



THE JOHN CARROLL SCHOOL

Placement Criteria for Honors and Advanced Placement Courses for School Year 2023-24

English

Desired Course	Current Placement is AP	Current Placement is Honors	Current Placement is Regular
Honors English 2	N/A	90 or above average Teacher Approval	94 or above average Writing Sample Teacher approval
Honors English 3	N/A	90 or above average Teacher approval	94 or above average Writing sample Teacher approval
AP English 3	N/A	94 or above average Writing sample Teacher approval	N/A
Honors English 4	N/A	90 or above average Teacher approval	94 or above average Writing sample Teacher approval
AP English 4	90 or above average Teacher approval	94 or above average Writing sample Teacher approval	N/A
Additional Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● <u>Note: Grade averages referenced above refer to Semester 1</u>● Teacher approval is based on:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ student's scholarly attitude and enthusiasm for English○ contributions to the class and completion of all assigned work○ the teacher's confidence that the student can succeed in the higher level placement● Other criteria considered may include previous English grades.● Students will not be placed into an honors or advanced placement course without teacher approval.		

Religion

Desired Course	Current Placement is Honors	Current Placement is Regular
Exploration of Human Rights, Genocide, and the Pursuit of Justice	Students requesting this course will be contacted directly regarding application process.	
Honors Philosophy	N/A	Grades of 90 or above in Religion, Social Studies and English.
Additional Criteria	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Teacher recommendation based on written expression, class involvement and engagement, especially inquiry and discussion as well as achievement. 2. A genuine personal desire to place himself or herself in a course where they will care about ideas and concepts. 	

Social Studies

Desired Course	Current Placement is AP	Current Placement is Honors	Current Placement is Regular
Honors Economics/ Honors US Gov't	80 or above average in freshman AP course	85 or above in freshman Honors course	90 or above in freshman regular course.
AP Government	85 or above in freshman AP course	90 or above in freshman Honors course	95 or above in freshman regular course.
Honors US History	80 or above in sophomore AP course	85 or above in sophomore Honors course	93 or above in sophomore regular course.
AP US History	85 or above in sophomore AP course.	93 or above in sophomore Honors course	Only upon recommendation of current teacher and department chair.
AP Psychology	85 or above in junior AP course.	90 or above in junior Honors course.	95 or above in junior regular course.
Additional Criteria	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Current and previous Social Studies grades 2. Overall GPA 3. Standardized test information 4. Counselor, English, and Social Studies teacher recommendations. Even if a student fits the desired grade criteria, placement into an honors or advanced placement course will not be approved without a teacher recommendation. 		

Science

Desired Course	Current Placement is Honors	Current Placement is Regular
Honors Biology	88 and above	90 and above
Honors Biotechnology	88 and above in both Honors Biology and Honors Chemistry	90 and above in both Biology and Chemistry
Honors Chemistry	88 and above	90 and above
Honors Physics	88 and above (in both current science and mathematics courses)	90 and above (in both current science and mathematics courses)
AP Environmental Science	85 and above	90 and above
AP Chemistry	90 and above (in both chemistry and mathematics)	95 and above (in both chemistry and mathematics)
AP Biology	90 and above (in both Honors Biology and Honors Chemistry)	95 and above (in both biology and chemistry)
AP Physics	85 and above in every math class (algebra, trig) and chemistry/physics <u>Also</u> : must take AP Calculus concurrently (<u>not</u> Honors Calculus) and must have already taken a first year Physics course	90 and above in every math class (Algebra, Trig) and Chemistry/Physics <u>Also</u> : must take AP Calculus concurrently (<u>not</u> Honors Calculus) and must have already taken a first year Physics course
AP Computer Science Principles	85 and above (in both current science and mathematics courses). Final approval, by consent of the instructor.	90 and above (in both current science and mathematics courses). Final approval, by consent of the instructor.
AP Computer Science A	90 and above in mathematics. Preference given to JAVA programming students or students with demonstrated programming familiarity. Final approval, by consent of the instructor.	95 and above in mathematics. Preference given to JAVA programming students or students with demonstrated programming familiarity. Final approval, by consent of the instructor.
Additional Criteria	Student must receive a teacher recommendation based on the student's performance in class and work ethic. For AP courses, student is required to successfully complete a summer assignment.	

