

**GLENDALE HIGH SCHOOL
COUNSELING AND GUIDANCE
Answers to Frequently Asked Questions**

Who is my counselor?

Counselors are assigned by the first letter of a student's last name.

A, L, Q, R: Lois Sheridan
B, C, D, E, F: Arsine Hovannesian
G, H, I, J, K: Olga Iraheta
M, N, O, P: Sarah Rosas
S, T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z: Jacqueline Tabor

How many credits do I need for graduation?

All students need the following requirements to receive the high school diploma:

40 credits English (4 years)
20 credits Science (Physical and Life)
20 credits Math (including Algebra and Geometry)
5 credits Health
5 credits Career Preparation (see list)
30 credits Social Science (World History, U.S. History, Economics & American Government)
10 credits Fine Art* (Visual and Performing Art - see list)
70 General Electives (including foreign language, advanced levels math, science, social science and many other electives)

*University bound students must take the same fine art – Art 1 and Art 2, not Sculpture 1 and Drama 1
20 credits Physical Education (PE – can use Marching Band, Dance, Pep Squad, Drill Team and other sports teams from GHS to fulfill requirement)

What do I do if I'm having difficulty in a class?

The first person a student or parent needs to contact is the classroom teacher so that the student, teacher and parent can then work together to create a plan for the student's academic success.

How do I contact the classroom teacher?

By calling 242-3161 you can reach the main office front desk to request an appointment or leave a message on the teacher's voice mail. Teachers can also be reached by e-mail or at www.glendalehigh.com under Staff Directory.

How can a student or parent make an appointment with a counselor?

Counselors can be reached by e-mail through the GHS internet website at www.glendalehigh.com (click on Counselors). In addition, parents and students can contact their student center at 818-242-3161.

What math classes do I need for graduation?

Students need to complete Algebra 1AB and Geometry 1-2.

What math classes do I need for college?

Three years of math is required, four years recommended including Algebra 1AB, Geometry 1-2, and Algebra 2AB and higher level math.

Do I need foreign language for graduation?

No, foreign language credits are not required for the high school diploma, but a minimum of two years of the same foreign language is required for college admission. Foreign language courses count as elective credit for the high school diploma.

Where can I get information about Sports?

Check the high school website www.glendalehigh.com under Sports for try-out dates and clearance forms needed to be able to participate in sports.

Can I change my teacher?

All students are encouraged to work out problems with individual teachers rather than asking their counselor to change classes and teachers. Many problems are solved by having a private discussion of issues with the teacher, having a parent/teacher conference, attending after school tutoring (free), meeting with the counselor and working on ways to improve attitude, motivation, or grades.

What is a career prep class?

Many classes meet the career prep requirement including:

A Cappella	Concert Band	Oral Communication
All Career Academies	Construction/Wood	Peer Assistance
All ROP classes	Cosmetology	Photography
Architectural Drawing	Desktop Publishing	Screenwriting/Directing
ASB (Student Gov't)	Drama	Sculpture
Auto Mechanics	Foods	Stage Arts
Ceramics	Graphic Arts	Technical Theatre
Child Development	Journalism	Studio Art AP
Commercial Design	Keyboarding	Word Processing
Computer Accounting	Multimedia	Work Experience
Computer Applications	Music Technology	Yearbook

What is a fine art (Visual and Performing Arts/VAPA)?

Note: If a class qualifies both as a career prep, and VAPA, you can only use it once, unless it is taken more than one year.

Art*	Intermediate/Advanced Dance*	Drama.*
Ceramics*	Stage Arts*	Art History*
Sculpture*	Orchestra*	Music Technology 1-2
Music Technology 3-8*	Choir (of any kind)*	AP Studio Art*
Art Appreciation*	Technical Theater 1-2	Photography*
Commercial Multimedia*	Technical Theater 3-6*	Drawing and Painting*
AP Music Theory*	2D AP Studio Arts*	

**Denotes classes UC approved for admission to UC or CSU and meet the "f" requirement.*

What level ELD counts for English credit for admission to a UC or CSU?

Only one year of the highest level ELD (level 5 or College Prep) Writing counts for admission to a Cal State or a UC. The other three years of English must be regular English.

Do my grades in freshman year count?

Yes! Cal State and UC colleges both require 4 years of English (9th grade is one of those). Additionally, any Lab Science, World Language, or Math class either counts as a college prep class or is a prerequisite to enroll in a college prep class.

What is a prerequisite?

It is a requirement you must meet before you can take a specific class. Sometimes it is a placement test, a specific class that must be completed with a specific grade, a teacher recommendation, or a class restricted to certain grade levels (only Juniors and Seniors, etc.). Class prerequisites are listed in the Course Catalog online at www.gusd.net.

What is the difference between the ACT, SAT Reasoning and SAT Subject Tests?

ACT and SATI are tests required for college admissions. The ACT is designed to measure academic achievement and therefore is more subject oriented and has five (5) components: reading, writing, science, social science, and math; the SAT is a reasoning test designed to measure critical reading, writing and mathematical reasoning skills. SAT Subject tests are recommended, but not required for admission to UC's. Some private colleges require the SAT Subject tests in addition to the ACT or SAT Reasoning.

If I go to GCC, can I transfer to a CSU or UC in two years?

It usually takes longer than two years to complete the general education transferable required classes to a university. That is true for many reasons. It all depends on the student. Here are some questions to consider...Is the student attending full time? Is the student college level ready in English and Math? Is the student following the transferable plan at the college? Etc. Remember, all entering freshman to community colleges are required to take the English and Math placement tests in order to qualify for the college/university level transfer classes. If scores are low, students must take remedial classes before beginning college level classes. This is the number one reason that students take additional time. Another reason is that there are a large number of students attending community colleges and due to the limited availability of classes; it usually takes longer than two years to complete the general education transferable required classes.

What is our school code for SAT, ACT and college applications?

The Glendale High School CEEB code is 051 – 050.

Can I go to a CSU or UC if my parents can't help pay for it?

Yes, there are many ways to finance a college education. Some students qualify for grants (free money from the federal or state government) or student loans (must be repaid after receiving college degree).

Counselors encourage all seniors to complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) and California Grants GPA verification from January 2 - March 2 of each year. Applications are available in the counseling office in December. The counseling office will submit the GPA verifications once a student picks up the FAFSA and gives his/her social security number (required by the state for identification purposes).

How can I take classes at Glendale Community College through Jump Start?

Jump Start is an early college enrollment program, allowing high school juniors and seniors the opportunity to take up to two college classes per semester at Glendale Community College, while still enrolled in high school. A student MAY NOT take a class at GCC that our high school offers during the academic school year. Any high school junior or senior (who is a California resident) is eligible. Students should see their counselor to enroll. Only students who are on track for graduation, passing all their classes, and have a GPA of 3.0 will be considered.