New Student & Parent Night
Grade 9

April 28, 2020
Welcome to Hopkins!

Tonight, we will:

- Review academic requirements for all 9th graders
- Discuss elective options for 9th graders
- Review proficiency test requirements and timetable
- Talk about athletic and extracurricular opportunities
- Answer questions!
Planning your Program of Study

Academic Load

You must take at least 4.5 credits each year.

Each term:

- you must take a minimum of 4 academic classes \((excluding\ arts\ classes)\)
- you can take no more than 5 academic classes \((excluding\ arts\ classes)\)
- You may take a maximum of 6 classes \((including\ arts\ classes)\)

Also consider

You must participate in athletics all three seasons.

You may want to participate in clubs and activities. (We strongly encourage that you do!)

Your commute may be longer than it is now.

You may need to adjust to increased expectations for out-of-class work.
Course Choice Overview

- Required: English 9 (scheduled automatically), Mathematics, Classical / Modern Language, T2 Health (scheduled automatically)

- Options:
  - Choose Atlantic Communities I or not
  - Choose Biology or not
  - Choose Art or not (note distribution requirement)
  - Choose Introduction to Programming or not
Typical Course Load for Freshmen

4.5 - 5.5 Credits

Arts Elective *(one or both terms)*

English 9

Math

Language

Atlantic Communities 1

Biology
Arts

Graduation Requirement: 1.5 credits \((3 \text{ semesters})\)

Distribution Requirement:

- At least one semester of Arts in 9th or 10th Grade
- At least one semester of Arts in 11th or 12th Grade
Courses offered in four different areas *(see p. 18)*:

- **Drama**: Ensemble Theater Performance, Theatre Workshop, Improvisation

- **Music**: Concert Band, Concert Choir, Jazz Band, Orchestra *(full year)*; Roots of American Popular Music *(Term 2 only)*

- **Media Arts**: Digital Photography, Graphic Design, Fundamentals of Video Production, Web Design

- **Visual Arts**: Architecture, Woodworking, Design and the Art of Making, Introduction to Studio Art
Music Performance Classes

- Orchestra, Jazz Band, Concert Band, and Concert Choir require an **audition**.

- Auditions will take the form of a video recording, due on May 23rd.

- Please carefully read the information regarding the placement video submission on our website at [www.hopkins.edu/auditions](http://www.hopkins.edu/auditions).

- A student may enter music performance classes by audition at any grade level, Grades 9-12.
Graduation Requirement: 4 credits *(4 full years)*

- All 9th Graders take English 9.
Graduation requirement - at least 2.5 credits including:

- Atlantic Communities 1
- Atlantic Communities 2
- Atlantic Communities 3 or AP United States History or AP European History

Most 9th graders take Atlantic Communities 1, although some elect to postpone it to 10th grade.
## Languages

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Graduation requirement: 3 credits in consecutive years in one language

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Both the desired language and level should be indicated on the Course Selection form.

Please indicate a second choice on the Course Selection Form.

Only students hoping to take Level 2 or higher must take a proficiency test in the language of choice.
Language Proficiency tests are only required for students who wish to place into Level 2 or higher.

Tests will be administered on **Saturday, May 16th at 10 am** via Zoom.

Please plan to spend 90 minutes completing the test.

If you have questions, please contact Mr. Christopher Maharidge, Chair of the Classics Department, at cmaharidge@hopkins.edu, or Ms. Lan Lin, Chair of the Modern Language Department, at llin@hopkins.edu.
Mathematics

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- Sequence:
  Algebra 1 → Geometry → Algebra 2 → Precalculus → Calculus/Statistics/Applied Math & Modeling

- Graduation Requirement: at least 3 credits including Precalculus

- Algebra 1 and Geometry: *Regular* and *Enriched*

- Algebra 2 and beyond: *Regular, Enriched, and Accelerated*

- Both the desired course and level should be requested on the Course Selection Form. The Math Department makes final decision.
All new students must take a math proficiency test.

Tests will be administered on **Saturday, May 23rd at 10 am** via Zoom.

Please plan to spend 90 minutes completing the test.

Take the test that has the same name as the course you are currently taking:

- Pre-Algebra
- Algebra 1
- Algebra/Geometry (if currently in Geometry)
- Algebra 2
- Pre-Calculus

Questions about which test to take? Talk to your current teacher or contact Mr. David McCord, Interim Math Department Chair, at dmccord@hopkins.edu.
Graduation requirement - at least 2 credits including:

- Biology
- Chemistry or Physics

Most 9th Graders take **Biology**, although some elect to postpone it to 10th grade.

**Students who have completed a rigorous HIGH SCHOOL level Biology course may be able to place out of Biology. Please contact Dr. Phil Stewart, Science Department Chair, at pstewart@hopkins.edu.**
Introduction to Programming

- Term 1 or Term 2
- 0.5 credit
- Does not fulfill a graduation requirement
- First course in computer science and programming.
- No prior programming experience necessary.
- Lighter homework load.
You must participate in an athletic activity each season.

- **JV or Varsity Sports** *(after school, ending at 5:30)*
- **Informal Athletics** *(during the school day)*
- **Independent Athletics** *(at least 3 hours during the week, email Elaine Plante @ eplante@hopkins.edu for form)*

Complete the Sports Selection Form by **May 4th**.

*Participating in a team sport in the fall of freshman year is a great way to get to know your classmates and make connections!*
**Timeline**

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**May 4:** All forms (proficiency test registration, course selection, and sports selection) are due.

**May 16:** Language Proficiency Test (*optional*)

**May 23:** Math Proficiency Test (*required*); music audition recordings due

**June:** list of student courses sent home

**June 12:** deadline to discuss placement decisions, if needed

**July 1:** deadline for all other scheduling questions (direct questions regarding student schedules to Kevin Cronin, School Scheduler, at kcronin@hopkins.edu)
Thank you for joining us. Have a good evening!