Early College at MSA

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What is Early College?

Early College is for highly qualified students that would like to get their Associates Degree or take college classes while in high school. Qualified students taking college level classes meet high school requirements for graduation and college credit towards an AA.

- College credits are accepted at any college or university in the state of Florida.

- College courses taken at MSA or SCF must meet high school graduation requirements and college requirements for an AA Degree.

- MSA offers a variety of Early College courses to students in grades 9-12.
What is Early College?

**Dual Enrollment**

✓ Qualified high school students take college level classes on the MSA/SCF campuses.

**Early Admissions**

✓ Qualified high school seniors enroll at SCF full time.
✓ Course enrollment is limited to courses that meet and do not exceed high school graduation requirements. **Students are limited to courses on the Dual Enrolled Course Equivalency Guide published by the FLDOE.**
✓ The courses are creditable towards an Associate of Arts Degree (AA).
Early College Requirements

A 3.0 cumulative unweighted high school GPA is required for Early College.
Early College Requirements

MSA Approval

✓ No D’s or F’s in the last school year or in the current school year.

✓ Middle school students are required to take high school course(s) in middle school.
Students must demonstrate college readiness.

✓ Take the P.E.R.T.
  ➢ Post-Secondary Education Readiness Test.
  ➢ All students must demonstrate college readiness in reading, writing, and math.
    ▪ The Math P.E.R.T. is not recommended until the student takes Algebra II.

✓ College readiness may also be demonstrated with concordance scores on the ACT/SAT.
More about the P.E.R.T

Postsecondary Education Readiness Test (PERT) is a computer adaptive test which measures a student's level of preparedness for college level courses. The test is currently being used by all Florida high schools and the 28 members of the Florida College System.
Students must pass...
Reading and Writing to take any non Math class in the Early College program.

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Students must pass ...
Math to take College Math courses in the Early College program.
P.E.R.T. TEST PREP

FREE ONLINE PRACTICE

https://www.testprepreview.com/pert.htm

You can find a study guide if you GOOGLE
PERT STUDY GUIDE - Florida Department of Education
P.E.R.T TEST DATES

P.E.R.T. TEST DATES FOR THIS SCHOOL YEAR ARE:

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10th
THURSDAY, JANUARY 11th
FRIDAY, JANUARY 12th

P.E.R.T. Retake and Make-up Test Dates are:
APRIL 10th AND 11th

I MISSED THE EARLY COLLEGE APPLICATION DEADLINE
WHAT SHOULD I DO?

IF A STUDENT FAILS TO MEET THE EARLY COLLEGE DEADLINE
THEY CAN TAKE THE P.E.R.T. AT SCF.
PLEASE SEE MS. QUICK FOR INFORMATION.
ADDITIONAL Early College Requirements

SCF Application
✓ Students must complete the SCF application and meet all admissions requirements.

MSA Early College Contract
✓ Students and Parents must read and sign the Early College contract and return it by the deadline.

DEADLINE - May 4th
** These scores are subject to change with each legislative session. **
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EARLY COLLEGE OPTIONS FOR SENIORS

Early Admissions

✓ Qualified Seniors take all courses on the SCF campus.
  ➢ Students must complete Economics and their 4th Math requirement prior to starting courses at SCF in the fall of 2018

✓ MSA Special Addendum
  ➢ Qualified Seniors take the majority of their courses at SCF but choose to continue taking specialized arts courses like advanced dance, music, visual/digital arts, and/or theatre courses at MSA. Students are also able to apply for Teacher Assistant positions.
  ➢ A student may also be required to take Econ or Math if they do not complete it over the summer.
EARLY COLLEGE OPTIONS FOR JUNIORS

Dual Enrolled at MSA/SCF – Qualified Juniors may enroll in a maximum of 2 college courses per semester at SCF or online with SCF (not to exceed 15 credit hours in combination with high school Dual Enrollment).