Math

Desired Course	Current Placement is Honors	Current Placement is Regular
Honors Geometry	92 and above from Hon.Alg.2 95 and above from Adv.Alg.2 Current teacher's recommendation	N/A
Advanced Geometry	80 and above from either Hon. Alg.2 or Adv.Alg.2 Current teacher's recommendation	95 and above in Algebra 1 (not modified Algebra I) Current teacher's recommendation
**Honors Pre-Calculus	90 and above from Hon. Geom. 95 and above from Adv. Geom. (90+ in Hon.Alg.2 or Adv.Alg.2) Current teacher's recommendation	N/A
**Honors Alg.3/Honors Trig. (see additional note below)	80 and above from either Hon. or Adv. Geometry <i>and in addition, must have 85 and above from Advanced or Honors Algebra 2</i> Current teacher's recommendation	88 and above from Algebra 2 and Geometry Current teacher's recommendation
Honors Calculus I	83 and above in Hon.Alg.3/Hon.Trig. Current teacher's recommendation	90 and above in Algebra 3 as well as 83 and above in Honors Trig.
**AP Calculus AB	90 and above in Hon.Pre-Calc. or 95 and above in Hon.Alg.3/Hon. Trig. Current teacher's recommendation	N/A
**AP Calculus BC	92 and above in Hon.Pre-Calc. Current teacher's recommendation	N/A
**AP Statistics	90 and above in Alg.2. Algebra 3 or Pre-Calc must be taken concurrently or previously.	90 and above in Alg. 2. Algebra 3 or Pre-Calc must be taken concurrently or previously.
Statistics	Algebra 3 must be taken concurrently or previously	Algebra 3 must be taken concurrently or previously
Additional Note for Honors Algebra 3	Students with less than an 85 average in Advanced or Honors Algebra 2 or less than an 88 in Algebra 2 will need to take a year-long Algebra 3 course.	
Additional Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teacher recommendations are based on math ability, work habits, attendance, and strong mathematical interest of the student. • All courses with ** require a summer assignment prior to start of class. 	

World Languages

Desired Course	Current Placement is Honors	Current Placement is Regular
Honors Spanish 2	90 and above	95 and above *
Honors Spanish 3	90 and above Meeting with receiving teacher	97 and above with teacher approval**
Honors Spanish 4	90 and above Meeting with receiving teacher	97 and above with teacher approval**
AP Spanish	In Honors 4 – 90 and above* In Honors 3 – 95 and above* Meeting with receiving teacher	N/A
Regular Spanish 4	75 and above	75 and above
Honors French 4	90 and above	N/A
AP French	In Honors 4 - 90 and above* In Honors 3 – 95 and above* Meeting with receiving teacher	N/A
Honors German 4	90 and above	N/A
AP German	In Honors 4 - 90 and above * In Honors 3 – 95 and above * Meeting with receiving teacher	N/A
Additional Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teacher recommendation based on work ethic, positive class participation, and consistent completion of assignments. • It is important for students to have strong speaking, writing, listening and reading skills to be placed in an Honors or AP world languages class. • Students will be required to complete a <u>summer assignment</u> in order to be prepared for the courses marked with an asterisk (*). <p>** The grade requirement positions students for the significant material that they must learn through independent summer study.</p>	

Fine Arts

Desired Course	Current Placement is Honors	Current Placement is Regular
Honors Studio 3 and 4	85 and above	85 and above with current teacher's recommendation
AP 2D Design Studio	85 and above with required summer assignments prior to entering	N/A
AP Music Theory	Students should be juniors or seniors and should be enrolled in a music ensemble at John Carroll. Exceptions considered on a case-by-case basis.	