Courses are One Semester</i>)
	Psychology AP Psychology Economics European History	Social Cognitive Psychology* Behavioral Neuroscience* Economics *

*** 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.