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Woodson Academic Advising

'24-'25 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

Course

Information Fair:

January 10th - 3rd Period
(no appointment passes)

Teacher Feedback Meetings:

January 16-17
(in each of your classes)

Curriculum Night:

January 23rd from 6-8pm

Advising Meetings Begin:

January 29th

When will I see my counselor?

1

Rising Seniors:

January 29th - February 8th
through your history class

2

Rising Juniors:

February 12th - 21st
through your PE 10 classes

3

Rising Sophomores:

February 22nd - 29th through
your PE 9 classes

New Classes for the '24-25 School Year

❑ **AP Capstone 1**

- ❑ Rather than teaching subject-specific content, this course develops students' skills in research, analysis, evidence-based arguments, collaboration, writing, and presenting

❑ **Combating Intolerance**

- ❑ Examine prejudice, stereotyping, bias, discrimination and how individual choices can combat or promote intolerance

❑ **Creative Writing**

- ❑ Provides additional opportunities to practice and enhance writing skills beyond regular English class

New Classes for the '24-25 School Year

Fitness Instructor HN

- 75% classroom & curriculum, 25% weight room, hands-on; prepares you for the certification test to start working in fitness.
- 11-12th grade; must complete HPE 9-10; recommended to have completed P-Fit 1 or Sports Med

Lit Lab

- For students who may need more support in reading and writing, especially to pass their 11th grade SOLs

Oceanography

- Explore topics such as geology and geography of oceans, marine chemistry, and marine biology

World Religions

- Study the basic practices and beliefs of the world's religions



Changes to Current Courses

- ❑ Pre-Calc → AP Pre-Calc AB
- ❑ AP Pre-Calc → AP Pre-Calc BC
- ❑ Guitar 3 → Guitar Ensemble 1
- ❑ Guitar 4 → Guitar Ensemble 2

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's and/or case manager's 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

Multiple World Languages,
performing arts, media,
game design etc.

Open House February 6th 6:30-7:30pm

Falls Church Academy

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

Open House January 10th 6:00-8:00pm

Medical
Assistant is
moving to a 2
Year Program
(11th grade
only course)

Chantilly Academy

Automotive, JROTC,
Culinary, Cyber, Vet
Science, etc.

Open House January 18th 6:30-8:00pm

Plum Center (Falls Church)

Nursing Courses

***There will be a MANDATORY nursing
meeting in late spring once accepted***

Deadlines

1

March 6

Deadline for students to register for academy courses

2

March 14

Deadline for students to make changes to their course requests



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 to make schedule changes (**no change requests are guaranteed**)
- There are multiple things students will need to do in order to be **CONSIDERED** for a change:
 - Meet with the teacher, parent/teacher conference, extra help during returns/after school, visit the math center, etc.
- 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 2023:

1869 class changes

544 students impacted

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 3rd period teacher on Jan. 23)

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 and make sure your parent signs course selection sheet

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

- [Academic Advising Padlet](#)
- Grade level specific presentations
- Grade level Padlets → [Student Services Padlet](#)

