

## Am I eligible for Honors/AP courses?

See the criteria below.

Students, if you have questions about the course selection process see your counselor. If you have questions about a particular course or set of requirements, contact the department chair.

**ALL APPEALS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY THE DEADLINE IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED**

To Appeal An Honors/AP Placement Please Fill Out [This](#) Form by February 12th.

<p><b>English</b></p> <p>Department Chair Ms. Nora Miller <a href="mailto:nmiller@siprep.org">nmiller@siprep.org</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Submit a letter to honors' committee that addresses why honors is an appropriate placement.</li> <li>● Teacher must approve placement. Students enrolled in a regular English class generally have A level work on writing assessments, have an A in the fall semester, and have demonstrated consistent class participation and engagement. Students enrolled in an honors English class generally have B/B+ level work, and consistently contribute to and are engaged in class discussions.</li> <li>● 3.3 GPA in his/her English courses and overall.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Social Science</b></p> <p>Department Chair Mr. Owen Maguire <a href="mailto:omaguire@siprep.org">omaguire@siprep.org</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 3.2 unweighted GPA</li> <li>● PSAT scores when applicable</li> </ul>
<p><b>Science</b></p> <p>Department Chair Ms. Patricia Kennedy <a href="mailto:pkennedy@siprep.org">pkennedy@siprep.org</a></p>	<p><i>Students are automatically offered a chance to enroll in an Honors/AP course if they meet the prerequisites. These criteria depend on some or all of the following factors: Overall GPA, Science GPA, Math GPA, and previous or concurrent enrollment in math courses. Students will be automatically placed as eligible if they meet the following prerequisite requirements.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Chemistry Honors:</b> Prerequisites – Biology, Algebra 1 Accelerated or Algebra 2H/Criteria for Enrollment – Science GPA 3.3 or higher; overall GPA 3.3 or higher</li> <li>● <b>Physics Honors:</b> Prerequisites – Biology, Chemistry Criteria for Enrollment – previous or concurrent enrollment in Precalculus Accel or Precalculus Hon AND Science GPA 3.3 or higher; overall GPA 3.3 or higher</li> <li>● <b>AP Biology:</b> Prerequisite – Biology, Chemistry, Physics. Criteria for Enrollment –Overall GPA 3.3 or higher &amp; Science GPA 3.3 or higher. Concurrent enrollment in AP Science Laboratory, meeting</li> </ul>

once per week before school. Note: students not meeting these criteria may submit an appeal under the following alternate criteria: Overall GPA 3.7 or higher, completion of Biology & Chemistry w/ Science GPA 3.7 or higher, and approval of the dept. chair.

- **AP Chemistry:** *Prerequisite* – Biology, Chemistry, Physics. Honors Chemistry highly recommended. *Criteria for Enrollment* – Overall GPA 3.3 or higher and Science GPA 3.3 or higher. Concurrent enrollment in AP Science Laboratory, meeting once per week before school. Note: students not meeting these criteria may submit an appeal under the following alternate criteria: Overall GPA 3.7 or higher, Math GPA 3.7 or higher, and approval of the department chair.
- **AP Physics C:** *Prerequisite* – Biology, Chemistry, Physics. Honors Physics highly recommended. *Criteria for Enrollment* – Overall GPA 3.3 or higher with Science GPA 3.3 or higher, and previous or concurrent enrollment in AP Calculus AB or BC. Concurrent enrollment in AP Science Laboratory, meeting once per week before school. Note: students not meeting these criteria may submit an appeal under the following alternate criteria: Overall GPA 3.7 or higher, Math GPA 3.7 or higher, and approval of the department chair.

**Math**

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- For Geometry Accelerated and Honors classes, this is based upon recommendation of the freshman math teacher.
- Students who have completed Algebra 2H with B's or better both semesters are eligible for junior Precalculus Honors. Algebra 1 Acc students who earned B's or better both semesters are eligible for junior Precalculus Accelerated. Students who have not received the prerequisite grade can be considered for qualification based on their grade in Geometry Accelerated or Geometry Honors. In addition, students who were in Algebra 1 or Algebra 1 Acc can be considered for Precalc Acc or Precalc Honors (respectively) by performance in Geometry Accelerated or Geometry Honors. Teacher recommendation, PSAT score, and department chair approval is also part of the evaluation process for students in this circumstance.
- Entry into Senior Precalculus requires an Algebra 2 grade of B or better.
- For entry into AP Calculus a minimum math GPA of 3.6 and a minimum overall GPA of 3.4 is recommended.

	<p>Junior honors teachers' recommendations and PSAT are also considered in the qualification process. Precalc H students may be admitted to either AP Calculus class or regular Calculus depending on performance in Precalc H and PSAT score. Precalc Acc students do not qualify.</p>
<p><b>Language</b></p> <p>Department Chair Mr. Ray Orque <a href="mailto:rorque@siprep.org">rorque@siprep.org</a></p>	<p>All students in Honors and Advanced Placement courses must meet the following grade minimums <b>both semesters</b> in order to be eligible for an Honors or AP course:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• for <b>Level 2 Honors</b> — minimum semester grade of A- in level 1 or 1 accelerated.</li> <li>• for <b>Level 3 Honors</b> — minimum semester grade of B in 2 Honors or minimum semester grade of A in regular level 2;</li> <li>• for <b>Level 4 AP</b> —minimum semester grade of B in level 3 Honors, or a minimum semester grade of A in regular level 3 or a minimum semester grade of A in regular level 4, plus teacher recommendation and/or placement exam.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Fine Arts</b></p> <p>Department Chair Dr. Gillian Clements <a href="mailto:gcllements@siprep.org">gcllements@siprep.org</a></p>	<p>Students in AP Music Theory must have prior music theory knowledge and experience through playing an instrument, singing, or a music theory class. Please contact the Fine Arts Department Chair to make sure you are eligible before signing up. An AP Music Theory entrance exam will be given in the fall to double check readiness for the class. Please note: the class moves extremely fast; the curriculum is normally taught over the course of an entire year, but at SI we condense it into a single semester. This class is taught outside the regular school day, normally one afternoon or evening per week based on the instructor's and students' availability, during the spring semester.</p>