

# **Online Course Requests Rising Juniors**

**2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR**

# Course Requests - Plus Portals

You will be making all of your requests for the 2026-2027 school year in PlusPortals:

- **Monday, February 2, 2026 - Friday, February 20, 2026**

Mr. Fearn ([afearn@marian.com](mailto:afearn@marian.com)) - sophomore counselor and  
Mr. Wochner ([swochner@marian.com](mailto:swochner@marian.com)) - college counselor will be available throughout the process for help with:

- Which courses are required for your grade level
- What courses are recommended for you based on what you've taken so far and your plans for the future
- Navigating the online course request system in PlusPortals

# Course Request Planning

You have received a *Junior Course Selection Worksheet*.

- Use this worksheet as a tool for planning which courses you'll take Junior year
- Choose “best fit” courses
  - Never take a course only because you think you “should” – be deliberate about your course choices
  - Important to challenge, but not overwhelm yourself
  - Consider your extracurricular involvements, job, volunteer commitments, etc.
- Consult the [Curriculum Guide](#) (on the Marian website) for course descriptions and prerequisites
- Be sure to discuss options with your parents and teachers
- Connect with Mr. Fearn and/or Mr. Wochner as needed for help


# Accessing Online Course Requests

Log in to your **personal** PlusPortals account.


- 1) Click on ***Course Requests*** in the top (blue) menu bar on your PlusPortals home page
- 2) Click the ***View/Edit*** box to access a link to the the *Rising Junior Course Request* form


**IMPORTANT:** you will *not* be able to access your request form if you're using your parent's login credentials. See Mrs. DiSilvio in the main office if you don't know your login information.


\*The link for current Sophomores will be, “Rising Junior Course Request”





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## Course Request Forms



**Marian Central**  
Grade Level: 10

View/Edit

Form Name	Status	Submitted Date	Received Date
<a href="#">Rising Junior Course Request</a>	Not Started		

## Core Course Sections

- Course options are grouped together based on each department at Marian, with the exception of elective courses which are grouped together in one section
- Each section has important directions you must read and follow.
- The arrow next to the section will expand/minimize that content area.
- Course titles are abbreviated in PlusPortals – if you're unsure which course is which, click on the ⓘ after the course and you will see the full course title and a course description.

# Sample English Section

[Expand all sections](#)

[Collapse all sections](#)

## ↓ Junior English Courses

Choose 1 English course that you have been recommended to take. If there is no recommendation, you should choose English 3.

### → Course Recommendations:

[Expand all courses](#)

[Collapse all courses](#)

→ ☐ ENG 3A



→ ☐ ENG 3



→ ☐ ENG 3H



→ ☐ APENGLANG



# Sample Course Listing - English 3H

Course Details

Course #:

0212

Level:

HON

Course Name:

ENG 3H

Course Length:

All Year

Department:

ENGLISH

Credits:

1.000

**ENGLISH 3 - HONORS**

Grade: 11

Length: Year

Credit: 1

Value: Honors

Prerequisites: B+ (87%) or above in English 2 Honors each semester **and** Departmental determination;  
**or**  
A (97%) or above each semester in English 2 **and** Departmental determination

*\*If the student does not meet the grade requirement, before spring break, the student must submit an appeal form and submit an in-class English essay and a research paper (if applicable, depending on grade level) to the department chair.*

This course presents a survey of British literature organized to develop critical reading and group discussion skills. In the expository writing phase, skills in writing paragraphs and research techniques are emphasized. Directed outside readings are assigned during each

Done



# Junior Course Requirements

Course	# Required
English	1 course
Math	1 course
PE	1 course (leave blank if AP Macro/Micro)
Social Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• US History/H/AP</li><li>• Consumer Economics/AP Macro/Micro</li></ul>
Theology	1 course
Electives	2 courses (or 2 semester courses + 1 year-long)

**Note:** although Science is an elective Junior year, we strongly recommend that juniors take their 3rd, required Science junior year as an elective

# Course Recommendations

View the courses you have been recommended to take by clicking on *Course Recommendations* located above the list of courses in each section

- Many upper level courses require teacher recommendations
- In most cases, students select the course/one of the courses they've been recommended to take
- If there are no recommendations, you should select the “regular” course in that subject area for your grade level

▼ Course Recommendations:

Course	Comments
ENG 3H	
ENG LAN AP	

# Course Recommendations

If were not recommended for a course you wish to take, do the following:

1. Print out a [Course Recommendation Form](#) (forms also available in Guidance)
2. Make an appointment with the staff member listed on the form-DO NOT JUST SHOW UP AND SAY, WILL YOU SIGN THIS FORM?
3. Be prepared to discuss: the reason(s) you think that you'd be successful in the course, why you did not meet the prerequisite(s), and how you plan to maintain the required grade to stay in the course (if any).
4. If the teacher approves the recommendation and signs the form, turn it into Guidance and we will enter the recommendation on PlusPortals

*\*Course selections for courses that you were not recommended to take will not be honored!\**

**The deadline for recommendations is Friday, March 20**

## Backup Elective Course Selections

- All students *must* choose 1-2 total credits of Backup Electives (1 credit if choices include a study hall, 2 credits if no study hall)
- These cannot be the same courses chosen in the Elective section.
- Be certain that you meet the prerequisites for the courses you select.
- These will replace electives in the event that your original choices do not “fit” into your schedule.

