

Madison Central Dual Credit Meeting January 19, 2023

Madison County School District partners with Holmes Community College to offer courses that earn credit at the high school and college levels. These courses are taught by Madison Central teachers on our campus. Because these are dual credit courses, the cost of the course is discounted by about 1/3 of the cost as a freshman college student.

Courses and Requirements

Madison Central courses offered:

- **Art Appreciation** – Juniors and Seniors; 3.0 GPA and a composite score of 18 on the ACT
- **English Composition I(1st semester) and English Composition II(2nd semester)** – Seniors only; 3.0 GPA and a composite score of 18 and a 17 English subscore on the ACT – These courses replace the 4th English required to graduate high school.
- **College Algebra** – Seniors only; 3.0 GPA and a composite score of 18 and a 19 Math subscore on the ACT

Important Dates

- The **April ACT** is the last one considered to meet the ACT requirement to enroll in dual credit classes for **both juniors and sophomores**.
- **Current juniors** have the opportunity to take the ACT on **February 28th** at Madison Central and in April at a national test site. There is no registration required for the February test, but if the April test is needed, you will register for it on your ACT account.
- **Current sophomores** interested in Art Appreciation as a junior, who have not scored an 18 composite on the ACT, **must register for the April test at a national test site on the following website**, <https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act.html>. Pre-ACT scores are not accepted. **Any student who does not reach the required score of 18 in April will bump to the following year to be considered for any of the dual credit courses.**

Dual Credit Grades

Dual credit classes/grades are not in active parent, active student, or MCHS's canvas. Grades are entered manually into our system at the end of the semester; therefore, will not be visible to parents until that time.

Transfer Credits

Dual credit hours earned from Holmes Community College are accepted at all Mississippi public universities and colleges; however, if your plan is to attend a private college or an out-of-state college, it is your responsibility to verify that the dual credit course will be accepted. It is also your responsibility to check your college major to determine if the dual credit course is part of

the curriculum. **After graduation, you will need to request your transcript from Holmes Community College to be sent to the college you will attend.**

Tuition and Fees

The current tuition for each dual credit class is \$125 (subject to change based on legislative decisions). Each class will also require books to be purchased. The student's tuition is paid to Holmes Community College via the student's myholmes portal or by calling the Holmes Community College business office at 601-605-3307. **The tuition for each semester is due 2 weeks after the first day of class.** The due date will be posted in each dual credit classroom as a reminder. PLEASE NOTE: Should a student decide to drop the class during the drop window, the tuition for the class is still required.

Dual Credit Course Weight

Dual credit courses carry a weight of 1.05 at the high school level. The weighted grade is calculated into the student's high school grade point average. **PLEASE NOTE: The grade received at the college level does not carry any weight.**

Example: A student finishes Art Appreciation with a semester grade of 92 in active parent. This is an A on their high school transcript and is used in the GPA calculation. The student's grade on their college transcript is 87.6 which is a B because it does not carry weight.

Next Steps

- At pre-registration with your counselor, let her know your intent to take a dual credit course.
- Register for ACT if you are a sophomore without an ACT score. Juniors need to determine if they have met ACT requirements and if not, prepare for the February 28th test accordingly.
- Meet with Mrs. Britt when she is scheduled to come to Madison Central in the spring (you will be notified of your scheduled time) for assistance in completing their Holmes application. **MAKE SURE YOU RECORD YOUR USERNAME, PASSWORD, AND YOUR HOLMES ID at this meeting.**
- Watch the orientation video during your scheduled meeting with Mrs. Britt.
- You will receive a letter of recommendation and a parent letter from Mrs. Britt that will require a parent's signature.
- Both the Letter of Recommendation and the Parent Letter must be returned to student services.

Final Deadline

All documents must be returned to Madison Central Student Services by June 1, 2023. Holmes must have the dual credit rosters in early June; therefore, there are no exceptions to the June 1st deadline.