

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

To receive a diploma from Rosary Academy, students who attend Rosary, must successfully complete (“D” or better) the following requirements. All graduation requirements must be taken at Rosary Academy from the time a student enrolls.

**(1 semester = 0.5 credit)**

Religion	4 years	4 credits
English	4 years	4 credits
Social Studies	3 years	3 credits
Mathematics	3 years	3 credits
World Language	2 years (same)	2 credits
Science	3 years	3 credits
Visual/Performing Arts	1 year (sequential)	1 credit
Physical Education	1 year	1 credit
Health and Wellness	1 year	1 credit
Electives*		6 credits

**Graduation**

**28 CREDITS**

\*All credits earned in excess of the required courses in any subject area will count toward the “Electives” requirement.

## **REQUIREMENTS FOR ELIGIBILITY FOR CSU & UC SCHOOLS**

### **CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS**

4 years English  
3 years Math (Algebra I & II, Geometry) 4 years recommended  
2 years History/Social Science  
2 years World Language (same)  
2 years Laboratory Science  
1 year Visual or Performing Arts (sequential)  
1 year College Preparatory Elective

### **UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA REQUIREMENTS**

4 years English  
3 years Math (Algebra I & II, Geometry) 4 years recommended  
2 years History/Social Science  
2 years World Language (3 years recommended)  
2 years Laboratory Science (3 years recommended)  
1 year Visual or Performing Arts (sequential)  
1 year College Preparatory Elective

NOTE: UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITIES,  
AND MOST 4-YEAR COLLEGES ACCEPT ONLY GRADES OF “C” OR BETTER

## GENERAL INFORMATION

The following definitions may be helpful in planning a tentative course of study:

### **H – Honors**

These courses are taught at a faster pace and go into greater depth than regular academic courses and earn an extra, or weighted, grade point for an A, B, or C.

### **AP – Advanced Placement**

These are rigorous college level courses that culminate in a required AP Exam administered in May. Depending on their exam score and college policies, students may earn advanced placement and/or college credit for successful completion of these courses. AP courses carry a weighted grade point for an A, B, or C. Students, parents, and teachers are required to sign the AP Student Expectations Agreement at the beginning of the course.

The difference between a regular high school course and an AP course is quite significant. In terms of speed, the final exam for an AP class is about a month and a half earlier than a final for a non-AP class; the AP tests are given at the same day and time worldwide. In terms of curriculum, it is much more in-depth, and the content is substantial. Approximately 2 hours of study time are required each night for most AP courses.

**AP and Honors Classes:** AP Art History, AP Art Studio: 3D Design, AP Art Studio: Drawing, AP Computer Science Principles, AP English Language, AP English Literature, AP European History, AP Spanish Language, AP French Language, AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC, AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP Environmental Science, AP Statistics, AP Physics 1, AP US History, AP Government, AP Psychology, Honors French III, Honors Spanish I, Honors Spanish II, Honors Spanish III, Honors Precalculus, Honors Chemistry, Honors Physics.

The University of California and California State University Systems weight these AP and honors classes according to the following scale: A = 5, B = 4, C = 3, D = 1. In order to maintain the University of California and California State University honors standards, every student must meet the course prerequisites.

Honors classes are also offered in English I through English IV, Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, and Biology. Students will be placed in these classes by academic counselors and department teachers according to course prerequisites. Grades in these honors classes are weighted as honors classes toward the Rosary GPA. However, these classes are not weighted by the UC and CSU systems. No student may enroll in honors classes if she has received a semester D in any introductory course of that discipline.

**Class failures:** Any core class failed must be remediated prior to the start of the following school year, or enrollment may be jeopardized. Both grades, failed and repeated, are recorded on the transcript. It is expected that students will remediate D's and F's in core courses at Rosary Academy or through an approved program. See your counselor for remediation information.