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Woodson Academic Advising

'25-'26 School Year

What is Academic Advising?

- Academic Advising is a time that each student will meet with their counselor 1 on 1 to discuss courses for next year
- You will review any graduation requirements remaining and SOL tests you may have to take in the spring
- This is a great opportunity to talk about post-secondary goals, to help tailor your schedule and possible academy courses

Important Upcoming Dates

Curriculum Night:

January 15th from 6-8pm

Course Information Fair:

February 3rd - 3rd Period
(no appointment passes)

Teacher Feedback Meetings:

February 3rd and 4th
(in each of your classes)

Advising Meetings Begin:

February 5th (Juniors)
February 19th (Sophomores)
February 27th (Freshmen)

When will I see my counselor?

1 Rising Seniors:

February 5th - February 18th
through your History class

2 Rising Juniors:

February 19th - 25th
through your PE 10 classes

3 Rising Sophomores:

February 27th - March 6th
through your PE 9 classes

New Classes for the 25-26 School Year

❑ Data Science

- ❑ Data Science provides an introduction to the principles of data science through exposure to big data, open-source tools, and relational database concepts to tackle data-intensive computing problems that impact society.

❑ Social Media Marketing

- ❑ Students explore principles, strategies, tools, and tactics related to consumers, branding, advertising, and promotions, and how success is measured in a digital and social media marketing campaign. Students also investigate business and marketing plans, as well as careers in digital and social media marketing.

❑ STEM Robotics

- ❑ Students engage in the study of computers and microprocessors and their applications to manufacturing, transportation, and communication systems. Topics include computer equipment and operating systems, robotics, programming, control systems, and social/cultural impact of these technologies.



Changes to Current Courses

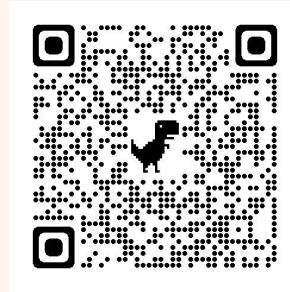
- ❑ **AP Seminar** - 10th graders can now take this in place of English 10 (11th and 12th graders can still take it as an AP elective)
- ❑ **AP Human Geography** - 9th graders can now take this in place of World History 1 (11th and 12th graders can still take it as an AP elective)
- ❑ All level 4 world language courses, level 3 and 4 theatre/tech theatre courses, and advanced visual & performing arts courses are now honors courses with a .5 GPA boost

Importance of balancing your schedule

- Think about the other responsibilities and activities you do, and how that could affect the amount of time you have to complete homework, projects etc. Tally up hours spent in activities after school
- Do not just take an HN or AP for the GPA boost! That boost won't be helpful if you do not do well in the class and will not look good to colleges
- If you are currently in a standard level class with an A, and it is a subject you are genuinely interested in, an honors class might be worth trying
- Take your teacher, counselor and/or case manager feedback seriously. They teach the content, know the demands of classes and also know your learning style and worth ethic

Academy Courses

See the Academy column on the Academic Advising padlet



[Link to main academy website](#)

Fairfax Academy

Arabic, Chinese, Korean,
Performing Arts, Media,
Game Design

Chantilly Academy

Automotive, JROTC, Culinary,
Cyber, IT, Vet Science

Falls Church Academy

Medical Assistant, Dental, Vet
Science, Pharmacy, PT/OT, Lang.
of Medicine, Nursing courses

Deadlines

1

March 7

Deadline for students to register for academy courses

2

March 14

Deadline for students to make changes to their course requests

3

March 24

Deadline for students to complete Dual Enrollment registration



Schedule Change Information

- Course request changes are not guaranteed after the March 14th deadline.
 - Classes may close or be cancelled (if closed, then a waitlist will be created)
- Beginning of next year, students will have an opportunity during a prearranged window in early Sept to make schedule changes (**no change requests are guaranteed**)
- This is why it is important to do your research now and understand your limits, other expectations, etc. when picking classes. Choose wisely NOW

Fall 2024:

**Almost 500
students
requested at
least one
schedule
change**

Adding Your Courses into SIS

1. On the left side bar, select
2. To enter course requests: click



Click here to change course requests

3. Search for each course using the magnifying glass and click "Reset". Now, type in the 6 digit course code from the course selection sheet and click

Add Request

4. If you would like to delete the request, click under the "Action" column.

- Add your course requests in SIS before meeting with your counselor
- This is a preliminary selection (not final)
- You will review them with your counselor to make sure they are correct and appropriate for your plans and requirements
- You need to also add TWO alternatives
- **SEARCH BY COURSE CODE (listed on the sheet)**
- **DO NOT TYPE IN THE NAME.** There are many courses by the same name that are likely not the one you want



[Link to course catalog](#)

Woodson Course Catalog

- Use this QR code to take you to the updated Woodson course catalog
- The catalog contains descriptions of every class we offer
- Use it to research what different classes entail to make informed decisions
- Also find this on the Academic Advising padlet

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What if I am not in a Woodson history or PE class?

- ★ Your counselor has a list of students and will call you down through e-hall pass within the window

3. Do I have to bring anything?

- ★ If you did not turn it in, please bring your course selection sheet
(students will turn these into their 8th period teacher on Feb 4)

2. What if I'm absent that day?

- ★ Your counselor will call you down another time
(please wait for your counselor to contact you for a makeup appt)

4. Do I have to do anything ahead of time?

- ★ Please add your classes in SIS *(see slide 11 for instructions)*

Frequently Asked Questions

5. How do I take EPF online?

- ★ Tell your counselor you are interested in taking it over the summer when you meet and they can tell you how to register

7. What about Dual Enrollment?

- ★ If you plan to take a DE course, there will be steps you **MUST** take before the DE deadline to register (*your counselor will review that with you during your advising meeting*)

6. What if I want to take a summer class?

- ★ Students can take 1 summer class (2 if they are doing EPF self-directed). You must register on your own (*registration link on the Summer Learning column of the Academic Advising padlet*)

Other Resources

- [Woodson HS Academic Advising website](#)
- [Academic Advising Padlet](#)
- Grade level Padlets → [Student Services Padlet](#)