- Students may have a reduced schedule of 6 classes on the MSA campus.
- Courses taken at SCF must meet high school graduation requirements.
- Students may take any approved college course not offered on the high school campus that is on the FLDOE Dual Enrollment Course Equivalency Guide.
EARLY COLLEGE OPTIONS FOR FRESHMAN AND SOPHOMORES

Dual Enrolled at MSA - Qualified students in 9th and 10th grades take all college courses on the MSA campus.
Is Early College right for everyone? NOPE!
HERE’S WHY EARLY COLLEGE MAY NOT BE RIGHT FOR YOU!

Even if your student is a socially well-adjusted and an academically advanced high school student, he/she can struggle with the pressures and demands of college. It is a good idea for families to discuss the impact Early College will have on a student’s schedule, college planning, and high school/college transcripts.

If a student already has a busy schedule, is overwhelmed when academic classes get busy, and is heavily involved in school activities adding a college course(s) may not be the right fit or a good idea. Students and parents need to be prepared to make tough decisions about providing ample time to prepare and study for Early College course(s). Whether Early College is right for you or not Mrs. Fitzpatrick can assist you in choosing the right courses to meet your academic goals.
Is Early College right for everyone? Nope!

Here’s why...

Academic rigor of college classes:

- Taking college level courses demands your student is emotionally and socially ready.
- The majority of work is done independently outside of class.
- Students must commit to doing the work required or risk jeopardizing future college plans.
- Students need to be responsible and empowered by their parents and school to handle the demands of Early College!
- Students and parents CANNOT have the attitude that they can drop a difficult course.
- STUDENTS MUST BE IN IT TO WIN IT!
Is Early College right for everyone?  Nope!

Early College Deadlines

- Students will be held accountable for meeting the deadlines.
- If deadlines are not met students are not able to take college classes.
- Parents need to provide support to help their student meet the deadline.
How do you spot an Early College student?

Students who are most successful with Early College are usually highly motivated and have the ability to adapt their schedule and balance their lives to meet the expectations and demands of the college course.

Here are a few characteristics of an Early College student:

- Accepts responsibility for school work
- Does not make excuses - “I was too busy...”
- Reads emails daily
- Knows and understands deadlines
- Meets ALL deadlines
- Accepts responsibility for usernames and passwords
- Knows their birthdate/address/social security number/student id/username/password
- Not shy about approaching Guidance with questions and concerns
- Advocates for themselves
Application Process

- Take and pass the P.E.R.T. at MSA in January.
- Students will fill out the application online at MSA.
- SCF will send you a letter of acceptance and a USER ID and PASSWORD. Make sure you store this in a safe place. You will need it in August to register for your Early College classes.

- When you receive your acceptance letter:
  - Save your acceptance letter in a safe place
  - Make sure you memorize your student ID (G00#)
  - Make sure you memorize your password
  - Log in to SCFConnect and explore the website
  - Save your username and password in a safe place

- Return the Early College Contract to MSA with the G00# in the slot provided. THIS TELLS MSA THAT YOU ARE ELIGIBLE FOR EARLY COLLEGE.
**What is Advanced Placement?**

**Advanced Placement (AP)** is a program in the United States and Canada created by the CollegeBoard which offers college-level curricula and examinations to high school students. American colleges and universities **may** grant placement and course credit to students who obtain high scores on the examinations.

MSA offers four to five AP courses:

- AP Biology – Prerequisites - Biology and Chemistry
- AP English Literature
- AP US History
- AP Psychology

**Other Possible AP Course Offerings**
- AP English Comp, AP World History, AP Chemistry, AP Human Geography, AP Statistics
Early College and AP Courses at MSA

**Courses offered at MSA must be taken at MSA unless the student is Early Admissions at SCF (Seniors Only)**

**English**
- ENC 1101/1102
- ENL 2010/LIT 2000
- AP English Lit
  (AP English Comp ... Maybe)

**Math**
- MAC 1105

**Social Sciences**
- AMH 1010/1020
- AP Psychology
- AP US History

**Academic/Arts Electives**
- SPC 1608
- DAA 1000/2101

**Science**
- AP Biology
What Early College Courses Should I Take?

FRESHMAN

ENGLISH CREDIT
Spring Semester – ENC 1101/Written Communication I
American History Credit
Fall Semester – AMH 1010/History of the US 1607-1877
Spring Semester – AMH 1020/History of the US 1877-Present

SOPHOMORES

ENGLISH CREDITS
Fall Semester – ENC 1102/Written Communication II
Spring Semester – ENL 2010/English Literature

ADDITIONAL COURSES
SPC 1608/Fundamentals of Speech Communication
MAC 1105/College Algebra
What Early College Courses Should I Take?

