

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS

Please note: course offerings may change without prior notification.

It is the goal of Bishop Union High School to ensure that all students achieve a high level of college or career readiness through core academics, career technical education, fine arts, and varied elective courses, as determined by national, state, and university standards, while fostering positive personal and social growth through exemplary extra-curricular programs.

CLASS LOAD

BUHS Students are required to enroll in seven courses including a Home Room period to take advantage of the educational opportunities at Bishop High to meet graduation requirements.

SUBJECT LEVEL PLACEMENT & PREREQUISITES

Placement of a student in the various levels of a subject is made by the professional teaching staff. Placement is based on the particular needs of the student and on demonstrated ability in the subject, for example grades achieved and standardized test scores in the subject. Many courses carry prerequisites that represent the minimum skill and background needed to be successful in advanced course activities. Parents are encouraged to contact the Guidance Office if they have questions concerning the placement of their son or daughter.

REPEATING ACADEMIC CLASSES

It is the policy of the Bishop Unified School District Board of Trustees to not issue additional credit for re-taking a course to improve a grade (if the course was passed with a D grade). Students who repeat a class to improve a D grade to either meet departmental sequence prerequisites or to meet college entrance grade requirements may continue to do so, however no credit will be issued for the second year of the same course.

SCHEDULE CHANGES

It is the policy of BUHS to not allow students to withdrawal from a yearlong (two semester course) except during the first week of each semester. This policy pertains to all year-long courses, but particularly academic courses that are being taken by students for elective credit. It is understood by both parents and students who enroll in these courses that enrollment itself signifies an understanding and agreement with this policy.

During the course request period you should carefully select courses for your 2021-22 school year schedule. With very few exceptions, Bishop High courses, including electives are year-long courses.

Course Request Forms are due to your Guidance Counselor March 18, 2022. After that date, course selections become fixed pending satisfaction of course pre-requisites. However, Administrative changes may be necessary. Students are expected to complete the year-long courses they've requested and for which they have met prerequisites.

A "release/independent study" period may be considered for Seniors who have earned 205 credits and a 3.5 GPA by the end of their Junior year, who have regular positive attendance, no discipline issues AND who are enrolled in a pre-approved college course. Interested students must submit an application for administrative approval during the course request period.

CREDITS FOR ADVANCEMENT

A **minimum** number of credits must be accumulated each year to remain in good academic standing to graduate with class:

Grade 10.....55 credits
Grade 11.....120 credits
Grade 12.....185 credits

GRADUATION EXERCISES

A senior must meet all graduation requirements, including having served 20 hours of service to the community and having passed homeroom requirements to receive a diploma certified by the state of California in the commencement ceremony.

COMMUNITY SERVICE REQUIREMENT

Twenty hours of community service is required for graduation from Bishop Union High School. Acceptable community service activities include volunteering for a non-profit agency, a community based organization or for a community event. Working for a local business without pay is NOT acceptable. Volunteer activities must be unique hours and may not be submitted to fulfill more than one service requirement (i.e. CSF or activities that are required for a course grade). Verification of service provided must be provided on an official school form. [Verification forms are available online](#) and in the Guidance & Counseling Office. 5 hours should be earned each year.

Community service opportunities are announced in the daily bulletin and sign-up sheets are frequently available in the Guidance & Counseling Office.

GUIDANCE AND COUNSELING SERVICES

Each BUHS student has a Guidance Counselor who is available to assist students and parents in planning programs of study for high school graduation and college or career goal attainment. A viable plan for every student is the goal of the Guidance and Counseling department. We will encourage all Bishop High students to complete courses that will lead to the most plentiful and positive life choices for our students upon graduation.

Bishop Union High School counselors are available to serve students in a variety of ways. Students and parents may meet with their counselor to set educational and vocational goals; for assistance choosing courses that will help students reach post-secondary goals; to work out solutions to school-related problems; for career planning; for information about universities, colleges, trade schools, financial aid, scholarships etc. and for help dealing with personal/social issues.

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