



CHAMINADE COLLEGE PREPARATORY SCHOOL

PACE Program

Pathway to Access College Early

Frequently Asked Questions about ACC Courses

1. What is an ACC course?

The **PACE** Program at Chaminade College Preparatory School provides an opportunity for our students to earn simultaneously **both** high school and college credit by enrolling in **dual-credit** courses. ACC courses – **Advanced College Credit** courses are dual-credit courses. Students attend courses on our Chaminade campus. Chaminade faculty approved by the universities as “Adjunct Instructors” teach these courses. Students pay a significantly reduced rate for tuition directly to the university. In order to be awarded college credit, a student must earn a grade of “C” or above in each course.

Upon high school graduation, a student will have an official Chaminade transcript that lists the Advanced College Credit (ACC) course(s) and the high school grade he received. The student will also receive an official college transcript that lists the dual-credit course(s) he paid to enroll in through the university, the grade for the course and a grade point average. To request a transcript from each university (MBU, SLU, UMSL), in which a student enrolled in a dual-credit course(s), contact the university Registrar’s Office directly to request a transcript.

2. How does ACC benefit students?

Research on ACC courses suggests that students who enroll in these courses in high school are more academically successful when they transfer schools, have an easier transition from high school to college, are less likely to need remediation, and save both time and money in earning their degrees.

3. Is taking ACC courses right for me?

Enrolling in an ACC course is an opportunity to take challenging courses and accelerate your educational opportunities. Students interested in enrolling in ACC courses may want to consult with their Chaminade house counselor or college counselor. Students must understand that the amount of work necessary to succeed in these courses is rigorous. The design of the college course compares to the rigor and expectations placed on students enrolled in the same course on the college campus. ACC courses become a part of a student’s permanent college transcript and post a grade point average.

4. What are the student eligibility requirements to participate in ACC courses?

In order to be eligible for ACC courses, participating students are required to be in full compliance with the [Missouri Coordinating Board of Education’s Dual Credit Policy](#) that governs dual-credit

policies. The CBHE policy stipulates that the eligibility of high school students to participate in dual-credit courses may vary in accordance with admission standards of the institution offering the course in the high school.

To become acquainted with MBU, SLU, and UMSL student eligibility policies, Chaminade students and their parents may access **Student Eligibility** on the **PACE** homepage under **Program Structure**. MBU, SLU and UMSL Course Ledgers that can be found on the **PACE** homepage also include all student eligibility policies. Scroll to the bottom of the course ledgers to view all governing policies.

5. How are ACC and AP courses different in earning college credit?

Both ACC courses and AP courses can potentially yield college credit for the student.

By participating in ACC courses, students earn college credit immediately upon successful completion of the course. Chaminade high school faculty teach ACC courses on the Chaminade campus. These faculty members must be approved as “Adjunct Instructors” by each university, meeting very specific standards: a Master’s Degree in the subject or a Master’s Degree and 18 hours in the specific subject. The course represents the same learning objectives, outcomes and standards taught at the university awarding the credit for the course.

In an AP course, students must pass the AP end-of-course exam to be eligible to apply for college credit once they graduate from high school. In order to teach an AP course, Chaminade faculty participate in AP professional development through the College Board. Generally, the student must score a 3, 4, or 5 on the AP exam. Students may choose to send their AP scores to each college/university where they plan to attend, and the college/university has the final determination of how much credit is awarded for the AP course. There is no standard amount of credit awarded by each college/university for an AP course because specific standards for accepting AP courses as college credit may vary greatly.

6. Whom should I contact for assistance in choosing ACC courses?

Available resources to answer further questions about ACC courses and enrollment:

- The student’s ACC course instructor
- The student’s house counselor and college counselor
- The **PACE Program** coordinator
- MBU ECP direct: <https://www.mobap.edu/admissions-dual-enrollment-programs/ecp/student-information/> or 314-392-2203
- SLU 1818 ACC direct: <https://www.slu.edu/1818/index.php> or 314-977-1818
- UMSL ACP direct: www.umsl.edu/acp or call 314-516-7005

7. Where can I find information regarding the offering of Chaminade’s ACC courses?

Steady and ongoing information is widely disseminated regarding ACC courses that are offered for each semester (FALL, SPRING) and from each university – MBU, SLU, and UMSL.

- Weekly student Chaminade emails sent by the **PACE** coordinator at the beginning of each semester (August-September and January-February) announce important reminders and critical details. Students are directed to the **PACE** homepage outlining the Chaminade ACC course ledgers, procedures for online registration, and registration deadlines.