# Saving and Submitting Course Requests

Complete the selection process, following the directions in each section. You can save and come back later (click “***Save & Revisit Later***”) throughout the process if you want to discuss any portions with your parents, teacher or counselor.

Once you have finalized your selections in ALL sections and click “***Submit***”, You will get a warning that states, “***Do you really want to submit this form now?***” Select “***Yes***”

**Changes cannot be made after you submit your course selections!**

**See Mr. Fearn to make any changes after you’ve clicked “Submit”**

# New Courses for Juniors 2026-2027

Art - see Mrs. Mejdouli

- Art Foundations
- Drawing 1 and 2
- Painting 1 and 2
- Illustration 1 and 2 Honors

PE - see PE teacher

- Sports Performance Training

# New Courses for Juniors continued 2026-2027

Business – see Mr. Florer

- Business Communications

Music – see Mr. Ossler

- Advanced Piano Honors – level 4

# Opportunities for College Credit Dual Credit Courses

- AP Pre-Calculus/College Algebra and Trigonometry (1 Marian Credit, 5 MCC credits)
- AP Calculus AB/Calculus with Analytic Geometry I (1 Marian credit, 5 MCC credits)
- Introduction to Business (.5 Marian credit, 3 MCC credits)
- Business Communications (.5 Marian credit, 3 MCC credits)

Dual credit courses are taught in consultation with McHenry County College - these courses require a **\$25 fee** due at the beginning of the school year when you register for the course with MCC.



# Opportunities for College Credit MCC Partnership for College and Career Success (PCCS) Courses

- **Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning** (1 Marian credits, 8 MCC credits) – Fall and Spring semesters
- **Manufacturing and Advanced Technologies** (1 Marian credits, 12 MCC credits) – Fall and Spring semesters
- **Automotive Technology** (1 Marian credits, 8 MCC credits) – Fall and Spring semesters

# Opportunities for College Credit

## MCC Partnership for College and Career Success (PCCS)

### Courses - continued

- **Early Childhood Education** (1 Marian credit, 6 MCC credits) – Spring semester
- **Fire Science Technician, Emergency Medical Technician, Criminal Justice** (1 Marian credit, 10 MCC credits) – Fall or Spring semester
- **Nurse Assistant Program** (1 Marian credit, 7 MCC credits) – Fall or Spring semester

Students must register and pay for these courses through MCC. If interested in any of these programs, students must choose the **MCC PCCS Study Hall (954)** as one of their electives.

See Mr. Fearn if you have questions about the PCCS program.

## Course Fees

- If you choose to take any *AP courses*, you must pay a **\$110 course fee** per AP course in order to be enrolled.
- AP fees are due by **Friday, March 20**, if you don't pay by the deadline you will be placed in a similar honors or regular-level course.
- If you choose to take any *dual credit courses*, you must pay a **\$25 course fee** per dual credit course in order to be enrolled. This fee will be due at the beginning of the school year when you register for the course with MCC.

## Parent/Student Review and Approval

- *Course Request Verification* forms that confirm your course requests will be mailed home on **Monday, March 2**
- If you want to change any of your course requests, you must return the verification form to Mr. Fearn with the requested course change(s) no later than **Friday, March 20** at which time all course selections are final.
  - Any course changes after the deadline are subject to availability and require a **\$30 course change fee**

# Final Schedules

- Final course offerings are determined by total number of student requests and availability of qualified teachers.
  - A course COULD be cancelled even after the request process has been completed.
- During scheduling, attempts will be made to meet the requests of all students. Backup elective choices will be used if the elective choices do not fit into/conflict with required courses within your schedule.
  - If a course you requested is cancelled OR if you have a “schedule conflict”, Mr. Fearn will contact you to discuss alternate options and to assist you in adjusting your course selections.

# Registration Timeline

- PlusPortals Registration Open:
  - **Monday, February 2 – Friday, February 20**
- Course Request Verification forms mailed home:
  - **Monday, March 2**
- AP fees due
- Deadline for course recommendations
- Course selections final
  - **Friday, March 20**