

COURSE LEVEL DESCRIPTIONS

Students are not tracked at Bishop Stang High School. Aptitude, strengths and weaknesses are considered in each course placement by department chairpersons in their respective disciplines.

College Preparatory (CP)

College Preparatory courses are open to students who have identified difficulties in a certain content area. These courses are characterized by basic learning skills such as reading, note-taking, study skills, reinforcement of memory skills, organization and management of a student's time. Because of these built-in supports, more time is spent on developing these learning skills in specific content areas.

Advanced College Preparatory (ACP)

Advanced College Preparatory courses are open to students who have demonstrated the abilities and learning skills essential to meet with success in a rigorous academic environment. The majority of Bishop Stang students are enrolled in Advanced College Preparatory courses. The curriculum in ACP courses goes beyond rote learning, emphasizing a comprehensive understanding through the application, analysis, and evaluation of material. This track offers a challenging yet accessible academic pathway, preparing students effectively for higher education.

Honors (HON)

Honors courses are open to students who are well-motivated, willing to take responsibility for learning and have shown evidence of superior academic performance and ability. These courses are characterized by content which is more extensive and detailed than Advanced College Preparatory or College Preparatory courses. The material presented has greater depth requiring application, analysis and evaluation of the material, and the understanding and use of concepts. Independent research, extensive use of resources and outside reading are also expected.

Advanced Placement (AP)

Advanced Placement courses (open to Juniors and Seniors) provide students the opportunity to pursue college-level studies while in secondary school. All students taking Advanced Placement courses are required to take the Advanced Placement Examination in each course taken.