

SOPHOMORE COURSE SELECTION

2018-2019 School Year

Put your first and last name legibly on
your course selection form.

OVERVIEW

- ▶ **Course Selection Presentations**
 - ▶ Taking place on Friday, December 1st
- ▶ **Career Development and Course Planning Guide**
 - ▶ Your online resource for choosing appropriate courses
 - ▶ Can be found on the high school's website
- ▶ **Online Course Registration**
 - ▶ On Thursday, December 14th /Friday, December 15th your social studies teacher will bring you to the library to complete your course registration online
- ▶ **DECISIONS, DECISIONS!**
 - ▶ You have between today and December 15th to decide which courses you would like to take for the 2018-2019 school year (your sophomore year)

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- ▶ 23 credits are needed to graduate from Germantown High School
 - ▶ English – 4 Credits
 - ▶ English 9, English 10, 2.0 credits of English electives
 - ▶ Mathematics – 3 Credits
 - ▶ Must be in the same track
 - ▶ Science – 3 Credits
 - ▶ Social Studies – 3 Credits
 - ▶ American History, World History or AP Euro History , 1.0 credit of social studies electives
 - ▶ Personal Financial Literacy- .5 Credit (Preferred in 11th or 12th Grade- 10th Grade with counselor permission)
 - ▶ Health
 - ▶ If not taken in 8th grade (usually students from Parochial schools)
 - ▶ Physical Education
 - ▶ PE 9, sophomore elective, junior elective
 - ▶ Electives – 7.5 Credits
 - ▶ Art, Business, Family & Consumer Science, Music, Technology & Engineering, World Languages
 - ▶ Must Pass Civics Test

FRESHMEN YEAR REVIEW

- ▶ All freshmen are required to take and complete the following courses:
 - ▶ 1.0 credit of English: English 9 or Honors English 9
 - ▶ 1.0 credit of Math: IMP 2, Algebra, Geometry, Honors Geometry
 - ▶ 1.0 credit of Science: Physical Science, Biology or Honors Biology
 - ▶ 1.0 credit of Social Studies: American History or Honors American History
 - ▶ 0.5 credit of Health (if not taken in 8th grade)
 - ▶ 0.5 credit of PE 9
- ▶ Unsuccessful completion of any of these required credits means that you will need to retake the course(s)
 - ▶ Your counselor will automatically add any failed courses to your requests for the 2018-2019 school year
 - ▶ Electives (the courses you probably really want to take!!) may be removed to make room to retake a required course
 - ▶ Pass your classes so that you can take the classes you want to!

SOPHOMORE REQUIREMENTS

- ▶ All sophomore students must enroll in:
 - ▶ 1.0 credit of English: English 10 or Honors English 10
 - ▶ 1.0 credit of Math: What is the next course in the sequence?
 - ▶ IMP 2 > IMP 3
 - ▶ Algebra > Geometry
 - ▶ Geometry > Advanced Algebra
 - ▶ Honors Geometry > Honors Advanced Algebra
 - ▶ 1.0 credit of Science: What is the next course in the sequence?
 - ▶ Physical Science > Biology
 - ▶ Biology > Chemistry
 - ▶ Honors Biology > Honors Chemistry
 - ▶ 1.0 credit of Social Studies: World History or Honors World History or AP Euro History
 - ▶ 0.5 credit of Phy Ed: You get to choose!!
 - ▶ Team Games, Non-Traditional Activities, At the Club, Aerobic Conditioning & Strength Training, Field and Court Activities

SOPHOMORE REQUIREMENTS

- ▶ Depending on how many study halls you want, you must also enroll in 1.5 – 2.5 credits of electives
 - ▶ 1.5 credits of electives = 6 credits = one study hall each semester
 - ▶ 2.0 credits of electives = 6.5 credits = one study hall ONE semester
 - ▶ 2.5 credits of electives = 7.0 credits = no study halls
- ▶ All students must enroll in a minimum of 6 credits of courses
- ▶ The maximum number of credits you can take is 7 credits
- ▶ You can tell the credit value of the course by its course number (i.e. B105 = .5 credit but B225-226 = 1.0 credit)