- A Chaminade Thursday WEEKLY PARENT EMAIL contains **PACE** announcements with accompanying links accessing Chaminade ACC course ledgers and online registration details throughout the online registration period.
- ACC Adjunct Instructors provide information on their Canvas page and ACC course syllabus.
- Daily PM announcements provide ACC reminders to the HS student body.
- The *Academics* link on the Chaminade homepage easily accesses the **PACE Program** homepage with all program components available to students and their parents.
- The **PACE Program Information Guidebook** available on the **PACE** homepage provides a broad view of additional Chaminade courses offering advanced college credit (AP, ACC, Cisco, PLTW).

8. Is there a deadline to register for ACC courses?

Yes. Along with published online registration details and deadlines on the **PACE** homepage, please check each university's website for MBU's Early College Program, SLU's 1818 ACC Program and UMSL's Advanced College Program for specific course deadlines and information. The ACC online registration must be submitted to the office at the appropriate university no later than the established deadline for the term (FALL, SPRING) in which the student is enrolling in the course.

9. How do I know which ACC courses are offered for 1st and 2nd semester registrations?

Chaminade students complete and submit the university's online registration for each university that offers the particular ACC course(s):

Step 1: Review your Chaminade semester course schedule.

Step 2: Highlight all ACC courses in the 1st (FALL) semester and 2nd (SPRING) semester in which you are enrolled.

Step 3: Consult with your ACC classroom instructor(s) and/or house counselor about the amount of advanced college credit for the semester and when you register.

Step 4: Access the MBU, SLU, and UMSL ACC Course Ledgers on the **PACE** homepage. Make a careful review and give close attention to cross referencing your ACC courses to MBU, SLU, and/or UMSL course ledgers. Note the university course # and course title, FALL or SPRING registration, and the # of ACCs.

10. How do I pay my fees for ACC courses?

The published registration information for ACC courses lists the costs for the course. Billing notification is mailed to the address provided on your registration. All tuition-related bills and other ACC course correspondence is addressed to the parent if the student is under the age of 18. **When a student reaches his 18th birthday**, all bills and correspondence are addressed to the student. Your payment must be paid in full by the designated deadline or the student will be dropped from the course and the college will remove their record.

11. How many ACC courses/credits can I take?

Chaminade does not limit the number of ACC courses or credits a student may take through the **PACE** program. Currently, MBU and UMSL permit students in Grades 9-12 to register for an unlimited amount of advanced college credits per semester. SLU permits students in Grades 10-12 to

register up to 11 advanced college credits per semester. University policies are subject to change year-to-year.

12. Can I pay to earn college credit for the same ACC course if it is offered through multiple universities?

Choose one university. Do not register at multiple universities since it is the same course. A student may only make payment for a single ACC course through one university. For example, Chaminade's AP/ACC Physics is offered with **both** SLU and UMSL. The student may elect to pay for college credit **either** at SLU **or** UMSL, **not both**.

13. If an ACC course is offered at SLU and UMSL, which one should I register for?

Please consider this...

- If most of the Chaminade student's semester ACC courses are SLU 1818 ACC, then choose SLU.
- If on the other hand most of the Chaminade student's semester ACC courses are UMSL, choose UMSL.

14. Does college credit for ACC courses transfer to other universities?

Yes. ACC courses and the program of study the student chooses at the university they plan to attend are important as to how their credits transfer. ACC courses designated as General Classes will transfer to many colleges and universities. It is important that the student work closely with their college counselor to check with the receiving institution to determine if they will accept the student's ACC courses as equivalency credits, elective credits, required credits, or not at all. Please note that a grade of "C" or better must be earned in ACC courses to be considered for transfer credit. There are some universities that do not accept ACC courses.

15. Are online databases/websites available whereby I can check for ACC transferability?

Yes. If the student is not sure that the college or university in which they are interested accepts ACC, please note the on-line databases that provide guidance in determining if an ACC course is likely to transfer:

MBU ECP Program

The MBU Office publishes the following link as a guide for students interested in the transferability of high school dual-credits <https://www.mobap.edu/admissions-dual-enrollment-programs/ecp/student-information/transferability-of-credit/>

SLU 1818 ACC Program

The SLU Office publishes an interactive transferability map for an institution of higher education on their website under <https://www.slu.edu/1818/transfer-credits.php>

UMSL ACP Program

The UMSL Office publishes the following database from the University of Connecticut, who researched hundreds of U.S. colleges/universities as an ACC guide for students who plan to transfer their college credit. This database is only to be used as a guide and cannot guarantee the success of credit transfer. All information is subject to change without notice http://eceapps.uconn.edu/credit_transfer_database/

Transferability Guides

Several detailed guides are available on the ***PACE Program*** homepage.