

Dual Enrollment Middlesex Community College



Middlesex Community College

- Second largest of 15 community colleges in Massachusetts – over 8,000 students
- Two Campuses – Bedford & Lowell
- We offer over 80 associate degrees, certificate programs, and non-credit courses & programs
- Admission to most programs is Open Enrollment

What is Dual Enrollment at Middlesex?

It's an opportunity for college-ready high school students to enroll in college courses and earn college credits that will **ALSO** count toward high school requirements.

How are college classes different?

- More responsibility on the student
- Class expectations and rigor of classes- more advanced work and reading
- College classes meet for less time than high school classes but the time commitment is often greater
- People care about you but you need to tell them what is going on

How can DE classes benefit me?

In high school

- Develop analytical & critical thinking skills
- Become an effective communicator
- Enhance media literacy skills
- Learn to seek alternative perspectives
- Help preview college

After high school

- Classes can earn you credit to transfer anywhere
- Positive impact on HS graduation and college applications
- Can cut college costs
- Can free up time for internship or student abroad

How do I qualify for Dual Enrollment?

- Get approval from your high school to participate
- Demonstrate a 2.0 GPA
- Demonstrate eligibility for ENG 101 - English Composition
- Attend an overview session
- Submit the online application

What courses can I take & when?

- College level courses that will count for credit at your high school
- You must meet all prerequisites for each course
- Choose the days and times that work best for you
- Program specific courses are only available to students admitted to those selective programs

Keep in Mind

Once you begin at MCC, you must maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA in your MCC classes to remain in the program.

Course formats available

- **Online and On-Campus Lecture** – hybrid (blended) classes combine on-campus and online instruction.
- **Online and On-Campus Lab** – hybrid (blended) classes combine online instruction and on-campus labs.
- **Lecture** – traditional on-campus face-to-face course. Classes meet weekly on campus with students and instructors.
- **Lecture and Lab** – traditional on-campus face-to-face course and lab. Classes meet weekly on campus with students and instructors.
- **Online with Class Meeting Times** – fully online class format with scheduled meeting days and times. Students must be online during scheduled meeting times.
- **Online with No Class Meeting Times** – fully online class format. There are no scheduled meeting days or times. Lectures, lessons and exercises are completed online, over the course of the semester.

MCC Resources

- Academic Centers for Enrichment (Tutoring)
- Student Access & Support Services (Disability Support)
- Wellness Hub
- Advising
- Libraries
- Student Clubs, Events, and Activities
- Free Parking & Shuttle Service

What does Dual Enrollment cost?

- Massachusetts residents pay a reduced tuition –
\$131 per credit* vs. \$263 per credit*
- You may sign up for the MCC Payment Plan
- You are not eligible for financial aid or MassEducate
(must have a diploma, GED, or HiSET to qualify)
- You will need books and supplies
- Students are also responsible for any specialized course fees

*Tuition is listed for the 2026 Academic Year. Future tuition rates are subject to change

Applying to MCC after graduation

- **Online application**
- Easy to complete in less than 15 minutes
- Choose a program or a pathway
- No application fee, deadline to apply, or SAT scores
- Within 72 hours you will receive an admission letter online

Financial Aid and Cost

- In state residents pay \$263 per credit
- Classes can be 1, 3 or 4 credits
- You only pay for the classes taken each semester
- FAFSA- free financial aid application
- Financial Aid can include grants, scholarships, loans, books vouchers, work study
- Payment plan options are available

Free Community College with MassEducate

An eligible student:

- Has earned a high school diploma or the equivalent
- Is enrolled in a degree or certificate program
- Is registered for at least 6 credits (2 courses) per semester
- Has completed the **2026-2027 FAFSA** (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)!!
- Has physically resided in Massachusetts for at least 1 year
- Is a U.S. Citizen, a permanent legal resident, or non-citizen under Title IV regulations or is an approved “High School Completer” per the MA tuition equity law
- Meets specific financial aid eligibility requirements

What can I do with my MCC degree?





Pathways

GET REWARDED FOR GOOD GRADES

The better your GPA, the more guaranteed benefits you receive upon transfer to UMass or a State University.

Benefits	Minimum GPA upon Completion of Approved Associate Degree			Notes
	2.00+	2.50+	3.00+	
Guaranteed transfer of credits	✓	✓	✓	Whether credits are applied in your major or as general education or electives is at the discretion of the receiving institution.
No application fee	✓	✓	✓	<u>MassTransfer Application</u> required.
No application essay	✓	✓	✓	
Guaranteed admission		✓	✓	Space permitting in the major and college.
<u>MassTransfer Tuition Credit</u>			✓	For two years, provided student: ▪ Matriculates within one year of receiving associate degree; ▪ Enrolls continuously (full- or part-time) in day program; and ▪ Achieves 3.00 GPA after first two semesters.

Other Transfer Opportunities

- Commonwealth Commitment
- Articulation agreements
- Transfer fairs and events
- Specific transfer advisors
- Transfer scholarships