BRIARCLIFF HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 2027

9TH GRADE COURSE SELECTION OVERVIEW

JANUARY, 2024

9TH GRADE COUNSELOR ASSIGNMENTS

If your last name begins with...	Your counselor is:
A-D	Mr. Muranelli
E-K	Ms. Alayo
L-Q	Ms. Isabella
R-Z	Ms. Safer

TIMELINE

- **January:**
  - **Teachers will discuss course options for next year**
  - **Science Research teachers will visit the Biology classes to discuss the Science Research program requirements and commitments**
- **February:**
  - **2nd quarter grades and teacher course recommendations will be posted to the portal on Friday, February 2nd**
  - **Counselors will meet with each student for an individual course selection meeting between Monday, February 5th and Friday, February 16th**
    - **You must meet with your counselor before the February break!**
  - **Department specific Criteria Review applications (via Microsoft Forms) will be available on the BHS Counseling Center website. Criteria Review applications are due Friday, March 1st at 3:00pm; late submissions will not be accepted. Criteria Review decisions will be posted to the portal in April.**

TIMELINE

- **June:**
  - **Preliminary student schedules will be posted to the portal in late June. Criteria Review decisions and course placement changes will be reflected on this schedule. This schedule does not include periods or teachers, it will only list the courses you have been successfully scheduled for.**
  - **Counselors will be available for a few days at the end of June to address any schedule concerns**
- **July:**
  - **Final student schedules will be posted to the portal in late July**
  - **Counselors will be available for a few days in July and August to address any schedule concerns**

PREREQUISITE GUIDELINES CHART

Current Course Placement	Course Requested	Grade Needed for Entry
Regents/Non Honors	Honors	90 in prerequisite course
Regents/Non Honors	UHS, ECE, and SUPA course	90 in prerequisite course
Regents/Non Honors	Advanced Placement	94 in prerequisite course
Honors	Honors	85 in prerequisite course
Honors	UHS, ECE, and SUPA course	85 in prerequisite course
Honors	Advanced Placement	90 in prerequisite course
UHS, ECE, and SUPA course	UHS, ECE, and SUPA course	85 in prerequisite course
UHS, ECE, and SUPA course	Advanced Placement	90 in prerequisite course
Advanced Placement	Advanced Placement	85 in prerequisite course

CRITERIA REVIEW

- **What is it?**

  An appeal process

- **Who is on the Criteria Review committee?**

  Department teachers, school counselors, and administrators

- **When will I know if I have been accepted?**

  Preliminary results will be posted to the portal in April

- **Course placement will be reviewed/confirmed/updated at the end of the year (after 4th quarter and final grades are calculated)**

- **Why did my friend with the same average as me in _____ get into _____ and I did not?**

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

English 10 R

English 10 RC

SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT

Global History & Geography II R

Global History & Geography II RC

Global History & Geography II H

AP European History

AP World History

MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT

Algebra IB/
Geometry

Geometry
Geometry R
Geometry H

Algebra II
Algebra II CC
Algebra II H

SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

Living Environment
Biology B

Physical Setting
Earth Science R

Physical Setting
Chemistry R
Physical Setting
Chemistry H

Environmental
Science

Marine Biology

WORLD LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

French	Latin	Mandarin Chinese	Spanish
	Latin I	Mandarin Chinese I	Spanish I
French II	Latin II	Mandarin Chinese II	Spanish IB/IIA Spanish II
French III French III H	College Latin I	Mandarin Chinese III	Spanish III Spanish III H
French IV College French I Pre-AP	AP Latin	Mandarin Chinese IV	Spanish IV College Spanish I Pre-AP
French V/College French I College French II AP French			Spanish V/College Spanish I College Spanish II AP Spanish

PHYSICAL EDUCATION & HEALTH DEPARTMENT

You must take one of these classes each year (.5 credit):

- Physical Education 10
- Fitness Through Strength Training & Conditioning
- College Introduction to Dance
- College Sports Management

Health is a graduation requirement (.5 credit)

- Health & Wellness: in-class and online

PERFORMING ARTS DEPARTMENT

Concert Band 10

Concert Chorus 10

Concert Orchestra 10

College Music Theory I

AP Music Theory II

Introduction to Keyboards & Digital Music (.5 credit)

College Introduction to Dance (.5 credit)

If Dance is taken in place of PE, the Dance grade will not be averaged into your GPA. If Dance and PE are taken concurrently, the Dance grade will be averaged into your GPA.

VISUAL ARTS DEPARTMENT

Foundations of Studio in Art → Drawing & Painting I → Advanced Oil Painting H
College Drawing & Design

Ceramics: Creativity in Clay

Digital Art & Design (.5 credit)

Darkroom Photography

Digital Photography (.5 credit)

COMPUTER SCIENCE & ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

Introduction to Programming (.5 credit)

AP Computer Science A

AP Computer Science Principles

College Introduction to Engineering & Design

College Principles of Engineering

Student Help Desk Technician

ADDITIONAL ELECTIVES AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS GRADES 9-12

- College Introduction to Film & Digital Editing
- College Introduction to Theatre
- College Write Out Loud

ELECTIVES NEWLY AVAILABLE TO SOPHOMORES

- AP Capstone Seminar
- College Multicultural Literature
- College Introduction to Classism, Racism & Sexism
- College Science Research
- Ceramics: Creativity in Clay
- Darkroom Photography
- Digital Art & Design (.5 credit) & Digital Photography (.5 credit)

COURSE SELECTION INFORMATION

- **Counseling Center Webpage:** https://www.briarcliffschools.org/our-schools/briarcliff-high-school/school-information/counseling-center
  - **Counseling Presentations:** https://www.briarcliffschools.org/our-schools/briarcliff-high-school/school-information/counseling-center/counseling-presentations
  - **Course Selection page:** https://www.briarcliffschools.org/our-schools/briarcliff-high-school/school-information/counseling-center/course-selection
  - **Graduation Requirements:** https://www.briarcliffschools.org/our-schools/briarcliff-high-school/school-information/counseling-center/graduation-requirements

QUESTIONS?

Remember to meet with your counselor before February break!

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