



# ARCHBISHOP MOLLOY HIGH SCHOOL

*"not for school but for life"*

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## COURSE OVERVIEW FOR FRESHMEN ENTERING IN 2019

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### RELIGION

□ Religion is an academic subject at Molloy. All students take four years of Religion regardless of their religious background.

### MATHEMATICS

- Freshmen typically take Algebra. There is no need for these students to take our Math Placement Test.
- Freshmen seeking Algebra Honors must take the Math Placement Test at Molloy on May 11, 2019, whether or not they are taking the Algebra 1 Regents in June. Subsequent placement in Honors Math courses is based on previous years' Math grades.
- Freshmen seeking Geometry Honors must take both the Math Placement Test at Molloy on May 11, 2019 and the Algebra 1 Common Core Regents in June 2019.

*STUDENTS TAKING THE ALGEBRA REGENTS IN JUNE 2019: While Regents grades must be reported to Molloy, they are not considered in determining the Math course a freshman will take at Molloy. That is determined only by our Math Placement Test. A passing grade on the Algebra Regents does not guarantee placement in Honors Algebra or Honors Geometry.*

□ All students have the opportunity to move to the highest level of Math we offer, A.P. Calculus, as seniors, regardless of the Math course they take as freshmen so there is little advantage to accelerating students in Math. It is more important that students gain a solid foundation for their future Math study.

### SCIENCE

□ Most freshmen take Biology and move on to Chemistry or Earth Science in sophomore year. Placement in Honors Biology is based on TACHS scores. Subsequent placement in Honors Science courses is based on previous years' Science grades.

□ Freshmen who take the Living Environment Regents in June 2019 and score in the 90's or upper 80's will be placed in our new Advanced Life Sciences Honors course intended to expand on what they learned in preparation for the LE Regents and to prepare them, eventually, for A.P. Biology and the SAT II in Biology. They need not retake the Regents. Those who score in the low to mid 80's will be placed in Biology Honors and will retake the LE Regents at the end of freshman year. Those who score below 80% will take standard Biology and retake the LE Regents. Parents must report Regents scores to Molloy by Friday, June 28, 2019 to ensure proper placement.

□ A.P. Biology, A.P. Chemistry and A.P. Physics are offered to qualified juniors and seniors.

## ENGLISH

□ Freshman placement in Honors English is based solely on TACHS or CHSEE admissions test scores. Subsequent Honors placement is based on a student's English grades the previous year, so all students have the opportunity to advance to English Honors and A.P. English courses in Literature (junior year) and Composition (senior year).

## COMPUTER SCIENCE

□ All freshmen take a semester of Computer Applications. Later, A.P. Computer Science Principles, A.P. Computer Science A, Advanced Computer Graphics and Robotics are available to juniors and seniors.

## SOCIAL STUDIES

□ Freshman placement in Honors Global History or in Pre-A.P. World History is based solely on TACHS or CHSEE admissions test scores. Students invited to Pre-A.P. World History have the highest scores in Written Ability and in Reading. Subsequent placement in Honors or A.P. Social Studies courses is based on a student's Social Studies grades the previous year, so all students have the opportunity to advance to honors and A.P. courses after freshman year.

□ A.P. World History is available to qualified sophomores; A.P. United States History to qualified juniors; A.P. European History, A.P. Psychology, and A.P. Government and Politics to qualified seniors.

STUDENTS TAKING THE U.S. HISTORY REGENTS IN JUNE 2019: Because the freshman history course is Global History, U.S. History Regents scores have no bearing on freshman year Social Studies placement but may affect placement and course selection in junior year, when students typically study U.S. History.

## WORLD LANGUAGES

□ All students take a three year Language sequence in French, Italian or Spanish. Depending on student interest, Mandarin and/or Latin may be offered in 2019-20.

□ Students seeking the second level of a World Language as freshmen must take a *Language Placement Test* at Molloy, tentatively scheduled for Monday, May 20 at 3:00 p.m. *No other assessment is considered, including elementary school grades or language proficiency test scores.*

□ Freshmen placed in a sophomore Language class are expected to continue to the third level as sophomores and to the fourth level as juniors.

## FINE ARTS

□ Most students take a semester of Music Appreciation. Those who read Music, have had lessons or have studied Music or who play a musical instrument may apply for Music Theory. Students in Band must take Music Theory. Freshmen with an interest in performance may apply for Freshman-Sophomore Chorus.

□ Most students take a semester of Art in sophomore year. A.P. Studio Art is available as a tutorial for seniors who create qualifying portfolios.

□ Molloy is a member of the New York State School Music Association. Qualified students participate in the NYSSMA Festival.

*Please be advised that Archbishop Molloy High School cannot accommodate most individualized Education Programs (IEPs) or requests for special accommodations.*