

COURSE CATALOG 2012-2013

Mission Statement

We are called by Jesus Christ to educate young people, through the Catholic tradition, to lead successful, faith-filled lives.

ALTHOFF CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL is recognized by the State of Illinois and accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. Althoff Catholic admits students of any race, color, national, or ethnic origin. The purpose of Althoff Catholic is to provide an atmosphere in which you can pursue a Christian education that will prepare you to find and fulfill your individual goals and ambitions after finishing high school. The educational program is designed to meet your spiritual, intellectual, cultural and physical needs. A responsible use of your time and abilities at Althoff Catholic will prepare you for college, career, or job opportunities after graduation.

Since we cannot live in this world without recognizing our relationships to other persons, we cannot live in it without recognizing our relationship to God either. Our experience and relationship with God cannot be separated from our everyday lives. Therefore, all students attending Althoff Catholic are required to take Theology courses. Students who transfer from public schools are excused from the Theology requirement for the years they were attending other schools.

SCHOOL DAY

The school day is divided into eight class periods plus lunch. All classes meet every day.

CLASS LOAD

Most students take eight academic subjects each semester. If a study hall is needed, and it is approved by the administration, students must be enrolled in seven academic subjects.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

25 credits are required for graduation. This includes 4 credits in Theology.

SPECIFIC COURSE REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION

THEOLOGY	4	credits
ENGLISH	4	credits
MATHEMATICS	3	credits
SCIENCE	3	credits
WORLD HISTORY	1	credit
US HISTORY	1	credit
AMERICAN HISTORY & GOVERNMENT	0.5	credits
SOCIAL STUDIES ELECTIVE	0.5	credits
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	2.75	credits
CONSUMER EDUCATION	0.25	credits
HEALTH	0.5	credits
TECHNOLOGY SKILLS	0.5	credits
INFORMATION PROCESSING	0.5	credits
ART, MUSIC, FOREIGN LANGUAGE	2	credits
ELECTIVES	1.5	credits

RECOMMENDED COLLEGE PROGRAM

The following high school subjects are recommended for students planning to continue their education at a university or community college:

- 4 years of English
- 3 years of mathematics (Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2)
- 3 years of science (laboratory sciences)
- 3 years of social studies
- 2 years of foreign language
- 1 year of fine arts

Admission requirements vary from one college to another. To determine the requirements for a specific college, check the Internet, check the College Handbook, or contact that particular school.

EXEMPTION FROM PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Seniors are not required to take PE as long as they have fulfilled their graduation credits. A student may be exempt from PE if either of the following conditions are met:

- Participating in varsity interscholastic athletics. The exemption is only for the duration of the sport season. In these cases, the student will receive a "P" for Pass on his/her report card and transcript which will not be included in a GPA.
- A student is participating in band.
- A student needs a specific course required by a college or university they will be attending. Written documentation will be required from that college/university to be exempt from PE.
- A student has a physical disability or an injury that keeps them from participating in PE. Written documentation will be required from their physician.

HONORS COURSES AND CREDITS

Some students at Althoff Catholic are recommended, by their teachers, to take honors classes. Criteria requires an "A" or "B" average in the current course, followed by each department's additional requirements, as stated in the course catalog. If the honors program criteria is met, then students and parents may decide to accept the challenge of the Honors classes.

104 *ADTHEO Honors Advanced Theology	0.5	330 *PHYS Honors Physics	1.0
117 *ENG1 Honors English 1	1.0	335 *PHYS2 Honors AP Physics	1.0
121 *ENG2 Honors English 2	1.0	429 *ACT2 Accounting 2	1.0
138 *PROCMP The Process of Composition	0.5	500 *WHIS Honors World History	1.0
141 *ARHRES Advanced Strategies of Rhetoric & Research	0.5	504 *USH Honors US History	1.0
150 *INLTST Introduction to Literary Study	0.5	505 *AMPOL American Politics	0.5
152 *INTFICT Introduction to Short Fiction	0.5	507 *AMGV American History & Government	0.5
158 *INTFS Introduction to Film Study	0.5	518 *MUSH Modern US History	0.5
205 *ALG1 Honors Algebra 1	1.0	519 *POR&PROF Honors Portraits & Profiles of the Last Century	0.5
207 *GEOM Honors Geometry 1	1.0	603 *LAT3 Honors Latin 3	1.0
210 *ALG2 Honors Algebra 2	1.0	604 *LAT4 Honors Latin 4	1.0
222 *TRIG Honors Trigonometry	0.5	613 *FRN3 Honors French 3	1.0
224 *COAL Honors College Algebra	0.5	614 *FRN4 Honors French 4	1.0
231 *CALC Honors Calculus	1.0	630 *SPGR Hon. Intense Grammar & Culture	1.0
312 *CHEM Honors Chemistry	1.0	631 *SPCO Honors Spanish Conversation	0.5
315 *APCHEM Honors AP Chemistry	1.0	633 *SPLT Honors Spanish Literature	0.5
322 *A&P Honors Anatomy & Physiology	1.0	800 *ARTAPP Art Appreciation	0.5
326 *ABIO Honors Advanced Biology	1.0	810 *ART History of 20 th Century Art	0.5

REGULAR GPA: A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1, F=0

PE is calculated in the cumulative GPA provided a letter grade of A, B, C, D or F is earned. A pass/fail grade is not calculated into the GPA.

HONORS GPA will be determined by a weighted scale and based on the number of honors courses taken.

