

New Family Course Selection

Welcome Class of 2027!

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URSULINE ACADEMY OF DALLAS



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- New Family Course Selection Meeting
 - How to register -
 - <https://www.ursulinedallas.org/students-portal/newfamily>

NEW STUDENTS FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

Welcome to Ursuline Academy of Dallas!

We are excited to welcome you to our community! This New Family Webpage will be a resource for your family as you transition to Ursuline. You will find information about enrollment, upcoming events, course registration, uniforms, athletics, and more! *This page will be available to your family from March to August.*

Important Information Additional Transfer Student Information Calendar

Ursuline News & Announcements

- Enrollment, Tuition, and Financial Information +
- Important Dates and Information +
- Placement Exams for Incoming Freshmen - Various dates throughout April +

New Parent Course Selection

Video by Dean of Academics Elizabeth Smith Coming Soon
(Note: Please watch before attending the New Parent Course Selection Meeting on 4/3 or 4/4)

Register for the New Parent Course Selection Meeting on 4/3 or 4/4 →

Course Progression Charts
2023-2024

- You may attend the New Family Course Selection Meeting at one of the following times:
 - April 3 at 8:00 a.m.
 - April 4 at 6:00 p.m.
 - When you register, you may choose to attend the meeting on campus or virtually.

Graduation Requirements



27 Credits Total

4 credits	Theology, English
3 credits	Math, Social Studies, and Science
3 credits or through Level III	World Language (2.0 Completed in High School)
1 credit	Physical Education (0.5 Wellness/0.5 PE)
1 credit	Fine Arts (Visual and/or Performing Arts)
1 credit	Computer Science
1 credit	Seminar Class (0.5 Freshman Year and 0.5 Junior or Senior Year)
3 credits	Electives

Four-year course plans are made with advisors in January



Typical Sample Schedule

- There are a total of 8.0 credits divided among two school days (known as A-day & B-day) during the regular school day.
- Courses rotate every other day.
- All 2027 students will be enrolled in 7 classes in the fall semester



2027 Sample Schedule

Typical Schedule for Freshmen:

- English – 1 credit
- Social Studies – 1 credit
- Theology – 1 credit
- World Language – 1 credit
- Math – 1 credit
- Physics – 1 credit
- Seminar Class in the fall semester only – 0.5 credit
- Wellness, a Fine Arts class, or PE class – 0.5 credit
- Fall Study Period/Spring Free Period – carry no credit

Total: 7 credits (with a Fall Study Period and Spring Free Period)



Tips for Scheduling

Your daughter will be automatically enrolled in the following courses:

- English I
- World History
- Theology
- Freshman Seminar (first semester)

You need to choose the following courses for your daughter:

- Math:
 - Select Geometry if Algebra I was completed in 8th grade.
 - Select Algebra I if Algebra I was *not* completed in 8th grade.
- Physics:
 - Select Physics I if your daughter is taking Geometry.
 - Select General Physics only if your daughter is taking Algebra I *and* scientific concepts are challenging.

Honors placement email will be sent on May 9. We will update your daughter's course requests.



Tips for Scheduling

World Language

A student must take 3 consecutive years or through Level III of their selected World Language beginning with Freshman year. Two years must be completed in high school.

- Arabic
- French
- Mandarin Chinese
- Spanish

Placement email will be sent on May 9. We will update your daughter's course requests.

Placement Testing



World Languages Placement Testing

Wednesday, April 12, 2023 | 4:30-5:30 p.m. OR 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 13, 2023 | 4:30-5:30 p.m. OR 5:30-6:30 p.m.

How to register: <https://www.ursulinedallas.org/languageplacement>

Deadline to register: Wednesday, April 5, 2023

English I Honors Placement Testing

Saturday, April 15, 2023 | 10:15-11:15 a.m.

Sunday, April 16, 2023 | 3:15 - 4:15 p.m.

How to register: <https://www.ursulinedallas.org/englishplacement>

Deadline to register: Tuesday, April 11, 2023

Physics I Honors Placement Testing

Saturday, April 15, 2023 | 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, April 16, 2023 | 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

How to register: <https://www.ursulinedallas.org/scienceplacement>

Deadline to register: Tuesday, April 11, 2023

Late Registrations and individual requests *cannot* be honored.

Tips for Scheduling



Wellness (0.5 PE credit) must be taken before the end of Sophomore year.

