

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

DUAL ENROLLMENT (DE)

What is it?

Dual Enrollment allows high school students to get a head start on their college education while completing high school. Montgomery County Community College offers a wide selection of courses both on campus and online as well as at participating partner schools. Classes are taught by college professors or high school instructors who are credentialed to teach college-level classes.

Where Are Classes Located?

Classes are available at select high schools, at Montco and Online!

Are My Credits Transferable to a University?

Students should check with their Academic Advisor or receiving university for specific transfer information. For more information, visit mc3.edu/transfer-credits.

Are There Entrance and Enrollment Requirements?

Montco offers a comprehensive advising approach where placement is determined through evaluation of high school transcript.

How Will It Affect My GPA?

College classes may have more impact on your high school GPA than traditional high school classes. Visit with your high school counselor for more information.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP)

What is it?

Advanced Placement classes provide students the opportunity to earn college credit after completion of the high school course and the end-of-course AP exam. Classes are taught by high school instructors who are certified to teach AP courses.

Where Are Classes Located?

Classes may be available at your high school.

Are My Credits Transferable?

Students must earn at least a 3 on the AP Exam. Some colleges may require a 4 or 5 for college credit. Check with your high school counselor and desired university for more specific information.

Are There Entrance and Enrollment Requirements?

Refer to your high school counselor for enrollment information.

How Will it Affect My GPA?

AP classes may have more impact on your high school GPA than traditional high school classes. Visit with your high school counselor for more information.

What if I Want to Take Both?

Students are able to take both Advanced Placement and Dual Enrollment courses to earn college credit.

ADVANTAGES AND CHALLENGES

Rewards for Additional Challenges

Dual Enrollment and Advanced Placement classes are more challenging than traditional high school classes. The rigor of these classes help predict future college success. Students will need to be able to balance high school and college at the same time.

Timing is Everything

High school students can save valuable time after graduation by completing necessary college courses now. Why wait?

Graduate High School Ahead of Your Peers

Students may be able to graduate high school with college core completion, an Associate of Arts Degree, an Associate of Science Degree or an Associate of Applied Science by taking a combination of Dual Enrollment and Advanced Placement classes.

Significant Savings

Students who take Dual Enrollment courses through Montco pay the one-credit tuition rate and have the opportunity to earn college credits at a significantly lower tuition rate. This saves students thousands of dollars over the course of their college career.

Think of Your Academic, Scholastic and Financial Future

Dual Enrollment classes may increase eligibility for scholarships, and provide an advantage to your academic and professional resume. All Dual Enrollment students have access to academic services and resources available as a Montco student.

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