

CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION - BISHOP HENDRICKEN H. S. '11

Theology: CP level students may be recommended for CPI level classes by teacher recommendation and with approval of the administration.

From CP1 to Honors: A- and being in the top 30% of the class. Recommendation of teacher (this recommendation will be based on teacher's assessment of student's interest in Theology, class performance, study habits and writing fluency).

To stay in honors the student must maintain a B average and have a recommendation from his teacher.

ENGLISH:

CP English: These students may be recommended for CP1 level classes by teacher recommendation and with the approval of the administration.

AP Senior English: A "B+" average in AP English 3 or an "A" average in honors English 3 is required. A teacher's recommendation regarding the student's attitude and ability to perform high-level critical thinking, reading, and writing is also necessary. Among qualified students, the top 20 students (based on the student's numerical average of his current English class at the end of the first semester) will be considered.

AP Junior English: An "A" average in honors English 2 is required. A teacher's recommendation regarding the student's attitude and ability to perform high-level critical thinking, reading and writing is also necessary. Among qualified students, the top 20 students, based on the student's numerical average of his current English class at the end of the first semester, will be considered after the completion of a timed, department-approved, in-school writing evaluation.

English Honors: A "B+" average in present honors course or an "A-" average in present CPI course is required. A teacher's recommendation regarding the student's demonstrated reading and writing proficiency is also necessary.

Writing 104: A minimum of a "B-" average in English 3 Honors or a "B" average in English 3 CPI and a teacher's recommendation is required. Only motivated students need apply. A fee for this course is payable to the University of Rhode Island.

COMPUTER SCIENCE: Open to all students. No criteria for this course.

Web Design

CAD (Computer Aided Design)

A+ Certification

MATHEMATICS: All Math courses are subject to minimum requirements and teacher recommendations. The approval of the department chair is required for any unusual circumstances. All requirements listed below are minimum requirements unless otherwise specified.

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Calculator Requirements:

-All students are required to have a TI-83, TI-84, or TI-Nspire (with 84 keypad) graphing calculator. (These are *not* available in the school bookstore.) The Math Department strongly encourages students to engrave their name on the front of the calculator so that if misplaced it can be returned to you.

-Students in AP math courses may use a TI-89 or TI-Nspire CAS (recommended).

The following are the exit criteria for the math department courses. All level changes also have with teacher recommendation as a caveat. To find out what course you should take next, please consult your current course. If you have any questions, please consult your teacher or the department chair.

Freshmen Courses: (You are currently a freshman)

Algebra I CP:

- 1) A- or better: Algebra II CP1
- 2) B+ or less: Algebra II CP

Algebra I CP1:

- 1) Students with an A average at the end of the year may sign up to take the Algebra I Accelerated Final Exam. If they get a B- or better on this exam they may take Geometry Accel. They should sign up for Geometry CP1 at this time.
- 2) Students with an F should sign up for Algebra II CP.
- 3) Students with a D should consult their teacher as to whether they should sign up for Algebra II CP or Geometry CP1.
- 4) All other students take Geometry CP1

Algebra I Accel:

- 1) B- or better: Geometry Accel (use discretion with the B- students)
- 2) B- or less: Geometry CP1
- 3) Students with an A average and solid work ethics should sign up for

Geometry Honors. You may (departmental invitation only) also be eligible to take Algebra II Honors over the summer. Students who achieve at least a B- or better in this course will skip Algebra II Accel their junior year and take Pre-Calculus Accel instead. Students who receive an A in the summer course may be invited to take Geo-Trig ERS as a sophomore.

Algebra II Honors:

- 1) B- or better: Geometry Honors
- 2) C+ or less: Geometry Accel
- 3) Students with an A average and solid work ethic may opt to take Geo-Trig Honors, but must agree to take Pre-Calculus over the summer after their Sophomore year. Failure to do so will leave the student with only 3.5 credits of math.
- 4) B or better: +Students may take Math Enrichment Honors as an elective.

Algebra II / Analysis ERS:

- 1) C+ or better: Geo-Trig ERS
- 2) C or less: Geometry Honors
- 3) B- or better: +Students may take Math Enrichment Honors as an elective.

Sophomore Courses: (You are currently a sophomore)

Algebra II CP:

- 1) B+ or better in Algebra II CP and B- or better in Algebra I: Geometry CP1
- 2) All others: Geometry CP

Geometry CP1:

- A) *Previous math class was Algebra I (any level)*
 - 1) Students with an A average and solid work ethic with a minimum of an A- in Algebra I may opt to take the Algebra I Accel Final exam as an additional exam. Scoring a B- or better will gain the student entrance into Algebra II Accel. They should sign up for Algebra II CP1 at this time.
 - 2) Students with a D/F average in both Algebra I and Geometry should sign up for Algebra II CP.
 - 3) Students with a D/F average and was previously in *any* CP math class should sign up for Algebra II CP.
 - 4) All other students should take Algebra II CP1.
- B) *Previous math class was Algebra II Honors*
 - 1) All students should take Pre-Calculus CP1.

