

Redwood High School Course Selection

Frequently Asked Questions

- **Do I need to list alternates?**
 - You should always select alternates except for required courses (i.e. - English 3-4)
 - Juniors and Seniors must select an alternative English course
- **Can I change my course requests after February 6th?**
 - **No.** February 6th is the deadline. Please check and double-check that you have your courses entered correctly.
- **What if I only want to take 5 classes?**
 - Juniors and seniors can have as few as 5 classes
- **How do I request “No 1st”, “No 4th” or “No 5th”?**
 - Search for “No 1st”, “No 4th”, or “No 5th” and select each semester you want.
- **Do seniors have priority for a free 4th period?**
 - No, due to the number of students and the complexity of scheduling, Synergy does not prioritize seniors for a free 4th period.
- **How do I select TA- Teacher’s Assistant or Peer Tutor?**
 - You will search for “See Your Counselor” and add that course to your schedule. At the beginning of the school year, you will complete the form to be assigned as a TA.
- **Can I request a certain teacher?**
 - **No.** Due to the number of students and the complexity of scheduling, teacher requests for any reason cannot be accommodated.
- **Can I request a certain class at a certain period (ie - math during 2nd period)?**
 - **No.** Due to the number of students and the complexity of scheduling, teacher requests for specific classes for any reason cannot be accommodated.
- **If I have a job or play sports can I be guaranteed a “No 4th”?**
 - **“No 4th” cannot be guaranteed for any reason, including athletics, work, or other commitments.**
- **What happens if I miss the AP information session?**
 - You can ask a friend or classmate who attended. You can always get some information in the [Course Guide](#) and some departments have more detailed information on their department websites about each class. You can also ask your teacher in that particular subject or the teacher in charge of that AP/Honors class (found in the AP/Honors matrix) The [College Board website](#) offers solid information as well.
- **How many AP/Honors classes should I take?**
 - **This is an individual decision. Every student is different.** Things to take into consideration are:

- How much work is required for the AP/Honors classes? You can learn more about this at the AP information sessions.
 - Are you interested in or passionate about the subject? It's a lot harder to be successful in activities which we don't like.
 - Do you have the time, mental energy and fortitude, and will to take all of these classes?
 - Will your life be balanced with all of these classes and any extracurricular activities?
 - Will you still have time to relax and enjoy non-academic pursuits?
- **Can my online AP Course be added to my RHS transcript? And do I get the extra weighted grade?**
 - Students must follow the Alternative Coursework guidelines, and can add up to 20 credits from outside of the TUHSD to their transcript. If Redwood does not offer the equivalent AP/Honors course, they will not receive a weighted grade on the Redwood transcript. It will say AP or Honors in the title.
- **What if I don't meet the prerequisites for an AP/Honors course? Can I appeal?**
 - The student should still request the course in StudentVue/Synergy and list an alternate course in case they are denied enrollment in the course. If a student is denied enrollment, instructions regarding the appeal process will be made available April, when students are approved/denied of the AP requests.
- **What Redwood classes are UC A-G approved?**
 - You can find the UC A-G list for Redwood [here](#).
- **How do I know if what I'm requesting is too much for me?**
 - You can use the [Time Management Activity Guide](#) to get an idea of what's realistic for you. You can consult with your parents, teachers or counselor, as well.
- **How much homework can I expect?**
 - Students should attend the Course Workshops and AP/Honors meetings to get more information about specific classes. You can also speak to a current teacher in the same subject area. If you are taking an Honors or AP class, you can expect there will be more homework weekly than the typical College Prep courses.
- **When do I find out my schedule for next school year?**
 - Schedules are posted 1 or 2 days before the start of the school year.
- **Can Juniors and Seniors pick and choose different English courses?**
 - Juniors and Seniors must pick the paired or yearlong courses as listed on the Course Offerings sheets. You should select at least one alternate pair of classes. If you are a senior, you may NOT repeat an English class that you completed in your Junior year. (ex. You cannot take Humanities twice.)
- **What about my math request?** [Frequently Asked Questions About Math](#)
 - Please discuss your desired class(es) with your math teacher.
- **Can I take two math classes?**

- You must speak with your current teacher to be approved to take two math classes. The math subjects that can be doubled up on together are: Geometry & Advanced Algebra, Statistics or AP Statistics & Pre Calculus or higher level math.
- **Can I double up in science?**
 - Students are able to double up in science if there is room in their schedule for an additional class.
- **Are there any science courses that are NOT lab-based?**
 - Sustainable Agriculture is not lab-based classes. It meets the A-G requirements for elective science courses.
- **How many years of world language do I need for graduation? 4-year college entrance?**
 - TUHSD does not require world language to meet the graduation requirements.
 - Most 4-year colleges want students to complete a minimum of two years of the SAME language (equivalent to Spanish/French 3/4), which can include courses taken in middle school. For example, students who start in Spanish 3-4 at Redwood have met the minimum requirement by completing the second year of a language course. More selective colleges encourage taking three or more years of a language.
- **Can I skip a year in world language?**
 - Students looking to move up in a language course should speak to their current language teacher for a recommendation. [FAQs Online Language Courses](#)
- **How do I take an online course?**
 - Students who want to enroll in an online course should read the information on this [webpage](#). There is a form that must be submitted and approved by the principal.
- **If I have questions not in the FAQs, who do I talk to?**
 - If the question is about course content, homework or what to expect in the class, speak to the teacher.
 - If you are looking for course advising, you can schedule an appointment with your counselor.