



Science Department Frequently Asked Questions

1. Does everyone have to take the same science class no matter their background?

All core science courses must be taken; however, students can elect to take an honors version if they are academically inclined. All other students can take a less vigorous version.

2: Do seniors take a fourth science class?

Seniors are not required to take a science class, but are offered several elective courses within the science department including Robotics, Sports Medicine, Anatomy and Physiology, AP Chemistry and AP Physics.

3. Is there an academic benefit to taking an honors class?

Sophomores can earn college credit through UA-Little Rock if they register for and complete Honors Biology with a 75% or higher.

4. Will students receive a boost to their GPA if they take honors classes?

Most college admissions offices will adjust a student's GPA for taking honors or AP classes. Therefore, we do not add any additional points to a student's GPA.

5. Is tutoring available for my student?

Teachers are more than willing to help students better understand the material. They are usually around before and after school to assist any students. However, students must ask their teacher for help. Moreover, there are peer-to-peer tutors available to help your son during their Study Hall. Tutors who excel in the sciences volunteer their time to help underclassmen with their work.

6. Does Catholic High School have any hands-on activities or labs?

Although most science classes are lecture based, each class offers multiple opportunities for differential learning. Over the last couple of years, CHS has added a number of new labs based on new technology and scientific data. The core science courses do a lab or activity about once a week to enhance our student's understanding of the material. The elective courses also provide such opportunities. For example, Sport Medicine is a project based class which focuses on the application aspect of the field. Moreover, Anatomy and Physiology offers concurrent credit for labs completed in the course.