Geometry Accel:

- A) *Previous math class was Algebra I Accel:*
 - 1) Average of Alg I and Geo grades is B- or better: Algebra II Accel
 - 2) Average of Alg I and Geo grades is C+ or less: Algebra II CP1
- B) *Previous math class was Algebra II Honors:*
 - 1) Grade of an A: Pre-Calculus Honors
 - 2) B- or better: Pre-Calculus Accel

- 2) C+ or less: Pre-Calculus CP1
- C) *Previous math class was Algebra I CP1:*
 - 1) C+ or better: Algebra II Accel
 - 2) C or less: Algebra II CP1

Geometry Honors:

- A) *Previous math class was Algebra I Accel:*
 - 1) B or better: Students take the freshman course Algebra II Honors after consultation with the department chair.
 - 2) All others: Algebra II Accel
- B) *Previous math class was Algebra II Honors:*
 - 1) B- or better: Pre-Calculus Honors
 - 2) C+ or less: Pre-Calculus Accel
 - 3) B or better: +Students may take Math Enrichment Honors as an elective.
- C) *Previous math class was Algebra II /Analysis ERS:*
 - 1) Average of the Algebra II/Analysis ERS and Geometry Honors grades B- or better: Pre-Calculus Honors
 - 2) All other students: Pre-Calculus Accelerated

Geo-Trig ERS:

- 1) Average of Algebra II/Analysis and Geo/Trig grades B- or better: AP Statistics
- 2) All other students: Statistics Accelerated, Pre-Calculus Honors, or Pre-Calculus Accelerated as per discussion with the teacher.
- 3) B- or better: +Students may take Math Enrichment Honors as an elective.

Junior Courses:

Geometry CP:

- 1) B- or better in Algebra II CP and Geometry CP: Pre-Calculus CP1
- 2) All other students should take Math Topics CP
- 3) Students may request to take Pre-Calculus CP1 even without the criteria listed in (1) above. Based on teacher approval.

Algebra II CP:

- 1) B- or better: Pre-Calculus CP1
- 2) All other students should take Math Topics CP
- 3) Students may request to take Pre-Calculus CP1 even without the criteria listed in (1) above. Based on teacher approval.

Algebra II CP1:

- 1) Students with an A or better *and a strong work ethic* may take Pre-Calculus Accel. Entrance to this course also requires passing a pre-requisite test.
- 2) Students with a A- or lower should take Pre-Calculus CP1
- 3) Students with an A- average or better *and a strong work ethic* may decide to take Statistics accelerated. These students may take a full year of stats, or the first semester of stats and the full year of Pre-Calculus Accel or CP1
- 4) Students with a D/F average whose previous course was Geometry CP may opt to take Math Topics CP
- 5) Students with a D/F average both this year and last year may opt to take Math Topics CP
- 6) Absolutely NO OTHER STUDENTS should sign up for Math Topics CP

Geometry CP1:

- 1) Students with a D/F average whose previous course was Algebra II CP may opt to take Math Topics CP.
- 2) All other students should take Pre-Calculus CP1.

Algebra II Accelerated:

- 1) Students with an A- average or better and a very strong work ethic may take Pre-Calculus Honors.

- 2) Students with a B- average or better may take one of the following options:
 - A) Pre-Calculus Accel (This also requires passing a pre-requisite test.
 - B) Statistics Accel (full year)
 - C) Pre-Calculus Accel (Requires passing a pre-requisite test) and Statistics (full year)
 - D) Pre-Calculus Accel (Requires passing a pre-requisite test) and Statistics (half-year)
 - E) Students may NOT sign up for just Statistics (half-year)
- 3) Students with an A- average or better and a strong work ethic may take AP Statistics.
- 4) Students with a C+ or less: Pre-Calculus CP1
- 5) A- or better: +Students may take Math Enrichment Honors as an elective.

Pre-Calculus Accel:

- 1) A- or better: AB Calculus AP
- 2) B or better AND one of A in CP1 English, B+ in Honors English, or B- in AP English: AP Statistics
- 3) All others: Statistics Accel (full-year)
- 4) B+ or better: +Students may take Math Enrichment Honors as an elective.

