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# Course Selection

## 2024-2025 School Year



**Upper St. Clair High School**

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# Course Selection Timeline

<b>January 29</b>	<b>9th Grade Course Presentation</b>
<b>January 31</b>	<b>10th Grade Course Presentation</b>
<b>February 1</b>	<b>11th Grade Course Presentation</b>
<b>February 12</b>	<b>9th Grade Course Selection</b>
<b>February 13-14</b>	<b>10th and 11th Grade Course Selection</b>
<b>March 1 - March 30</b>	<b>Family Course Review Period/Course Change Window</b>
<b>June 7 (tentative)</b>	<b>Simulation/Move Up Day</b>

# Course Selection Process

- The Program of Studies is available on the High School Counseling website and includes all courses and their descriptions
- USCHS uses the FOCUS platform for scheduling (Student Portal)
  - Students/families can view course recommendations under Course Requests in Focus in year 2024-2025
- Course Selection begins February 12th
  - Grade 9: Counselors will facilitate course selection during Freshman Seminar
  - Grades 10-11: Counselors will visit English classrooms to facilitate course selection
  - Students will select courses in Student Portal for the upcoming school year

# **Schedule Change Policy**

- **All students are required to take 5 full credit classes per semester**
  - **Plus a Wellness credit (2 courses for 10th graders and 1 course for 11th graders)**
- **All students will be assigned a lunch**
- **Students wishing to add Resource Center to schedules should speak to their counselors**
- **No courses will be changed for the purpose of requesting a different teacher**

# **Schedule Change Policy**

- **Once courses are selected, only class changes that meet the criteria defined in the Program of Studies and Student/Parent Handbook will be honored:**
  - **Curriculum Program Change**
  - **Employment**
  - **Scheduling Error**
  - **Previous Failure**
  - **Summer School Record**
  - **Urgent/Personal/Appointment Conflicts**

# **Schedule Change Policy**

- **Students may add/drop classes during the first two weeks of the semester with no impact on the student's transcript (schedule must include the minimum permissible number of courses).**
- **Students who are approved to drop a course outside of this window will receive a designation of "W" on their transcript next to the student's earned grade at the departure of the course. This becomes a part of the student's permanent record.**
- **For level changes, the student's percentage of achievement will transfer to the new course.**

# Graduation Requirements

## COURSE WORK

Graduation from Upper St. Clair High School requires satisfactory completion of a cumulative minimum of 44.5 credits in grades 9, 10, 11, and 12 in order to participate in the graduation ceremony. The requirements by subject areas are listed below:

English	8 Credits
Social Studies	6 Credits
Mathematics	6 Credits
Science	6 Credits
Arts and/or Humanities	4 Credits
Wellness Education	3.5 Credits
Electives	11 Credits
Total	44.5 Credits

# Department Contacts

School Counselors (Questions about scheduling)	Curriculum Leaders (Questions about course requirements)
Mrs. Frommeyer 10th-11th Grade, A-E	Ms. Tungate English
Dr. Kirk 10th-11th Grade, S-Z	Mr. Kirchner Social Studies
Mrs. Lash 10th-11th Grade, F-Le	Mr. Miller Math
Mr. Marquis 9th Grade, Li-Z	Dr. Kirk School Counseling
Mrs. Pardini 10th-11th Grade, Li-R	Dr. Syme Science
Ms. Wregget 9th Grade, A-Le	Mr. Clermont World Languages

## Next Steps

- Take a look at the Course Listings
  - English
  - Social Studies
  - Math
  - Science
  - World Language (if you are taking one)
  - Wellness Education (even if you are planning to take it over the summer)
  - Elective Courses including Peer Tutoring