Tips for Scheduling



Electives Available for Freshmen

Ballet (Fine Art or PE)	Jazz Choir (Zero Hour)
Band (Zero Hour)	Musical Theatre
Barre (Zero Hour)	Orchestra (Zero Hour)
Beginning to Intermediate Tap	Personal Fitness (Zero Hour)
Broadway Dance (Fine Art or PE)	Pocket Photography
Ceramics I	Photography I
Ceramics II (after Ceramics I)	Photography II
Clogging (Fine Art or PE)	Relief & Engraving
Color Guard (Zero Hour)	Screen Printing
Concert Choir	Sole Sisters (Zero Hour)
Creative Process	Spinning 101 (Zero Hour)
Dance I-IV (Zero Hour)	Stagecraft 101
Film I	Stage Makeup & Design
Fundamentals of Acting	Studio Art I
Improvisation	Studio Art II (after Studio Art I)
Introduction to Costuming	Yoga

See the
[2023-2024
Courses](#)
descriptions.

Course Requests



Check your email on **Tuesday, April 25 at 9:00 a.m.** for the link to the Class of 2027 Course Requests. The email will come from our Registrar, Cristelle Elias.
(celias@ursulinedallas.org)

OR

Login to your My Backpack account: (<https://backpack.ursulinedallas.org>)

Tuesday, April 25 beginning at 9:00 a.m. – Wednesday, April 26 ending at 8:00 p.m.
The Class of 2027 Course Request Form is located in the Resource Center at the top right of the screen.

COURSE REQUESTS FOR CLASS OF 2027



* Required

There is a total of 8 credits divided among two school days (known as A-day and B-day) during the regular school day. 1.0 credit is equal to a year-long course (Fall and Spring semesters) and 0.5 credit is equal to either a Fall or Spring semester course.

Freshmen WILL be placed in the following core courses (3.5 credits):

English (1.0 credit)

World History (1.0 credit)

Theology - Revelation and Scripture (1.0 credit)

Freshman Seminar (0.5 credit)

Emails will be sent on May 10 confirming any World Language placement and Honors placements for English and Physics. Course requests will be adjusted accordingly.

Freshmen WILL choose from the following:

Math (1.0 credit)

Physics (1.0 credit)

World Language (1.0 credit)

Physical Education, Fine Arts, Electives, and/or Zero Hour Courses (0.5 - 1.0 credit)

Fall Study/Spring Free Periods (0.0 credit)

During freshman year, students may choose courses that will satisfy the following graduation requirements:

INSTRUCTIONS



Read and answer each question below. **Do not click SUBMIT until you have completed all course requests and only click SUBMIT once.** You may use the Comment/Questions box below for any extra instructions or clarifications.

Click [here](#) to read the course descriptions in the Course Compendium.

After you submit your course requests, you will receive an email confirmation of what you requested. **If you find that you requested a course in error, please contact your counselor as soon as possible.**

COUNSELOR'S EMAIL:

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We will not accept any course request changes beginning June 1 until schedules have been published in mid-July.

LAST NAME*

What is the student's last name?

FIRST NAME*

What is the student's first name NOT a nickname?

BIRTH DATE - EX: 01/01/2020*

What is the student's birth date?

COUNSELOR*

Select your Counselor which is determined by the student's last name.

WORLD LANGUAGE COURSES



All students must take the same language for three years in high school or through level three. If a freshman is entering high school at level three they are required to take level 4 also.

WORLD LANGUAGE PLACEMENT*

Did you take a World Language Placement Exam?

☐ Yes ☐ No

STUDY PERIODS

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Are you requesting a Study Period?

☐ Yes ☐ No

ZERO HOUR

Zero hour classes meet either before or after school. Please check the [Course Compendium](#) for additional details.

ZERO HOUR REQUEST*

Are you requesting a Zero Hour course?

☐ Yes ☐ No



DOUBLE CHECK CREDITS*

Zero Hour courses and athletics are either before or after school. They are not totaled in your Total Requested Credits that are listed above.

- ☐ 7.0 credits with 2 free periods
- ☐ 7.5 credits with 1 free period
- ☐ 8.0 credits with 0 free periods

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

Use this box for any needed clarifications.

☒ Please send a confirmation email to the address below*:

Submit

Summer School



- Summer School course requests: **April 12-17.**
- It is not necessary to take summer school to meet all graduation requirements or to get a fall study period/spring free period.
- Summer School course descriptions and schedules: [New Family Page](#)
- Questions?
Contact Summer School Directors: Amy Gilchrist or Sarah Kennedy
at summerschool@ursulinedallas.org.

Student Support for the Class of 2027



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Thank you!

You may reach me at
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