Pre-Calculus Honors:

- 1) A or better: BC Calculus AP*
- 2) B or better: AB Calculus AP
- 3) C+ or better AND one of A in CP1 English, B+ in Honors English, or B- in AP English: AP Statistics
- 4) B or better: +Students may take Math Enrichment Honors as an elective.
- 5) All others: Statistics Accel (full year)

Statistics AP:

- 1) B+ or better average of last 2 math courses: BC Calculus AP*
- 2) All other students should take AB Calculus AP
- 3) B- or better: +Students may take Math Enrichment Honors as an elective.

*Students who take BC Calculus AP must also take AP Physics

+Students who take Math Enrichment Honors must also be enrolled in another math course. This course is limited to one section, and students with the highest math GPA in each grade will be given preference.

MODERN LANGUAGES:

FRENCH:

French 2 Honors:

1. Students currently taking level 1 accelerated course must have a minimum of a B+ average.
2. Students currently taking level 1 CPI courses must have a minimum of an A- average and the recommendation from the teacher/department chairperson.

French 2 CPI:

1. Students must have a passing grade in the corresponding language Level I course.

French 3 Honors:

1. Students currently taking Level II Honors must have a B average and the recommendation from the teacher/department chairperson.
2. Students currently taking Level II Accelerated must have a B+ average and the recommendation from the teacher/department chairperson.
3. Students currently taking Level II CPI must have an A- average and the recommendation from the teacher/department chairperson.

French 3 CPI: Students currently taking honors level or 2 CPI courses must have a minimum of a C average and a recommendation from the teacher/department chairperson.

French 4AP/5AP: Students currently taking French 3 Honors must have a B average and the recommendation from the teacher/department chairperson.

ITALIAN

Italian 2 CPI: Students must have a passing grade in the corresponding language Level I course

Italian 2 Honors:

1. Students currently taking level 1 accelerated courses must have a minimum of a B+ average.
2. Students currently taking level 1 CPI courses must have a minimum of an A- average and the recommendation from the teacher/department chairperson

Italian 3 CPI: Students currently taking honors level or 2 CPI courses must have a minimum of a C average and the recommendation from the teacher/department chairperson.

Italian 3 Honors:

1. Students currently taking Level II Honors must have a B average and the recommendation from the teacher/department chairperson.
2. Students currently taking Level II Accelerated must have a B+ average and the recommendation from the teacher/department chairperson.
3. Students currently taking Level II CPI must have an A- average and the recommendation from the teacher/department chairperson.

Italian 4 Honors: A recommendation from the third year teacher/department chairperson

SPANISH: Students may not out-track or move up two levels in any given year. All placements require a teacher recommendation.

Spanish 2 CPI: Students must have a passing grade in the corresponding language Level I course

Spanish 2 Accelerated:

1. Students currently taking Spanish 1 CPI must have an A average and/or the recommendation from the teacher/department chairperson.
2. Students currently taking Spanish 1 Acc. must have a B+ average and the recommendation from the teacher/department chairperson.

Spanish 2 Honors:

1. Students currently taking level 1 accelerated courses must have a minimum of an A average.

Spanish 3 Honors:

1. Students currently taking Level II Honors must have a B+ average and the recommendation from the teacher/department chairperson.
2. Students currently taking Level II Accelerated must have an A average and the recommendation from the teacher/department chairperson.

Spanish 3 Accelerated:

1. Students currently taking Spanish 2 Accelerated must have a B+ average and the recommendation from the teacher/department chairperson.
2. Students currently taking Spanish 2 CPI must have an A average and the recommendation from the teacher/department chairperson.

Spanish 3 CPI: Students currently taking 2 CPI courses must have a minimum of a C+ average and the recommendation from the teacher/department chairperson.

Spanish 4 AP/5 AP: Students currently taking Spanish 3 Honors must have a B+ average and the recommendation from the teacher/the department chairperson.

Spanish 4/5 Honors: Students taking 3 Acc. must have an A- average and the recommendation from the Teacher/Dept. Chairperson

Spanish 4 ACC: Students taking Spanish 3 Accelerated or Spanish 3 CP1 must have a B average

SCIENCES

Sophomore Courses

CP₁ Biology: A- in Physical Science, B in English and a teacher recommendation

CP Biology: Passing Grade in Physical Science

Chemistry Honors: Minimum of a B in Algebra II (Hon) or a C+ in Algebra II/Analysis (ERS) or an A in Algebra I (Acc) and a recommendation from the freshman Biology teacher or a B- in Algebra II/Analysis. The top 30 students by class rank will be chosen.

Chemistry CP₁: A minimum of a C- in Algebra II/Analysis (ERS) or a C+ in Algebra II (Hon) or a B+ in Algebra I (Acc.) or an A in Algebra I (CP₁) with a recommendation from the freshman Biology teacher.

