Science Courses Outside of SI

Students must complete 20 science credits at St. Ignatius to graduate.

You may take additional science courses outside SI beyond these 20 credits, but note that:

- These credits will not count toward graduation requirements
- Grades earned will not factor into your SI GPA

Outside science courses do not satisfy the prerequisites for upper level science courses. Students who take a course outside of SI must complete an appeal to be considered for eligibility in upper level courses. To be considered for appeal the criteria below must be met, and the steps below must be followed:

As of 2026, for an outside course to be considered in an appeal the course must be:

- Lab-based
- Taken in person

How to appeal for an outside course:

1. Before taking the course, meet with the department chair to confirm your chosen outside course meets the requirements
2. If approved, submit an appeal for the upper-level SI science course you wish to take
3. In your appeal, indicate that you're taking the in-person course outside SI as a prerequisite (Note: Online courses will *not* be considered in the appeal process)
4. Approval of the appeal is contingent upon successful completion of the course.

Important: An approved appeal makes you eligible for the upper-level course but does not guarantee enrollment. Appeals are contingent upon successful completion of the course and are granted at the discretion of the department chair.

After competing the course:

Submit your transcript in both of the following way:

1. Send a copy to the department chair, Matt Stecher, by August 1st.

2. Have the school send the transcript electronically in one of the following ways:
    - Email to Mr. Mike Ugawa at mugawa@siprep.org
    - Via Parchment, if they use this service
    - FAX to 866-274-1756 (Include a Cover Sheet to the attention of Mr. Mike Ugawa.)