



## **JOLIET CATHOLIC ACADEMY HONORS PROGRAM POLICY**

The intent of the Honors Program is to challenge academically gifted and talented students, provide them with a rigorous program to meet their needs, and encourage them to reach their full academic potential. Enrollment in Honors courses and membership in the Honors Program is not synonymous.

Membership in the Joliet Catholic Academy Honors Program is based on the following criteria:

1. Freshmen will be placed, based on their placement test scores, in an “Accelerated” curriculum for their first year at JCA. At the end of their freshman year, the student’s performance will be evaluated. Upon the recommendation of their teachers, the Administration will “officially” invite the student to join the Honors Program during his/her sophomore year. The student must have completed both semesters of the designated Accelerated courses (English I, Biology I, World History and Algebra I or Geometry-H) with a grade of A or B for both semesters.
2. With reference to mathematics: a) if a student was enrolled in Algebra I-Accelerated as an eighth grader and earned an A or B, and was enrolled in Geometry-H as a freshman and received an A, B or C, he/she would qualify for the Honors Program; b) if a student was enrolled in Algebra I Upper College as a freshman, earned an A, was enrolled in all of the other Accelerated courses, and has the recommendation of the math teacher, he/she would qualify for the Honors Program.
3. With reference to science: a) if a student was enrolled in Biology-Accelerated as an eighth grader and earned an A or B, and was enrolled in Chemistry-H as a freshman and received an A, B or C, he/she would qualify for the Honors Program; b) if a student was enrolled in Biology Upper College as a freshman, earned an A; was enrolled in all of the other Accelerated courses, and has the recommendation of the science teacher, he/she would qualify for the Honors Program.
4. Credit earned by an eighth grader for Algebra I-A at JCA will count as one of the three required honors courses essential for meeting the mathematics requirements.
5. Credit earned by an eighth grader for Biology-Accelerated will count as one of the three required honors courses essential for meeting the science requirements.
6. Enrollment in and completion of the following Accelerated classes:
  - a. Four years of English
  - b. Three years of science, math, and social studies
  - c. Four years of the same foreign language
  - d. A fourth year Honors course in science, math or A.P. European History
7. Honors Program students are expected, but not required, to enroll in Advanced Placement level courses when available and are expected, but not required, to take the AP exams.
8. Students who complete the four-year program will receive an honors diploma.
9. The transcript, which will be forwarded to colleges, will indicate membership in and completion of the Honors Program.
10. Students receiving one or more grades of D or F or more than one “C” per semester in any course will not be eligible to continue in the Honors Program.
11. Membership in the Honors Program is only available to the JCA freshmen students who complete the above criteria. Upperclassmen and/or transfer students will not be eligible.
12. Students must meet all of the above criteria to remain in the Honors Program.

## **HONOR COURSES OFFERED AT JOLIET CATHOLIC ACADEMY**

### **Freshman Honors Classes**

English I - A  
World Language I - U  
Algebra I - A or Geometry - H  
Biology - A or Chemistry - H  
World History - A

### **Sophomore Honors Classes**

English II - H  
World Language II - U  
Geometry – H, Algebra II/Trigonometry - H, or Algebra II - H  
Chemistry - H or Physics - H

### **Junior Honors Classes**

A.P. English III or English III - H  
World Language III - H  
A.P. Physics, Physics - H, or A.P. Biology  
A.P. U.S. History or U.S. History - H  
Pre-Calculus - H, Pre-Calculus - A, Algebra II/Trigonometry - H, or Algebra II - H

### **Senior Honors Classes**

A.P. English IV or English IV - H  
World Language IV - H  
Pre-Calculus - H, Pre-Calculus - A, A.P. Calculus, Calculus - H, A.P. Statistics, or Statistics - H  
A.P. Biology, A.P. Chemistry, or A.P. Physics  
A.P. U.S. Government or U.S. Government - H  
A.P. Microeconomics or Economics - H

### **Elective**

A.P. European History