CP₁ Physiology: A passing grade in Biology (Hon/CP₁) or an A in Biology (CP)

Junior Courses

AP Chemistry: Score of 650 (or better) on SAT II in Chemistry, an A in Chemistry (Hon) or a B+ with teacher recommendation and an A in Geometry (Acc.) or a B+ in Geo/Trig (ERS) or a B+ in Geometry (Hon)

AP Biology: B+ in Chemistry (Hon) or an A in Chemistry (CP₁)

Bio-Chemistry of Human Nutrition Accelerated: B- in Chemistry (CP₁) or a C (or better) in Chemistry (Hon)

Chemistry CP₁: C in Physiology (CP₁) and a C in Geometry (CP₁) and a C in Algebra I (CP₁) **Any student who has been in one or more CP math classes needs approval from the Director of Guidance to take Chemistry (CP₁).**

Introductory Chemistry CP: Passing grade in Physiology (CP₁) and a passing grade in their sophomore math course

Physics Honors: B in Chemistry (Hon) or A- in Chemistry (CP₁) and be enrolled in AP Calculus or have a B+ in Algebra II(Acc.) or B in Pre-Calculus (Hon) or B+ in Pre-Calculus (Acc.)

Physiology CP₁: A C+ or lower in Chemistry (CP₁)

Physiology CP: Passing grade in Biology (CP)

Senior Courses

Chemistry Honors, Chemistry CP₁ or Introductory Chemistry CP: Same criteria as junior year Chemistry courses

AP Chemistry: Score of 650 (or better) on SAT II in Chemistry, enrolled in Physics and a senior math course and an A in Chemistry Honors or a B+ with teacher recommendation

Bio-Chemistry of Human Nutrition Acc.: B- in Chemistry (CP₁) or a Passing Grade in Chemistry (Hon)

Physics Honors: B (or better) in Chemistry (Hon) or an A in Chemistry (CP₁) or B in AP Biology and be enrolled in AP Calculus or have a B+ in Algebra II (Acc.) or a B in Pre-Calculus (Hon) or a B+ in Pre-Calculus (Acc.) and be enrolled in a math class other than Math Topics or a B in Bio-Chemistry of Human Nutrition

AP Physics: Acceptance into BC Calculus and a B+ (or better) in a Junior AP Science course or an A in a Junior Honors or Accelerated Science course

Physics CP₁: C in Chemistry Honors or C+ in Chemistry (CP₁) or C in AP Biology and a B in Algebra II or C in Algebra II (Acc.) or a passing grade in Pre-Calculus (Hon/Acc.) or a C in Bio-Chemistry of Human Nutrition

Environmental Science: Passing grade in any junior year science course and a passing grade in a math course (Algebra II or higher)

AP Biology: B+ in Chemistry (Hon) or an A- in Chemistry (CP₁) and an A- in Bio-Chemistry of Human Nutrition

SOCIAL STUDIES: CP level students may be recommended for CPI level classes by teacher recommendation and with approval of the administration.

Freshman to Sophomore Honors: A student must demonstrate an ability to write quality essays and Achieve: a) minimum "A-" in Honors; b) minimum "A" in a CPI course and be in the top 30% of the Freshman Class.

Sophomore to Junior Honors Social Studies courses:

- 1) A minimum of a B+ average in the Sophomore Honors course. A minimum of an A average in the Sophomore CP courses and be in the top 30% of the class.
- 2) A demonstrated ability to analyze in such a manner that the individual is capable of writing quality essays.

AP History/US History pre-requisites

- 1) An A- average in Honors History the previous year.
- 2) The ability to use analysis and evaluation in writing essays and research papers.
- 3) The top 38 students by class rank will be chosen. (AP Jr. US only)

AP European History:

- 1) An A- in Junior Honors History or a B+ in AP US History. (Enrollment limited to 20 per class)

Senior Honors History courses:

- 1) Minimum of B+ average in course student is presently taking.
- 2) A demonstrated ability to analyze in such a manner that the individual is capable of writing quality essays.

BUSINESS

Business Courses have no prerequisites except:
Accounting II -for which you must complete Accounting I

FINE/TECHNICAL ARTS

These courses have no prerequisites; a Fine Arts course is required at some time over a 4 year course of study.

Vocal Music: Open by audition.

Theory II/Jazz: Open to instrumentalist with 2 years experience or who has take music theory.

Concert Band/Marching Band: Open by audition.

GB/Jazz Performance: Open to senior instrumentalists who have an interest in general business band.

Sr. Jazz Band: By audition only

Admission into courses is strictly on the basis of criteria mentioned. The administration recognizes the teacher recommendation as binding strictly.