JUNIORS

**ENGLISH CREDITS**
ENC 1101, ENC 1102, ENL 2010, LIT 2000 (online at MSA)

**MATH CREDITS**
MAC 1105

**HISTORY CREDITS**
AMH 1010/1020

(Due to changes in full year and semester courses we recommend this course as an academic elective in the Junior year – Meets an AA requirement for college and is an academically rigorous addition to the HS transcript.)
What Early College Courses Should I Take?

**RISING SENIORS**

In the summer between your Junior and Senior year of high school Early College student can take courses at SCF in Summer Session(s) A, B, or C.

- **Summer Session B is preferred because MSA is still in session Summer A and students will be taking final exams.**

**SENIORS**

Seniors may attend SCF full time or take a combination of 6 courses at SCF and MSA. (This is for Seniors that would like to attend SCF and also MSA to take specialized art classes in the areas of Theatre, Visual/Digital Arts, Music, and Dance.)

Please Note:

**Courses offered at MSA must be taken at MSA unless you are an Early Admissions student at SCF (Seniors Only)**
Dual Enrollment at Manatee Technical College

Dual Enrollment is the enrollment of students in vocational/technical college classes while still in high school. In order for MTC to provide dual enrollment classes, it is necessary to assure the same standards of instruction as in all other college classes, including academic practices and collegiate learning environment. If high school students choose to dual enroll at MTC students will split time between MSA and MTC.
Requirements to attend MTC

To be eligible for participation in the MTC Dual Enrollment program, students must meet all of the qualifications listed below:

- 11th – 12th grade classification (Age 16 minimum)
- Unweighted GPA of 2.0 and room in their schedule for electives
- Meet with Mrs. Fitzpatrick to choose your program
- Complete the MTC application and turn it in to MTC
- Meet all deadlines required by MTC
- Take the TABE test
- Inform your School Counselor when you have been accepted to your MTC program
Things to Consider When Considering Early College:

1. College/Career goals—where do you want to attend school (including in state or out of state)
2. Early College Courses vs. AP courses
3. Professional/Vocational/Technical Training
4. GPA (will affect both high school and college GPA)
5. Discuss goals with your parents/guardians and High School Counselor
6. **Should I get my AA?**
Please pay close attention to deadlines! SCF is NOT flexible with deadlines. MSA is not flexible with deadlines. If your Early College paperwork is not complete by the deadline = no Early College.
Early College Application is available on the MSA website under Guidance > OVERVIEW > Early College Application Link

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOLLOW THIS:

GUIDANCE > HIGH SCHOOL > EARLY COLLEGE

Deadline to sign up and take the PERT is Wednesday, December 20th, No Exceptions!

THE EARLY COLLEGE DEADLINE to complete the SCF Admissions application and all other paperwork FOR THE 2018/2019 SCHOOL YEAR IS FRIDAY, May 4th.

THIS INCLUDES ALL PAPERWORK for all students!
Did I mention ALL of this is FREE?!?
Early College (apart from a few fees) and MTC are FREE
AP course(s) is free – AP Exam has a fee.

Did I mention all of this is subject to change?
SDMC – Articulation Agreement in March/April
Florida Legislative Session(s)

Early College is an excellent opportunity to earn high school and college credit simultaneously at no cost to you for tuition or books.

Students MUST be willing to MEET DEADLINES and to work hard in the courses to be successful!
Early College Application

Click here to view and fill out the Early College Application.