ALTERNATE REQUESTS

- ▶ We ask that you select some alternate courses in case we are not able to fit all of your first choices into your schedule
 - ▶ Selecting alternates saves us trying to track you down over the summer
- ▶ Everyone should select an alternate Phy Ed course
- ▶ Select 2-3 other electives that you would be willing to take if you cannot get your first choice(s)
- ▶ We will try our hardest to make sure you get what you want. Please provide us with some other options.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

▶ Advanced Placement (AP) Courses

▶ Sophomore students are being offered the chance to take an AP Course

- ▶ AP Music Theory
- ▶ AP Seminar
- ▶ AP Euro History
- ▶ New Course: AP Human Geography
- ▶ New Course: AP Computer Science Principles- See Mr. Mehring in Room 171 with questions. (Sophomores need instructor approval)

▶ AP Courses provide high school students with the opportunity to take college-level courses and the potential to earn college credit depending on how they perform on AP Exams

- ▶ The cost for each AP Exam is \$94
- ▶ Exams are taken in May

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

- ▶ If you see a “_____” next to the title of a course on your course selection sheet, it means that you need a teacher’s recommendation to enroll in the course
 - ▶ Example: If you would like to take Jazz Ensemble, you need to get approval from Mr. Bell; if you would like to take AP Music Theory, you will need to speak to Mr. Brooks
 - ▶ See your school counselor if you have questions regarding who you need to speak to in order to enroll in a course
- ▶ Students interested in moving into Honors courses will need to get a recommendation from their current teacher
 - ▶ Example: If you are currently in American History but would like to take Honors World History next year, you will need to speak with your current American History teacher
 - ▶ How can you get the recommendation? Here are some ideas:
 - ▶ Get good grades
 - ▶ Display good study and work habits
 - ▶ Participate in class
 - ▶ Go above and beyond what’s expected of you

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

- ▶ If you are having trouble deciding whether or not to take a course, sign up for it!
 - ▶ It's always easier to take it out of your schedule in August than try to add it in!
 - ▶ There might not have been enough interest for the course to run, it may be full, we might not be able to fit it into your schedule. etc.
- ▶ Once you enroll in your courses, you have until Wednesday, February 14th to change your mind and make adjustments to your requests
 - ▶ After February 14th, your course selections are final!!!!

CHOOSE YOUR COURSES WISELY

- ▶ Talk with your teachers and your parent(s)/guardian(s) to see which course(s) would be best for you
- ▶ Read the course descriptions in the Course Planning Guide
 - ▶ Don't take a course just because your friends have signed up for it
- ▶ Think about what you plan to do after you graduate from high school:
 - ▶ What should I take if I plan to go to college? Technical school? Pursue an apprenticeship?
 - ▶ What career(s) am I interested in?
 - ▶ What courses does GHS offer that could help me explore those interests further?
 - ▶ Utilize the Course Planning Guide – there are a lot of resources in it that will help you answer these questions
- ▶ Utilize Career Cruising
- ▶ See your school counselor if you would like more information about a particular course

FINAL THOUGHTS

- ▶ You will be in the library on Thursday, December 14th or Friday, December 15th to complete your course registration online
 - ▶ Make sure that you have **YOUR** Skyward login and password with you
 - ▶ You will not be able to sign up for courses if you use your parents' account
 - ▶ If you need your Skyward username and/or password, stop in the School Counseling Office **BEFORE** the 14th
- ▶ Be ready to turn in your course selection form that day
 - ▶ Make sure that what you sign up for online is actually circled on your course selection sheet
 - ▶ It's our back-up in case we lose any information online!
- ▶ If you have questions about anything, see your school counselor:
 - ▶ Mrs. Mueller (A – F) Mr. Benz (M – Sch)
 - ▶ Mrs. Hernandez (G – L) Mrs. Bast (Sci – Z)

QUESTIONS?