

JULIA R MASTERMAN LABORATORY AND DEMONSTRATION SCHOOL
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FROM: Ms. Jessica Brown- Principal
Ms. Michelle Harrison and Ms. Tonya Broussard- Assistant Principals
Mr. Justin Gilken- High School Dean
TO: All Current Grade 10 and 11 students

It is necessary at this time to consider your AP course selection for next year. These courses conform to an external syllabus put forth by the College Board and are essentially college level courses. All syllabi will be located on our website at: <https://masterman.philasd.org/> -- Click on Academics then Click on AP Courses. At the completion of each AP course, you will be required to take an exam designed by the College Board.

There are several important considerations:

- We believe that all Masterman students can have success in an Advanced Placement course. As such, we strive to provide all students with their first choice AP course, and to provide equitable opportunities for all students to take multiple courses. In certain cases, due to class size limitations, students requesting an AP course may get their second choice or third choice in place of their first choice class.
- Students who take multiple Advanced Placement courses should consider the rigor and time demands of these courses, along with their other classes, extracurricular activities, and personal responsibilities. In addition, certain AP courses have specific criteria and/or prerequisite courses that must be met in order to take the course.
- Thoroughness of preparation, class and school attendance, lateness, motivation, student behavior and integrity may be considered when admitting students to AP courses.
- Students in grade 10 may elect no more than two AP courses in grade 11; however, under extenuating circumstances AND with permission of the AP Committee, a student may take one additional AP course.
- Students in grade 11 may elect no more than three AP courses in grade 12; however, under extenuating circumstances AND with permission of the AP Committee, a student may take one additional AP course.
- While AP courses are offered in the selection process, there is no guarantee it will actually be offered until the entire scheduling process is complete as budget, class size and scheduling all play a factor.

FOR ALL APPLICANTS: All attempts will be made to meet students' requests. However, depending on the depth and competitiveness of the applicant pool, not all students who give preference to a course may be admitted due to the limited sections available. However, it is our priority to ensure equity and inclusion in the AP process by adhering to the following principles of commitment:

- *All Masterman students are academically prepared to participate in AP courses.
- *All students who want to commit to the rigorous curriculum of an AP class will be considered.
- *The distribution of AP classes, per student, will be as equally allocated as possible.
- *Students from underrepresented backgrounds will be encouraged to participate in AP courses.
- *Every effort will be made to select students from diverse backgrounds so that diversity is reflected in AP courses

Complete the course selection Google Form for your grade level by Monday, February 1st. Email Mr. Gilken with any questions at jgilken@philasd.org.

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2021-2022 Course Selection Choices for Grade 12

Note: **AP course requests must be ranked by preference with “1” being the student’s first choice.** The student may request as many AP courses as allotted, recognizing that the limit is three courses for Grade 12 unless granted permission. We, at Masterman, are committed to giving as many students as possible the opportunity to take AP classes. Therefore, we remind students to complete the ranking by preference authentically. **Preference will be prioritized for selection.**

MATH OPTIONS: You will use the Google Form to select at least two courses from the following, ranking them 1, 2 3, etc.

-Calculus AB

-Calculus BC

-Discrete Math (counts as an AP- 8 undergraduate credits awarded by Community College of Philadelphia at possibly an additional cost to the student as funding is not guaranteed by the School District. **Prerequisite: all students must have completed Calculus BC in Junior Year)**

-Statistics AP

-Statistics (Advanced)

-Calculus (Advanced)

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AP ELECTIVE OPTIONS: You will use the Google Form to select up to five courses, ranking them 1, 2 3, etc.

-AP Biology

-AP Chemistry

-AP Physics

-AP English Literature and Composition

-AP French

-AP Music Theory (Students who wish to take AP music theory must be able to read music fluently in at least one clef. Contact Ms. Neu with any questions)

-AP Spanish

-AP US Government and Politics

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2021-2022 Course Selection Choices for Grade 11

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MATH OPTIONS: If you have taken Pre-Calculus, *use the Google Form* to select at least one course from the following:

- Calculus AB (Pre Calculus must be completed prior to the start of this course)
 - Calculus BC (Pre Calculus must be completed prior to the start of this course)
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AP ELECTIVE OPTIONS: You will *use the Google Form* to select courses from the following:

- AP English Language and Composition
 - AP U.S. History
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