COLLEGE CREDIT COURSES

ST. LOUIS UNIVERSITY 1818 COURSES

Advanced College Credit (1818) courses are challenging courses. They carry extra GPA weight and **do** carry college credit if the student receives a grade of a "C" or better in the course, has a 3.0 cumulative grade point average, and pays an additional fee directly to St. Louis University. If the student pays the fee, has the GPA, and earns the grade, the student receives a transcript from St. Louis University which will reflect the grade earned in the course at Althoff Catholic.

These courses may or may not be accepted by the college or university a student ultimately attends. A student should contact any potential college or university prior to registering with St. Louis University to determine that school's policy on acceptance of dual credit course work.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES (AP)

Advanced Placement (AP) courses give you the opportunity to take college-level courses while still in high school. For descriptions from the AP College Board, please access this link: <http://www.collegeboard.com>. In late spring, the student may choose to pay for and take the end of course AP exam. The current cost is \$87.00 per exam. Your exam score may enable you to gain admission, college credit, and placement into advanced courses.

AP tests can be given to students on the assigned date set by the College Board even if Althoff Catholic does not offer that particular course.

The end of course exams are rigorous. If you choose to participate in AP courses, be prepared to work very hard and put in many hours of outside study time.

AP COURSES

335 AP Physics
315 AP Chemistry
515 AP European History

ST. LOUIS UNIVERSITY (1818 PROGRAM)

The Process of Composition	3 hrs.
Introduction to Literary Study	3 hrs.
Introduction to Film Studies	3 hrs.
Introduction to Short Fiction	3 hrs.
Advanced Strategies of Rhetoric & Research	3 hrs.
Advanced Biology	3 hrs.
Advanced Theology	3 hrs.

SCHEDULE CHANGES

Please make course selections carefully since the master schedule and staff assignments are based on your schedule requests. Students are asked to PLAN and CHOOSE courses carefully according to their ability and motivation.

Before the end of the school year, students will receive a list of courses selected for the following year. At that time, a deadline for course changes will be published. Please review the list carefully and make changes prior to the deadline with the appropriate counselor in College Placement. Tentative schedules are issued before the start of each semester. **Parent/Guardian approval is required for some course changes.**

FAILURES

Starting the 2011-2012 school year, first semester failures in all full year classes, except Integrated Science, Theology I, Theology II, World History, and United States History, can be made up if the student receives a "C" or better for the second semester. If a student also fails the second semester, the course may be made up by repeating the entire course. A student showing proficiency in the course content second semester with a grade of "C" or better, will receive a "P" for pass for the first semester. However, the failing grade for first semester remains part of the cumulative grade point average.

Failures in Integrated Science, Theology 1, Theology II, World History, United States History, and all semester courses may be made up by repeating the semester failed.

WITHDRAWAL FROM A COURSE

Students are strongly encouraged to complete all registered courses. A student may withdraw from a class two weeks after the beginning of the semester with no penalty. If there is class availability and approval is given, the student may add a course at that time but will be responsible for the missing work. A withdrawal after two weeks, and before the end of the 1st or 3rd quarter, will result in a "WF", withdraw fail, or "WP", withdraw pass, based on the grade at the time of withdrawal. The "WF" or "WP" will not be included in the student's GPA, but will be on the student's transcript. Withdrawing from a class during the 2nd or 4th quarter will result in an "F" being recorded in the student's GPA and on the transcript.

WAIVERS

Advancement to a more challenging course in each discipline except foreign language requires an "A" and recommendation from their teacher. If a student has a "B" in the course, they must sign a waiver and both parent and student must meet with the teacher.

To advance to a third year course in all foreign languages, a student must have an "A" or "B" in the second year course. If a student has a "C" in the second year course, they must sign a waiver and the parent and student must meet with the teacher.

Waivers must be signed by both the student and their parents. Once a waiver is signed, the student must remain in the class until the end of the semester. If the student drops an advanced course at the end of the semester, he/she may never sign another waiver for another advanced class in that discipline. Careful consideration should be given before signing a waiver.

NCAA CLEARINGHOUSE REQUIREMENTS FOR ATHLETES

Students aspiring to play Division I or II athletics must register with the NCAA Clearinghouse (www.eligibilitycenter.org) following their junior year of high school. Athletes must graduate from high school, complete the required core courses, earn a minimum required grade-point average in their core courses, and earn a combined SAT or ACT sum score that matches their core-course grade-point average and test score sliding scale (see eligibility center for details).

DIVISION I

16 Core-Course Rule

16 Core Courses:

- 4 years of English.
- 3 years of mathematics (Algebra 1 or higher).
- 2 years of natural/physical science (1 year of lab).
- 1 year of additional English, math, or science.
- 2 years of social science.
- 4 years of additional courses (from any area above, foreign language or nondoctrinal religion/philosophy).

DIVISION II

14 Core-Course Rule

14 Core Courses:

- 3 years of English.
- 2 years of mathematics (Algebra 1 or higher).
- 2 years of natural/physical science (1 year of lab).
- 2 years of additional English, math or science.
- 2 years of social science.
- 3 years of additional courses (from any area above, foreign language or nondoctrinal religion/philosophy).

ACADEMIC COURSES

NCAA courses are denoted with an NCAA by the course title.

1818 courses are denoted with an 1818 by the course title.

AP courses are denoted with an AP by the course title.

Honors courses are denoted with an * in the title and also with HC by the course title.