



Middle College

at College of San Mateo

An Individualized Learning Community

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MC School Counselor

What is Middle College?



Part of the San Mateo Union High School District - a program offered through **YOUR** school

A program for **JUNIORS & SENIORS**

An introduction to college *before* you enter college, which leads to academic success *in* college.

Why come to Middle College?

- Another pathway to completing high school and an alternative to AP/IB classes
- Attention to students' academic growth & well-being
- Students can graduate from high school with more than 40 college units finished **FOR FREE**, saving time & money



What is a Middle College day like?



A blend of high school and college courses offered on the CSM campus

Social Science, English, and Advisory courses taught by high school teachers

Advisory course focused on future planning and social-emotional wellness

Take college courses to meet high school graduation and/or college requirements (Six units is required, no more than 11 is recommended, and a maximum of 15 units is allowed)

Who is Middle College for?



- Academically motivated, independent and responsible
- Seeking a mature environment
- First-generation university student
- Interested in different course offerings that will help you discover a passion or nourish ones that you have already
- Interested in reducing the cost of college
- Interested in seeing what college is like
- On track for graduating on time
- Interested in an individualized learning community where your presence is felt and has an impact

A “Typical” Junior

CREDIT SUMMARY				
Subject Area	Credit Req'd	Compl. Me.	Std. Me.	Std. Cred.
English	40.00	25.00	15.00	
American Government	5.00	-	5.00	
Economics	5.00	-	5.00	
U.S. History	10.00	5.00	5.00	
Cont/Mod World Hist	15.00	15.00	-	
Physical Science	10.00	10.00	-	
Biological Science	10.00	10.00	-	
Health Education	5.00	5.00	-	
Mathematics	30.00	30.00	-	
Physical Education	20.00	20.00	-	
Visual & Perf Arts	10.00	-	10.00	
World Languages	10.00	10.00	-	
CTE	10.00	10.00	-	
Electives	40.00	15.00	25.00	
* TOTALS *	220.00	155.00	65.00	

Covered by Middle College HS Coursework

Covered by CSM Coursework

Math Pathways

If you have not taken Algebra 2 yet, you will:

Take Algebra 2 with SMUHSD over the summer

OR

Take Algebra 2 with an MC teacher Fall '24 (this means you will have four, rather than three, hours of MC classes each day).

Math Pathways (completed Algebra 2)

MATHEMATICS COURSE SEQUENCE

Students start math sequence as indicated by Assessment Services and other measures as appropriate.

See the online catalog, your counselor, or assist.org for transferable math courses related to your preferred major.

University Transferable Courses

MATH 125

MATH 130

MATH 145

MATH 200

MATH 225

MATH 241

OR

MATH 130 w/
MATH 830

OR

MATH 200 w/
MATH 800

OR

MATH 225 w/
MATH 825

OR

MATH 241 w/
MATH 841

**webschedule.
smccd.edu**

Student A's Middle College Schedule

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:00-9:00	Math 225		Math 225		Math 225
9:00-10:00		COMM 110		COMM 110	
10:00-11:00					
11:00-12:00	Advisory	Advisory	Advisory	Advisory	Advisory
12:00-1:00	English	English	English	English	English
1:00-2:00	Econ	Econ	Econ	Econ	Econ
2:00-3:00					

Student B's Middle College Schedule

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:00-9:00	English	English	English	English	English
9:00-10:00	US History				
10:00-11:00	Math 120				
11:00-12:00	ADMJ 120	Advisory	ADMJ 120	Advisory	Advisory
12:00-1:00					
1:00-2:00					
2:00-3:00					
6:30-8:30		PSYCH 100			

Sample College Classes taken by MC Students

Abnormal Psychology
Accounting Procedures
Acrylic Painting
African-American Cinema
Programming Methods:Java
Analytic Trigonometry
Astronomy
Badminton
Begin Digital Photography
Black & White Photography
Business Information Systems
Business Law
Calculus W/ Analytic Geometry
Color Photography
Community Relations
Conceptual Physics
Courtship, Marriage & Family
Cultural Anthropology
Dance Appreciation

Developmental Psychology
Probability & Statistics
Elementary Finite Math
Elementary & Probability Statistics
Evolution of Hip Hop Culture
Filipina/o/x Community Issues
Film Genres
Financial Accounting
Fundamentals of Music
General Botany
General Psychology
Greek Mythology & Classical Lit
Hip Hop Dance Roots
History of Animation
History of Jazz
History of Video Games
HTML5 and CSS
Human Biology
Human Sexuality
International Business

Interpersonal Communication
Intro Ethics:Social/Moral Issues
Intro to Architecture
Intro to Computer Science
Intro to Engineering
Intro to Forensic Science
Intro to Film
Human Biology
Human Resources Mgmt
Intro to Management
Introduction to Kinesiology
Intro to La Raza Studies
Introduction to Marketing
Introduction to Philosophy
Introduction to Psychobiology
Introduction to Sociology
Introduction to Web Design
Magic, Science & Religion
Marketing

Sample College Classes taken by MC Students

Media in Society
Modern Dance
Nutrition
Oceanography
Organizational Behavior
Painting
Personal Finance
Personal Investing
Physics
Pilates
Positive Psychology
Principles of Macroeconomics
Project Management
Public Speaking
Python Programming
Path to Calculus
Race & Ethnic Relations
Race, Ethnicity & Immigration
Real Estate Practice

Real Estate Principles
Restorative Yoga
Rethinking Race, Gender & Nation
Sales Management
Small Business Management
Social Issues in Sport
Social Problems
Social Psychology
Spreadsheet I: Excel
Survey of Geology
Tap Dance
Theories of Personalities
Track and Trail Aerobics
Voice
Web/Mobile Design
World Music
World Regional Geography
Yoga

Middle College Graduate Profile

We encourage a
desire to grow in/as:





Critical Thinkers and Communicators



- Prioritize openness and curiosity
- Engage in discussion-based learning
- Make explicit connections
- Build ideas together
- Hone self-awareness
- Have intellectual integrity



Critical Thinkers &
Communicators

Middle College prioritizes...

Liberatory curriculum

Facilitating student ownership over the ways in which they demonstrate their learning



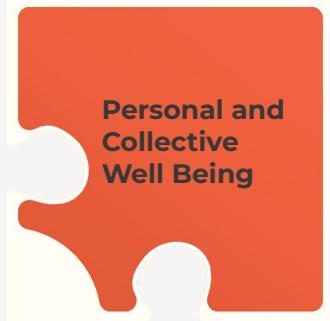
Realizing that each student brings cultural assets to their education and these assets are valued by the community

Grounding work in anti-racist beliefs and practices

Personal and Collective Well Being



- Practice vulnerability
- Practice empathy
- Develop resilience
- Use more of your authentic voice
- Generate an inner sense of fulfillment and validation



Middle College prioritizes

Social and emotional wellness

- Attending to the whole human being
- Providing ways of understanding and practicing self-awareness
- Developing skills to form healthier relationships and build empathy
- Supporting students using a trauma-informed lens

Belonging and safety

- Creating spaces where students feel welcome, seen, heard and supported
- Providing freedom from racism, classism, sexism, ableism, homophobia, neurotypicality
- Removing barriers of oppressive systems in practice

Advisor/Student Relationship

- 1-1 check ins
- Building relationship with a trusted adult who is also their advisory teacher
- Support in academic planning





Academic & Wellness Counseling

School Counseling

Middle College has a full-time school counselor, Ashley English, who will provide you with academic guidance to navigate the high school graduation requirements and help ensure that you maximize the college credits that you earn.

Wellness Counseling

Middle College has a part time Wellness Counselor, Georgina Rivera, who will provide students will social emotional support as needed. Services range from one-on-one meetings (drop-ins or weekly counseling), group sessions, crisis support, and outside referrals when needed.

For Students with a 504/IEP

- ❖ Accommodations may be available in your high school classes
- ❖ Post-secondary institutions are not required to waive or change academic requirements to ensure access to the curriculum
- ❖ Cannot discriminate on the basis of a disability, & must provide the necessary support for a student to access the curriculum
- ❖ Accommodations & supports available at colleges & universities will differ drastically, so it's important that you contact the post-secondary institution for more information if you have any questions
- ❖ Please consider giving a copy of your 504/IEP to your professor on the first day of instruction
- ❖ Parents will sign waiver of understanding, "Cautionary Note" prior to enrollment

For any programs accessed through San Mateo County Community College District (SMCCCD) Disability Resource Center please visit: <https://smccd.edu/accessibility>





Community Engagement



- Advocate
- Practice intellectual humility
- Share collective responsibility
- Critically analyze power dynamics and structures



Middle College Graduate Profile

Self Determination

- Hold yourself accountable
- Have confidence to try and fail
- Take control of your learning / have agency
- Feel self-fulfillment and a sense of purpose



Middle College Graduate Profile

We encourage a
desire to grow in/as:



After Middle College? the Class of 2024

47%

Went straight to a
four-year University

49%

Continued at CSM/
community college

4%

Gap Year/Military/
Other



Class of 2024 Post-Secondary Plans

Community Colleges

College of San Mateo

In-State Colleges & Universities

UCs - Berkeley, Davis, San Diego, Santa Cruz

CSUs - Long Beach, Northridge, San Francisco

Private - University of San Francisco, Laguna College of Art and Design, Occidental College, St. Mary's College

Out-of-State Colleges & Universities

George Washington University, Georgia Tech, Sciences Po (Paris), University of Maryland, Indiana University, New School, Lewis & Clark College, Arizona State University, Northeastern University, University of Nevada - Reno, Carnegie-Mellon University, University of Colorado - Boulder, Washington University - St. Louis, Purdue University, Cleveland State University, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, New York University

Work & Service

US Navy



What will **not** change if you come to Middle College?



You are part of your home school as well as part of Middle College and CSM

- Athletics & Club Participation
- Activities, including prom, dances, field trips, graduation, etc.
- College & Career Opportunities
- Academic and Wellness Counseling Services



What **WILL** change if you come to Middle College?

By being on a beautiful college campus everyday, you will have the opportunity to:

- Become more mature and independent
- Adjust to the rigor of a collegiate curriculum
- Better understand how college works
- Get started on your major or discovering what that major will be

And you will be part of a learning community where you are welcomed, respected, known and cared for.

Middle College is located on a Beautiful Campus!







Interested? Next Steps...

1. Go to Middle College website and apply:

middlecollege.smuhsd.org

- Applications will be open through February 23
- Includes applying to CSM

2. Sign up to shadow a Middle College student (Jan 27-30)

- This will be a one day, in-person event.
- Keep checking your email or [Middle College website](http://middlecollege.smuhsd.org) for more information!

3. Ask your parents/guardians to attend a Middle College Parent/Guardian Presentation

- January 22, 6 p.m. - Online/virtual in English (with live Spanish & Chinese translation)
 - Online link will be on MC Webpage

MIDDLE COLLEGE

For those who want something different!

Questions?

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More information:

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