



Dual Enrollment (DE) Information

McKeel Academy of Technology (MAT)

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Program Information

- Classes are offered through Polk State College (PSC)
- Courses are available on our campus and offered during the school day or at Polk State (online)
- Classes are taught by highly qualified instructors, credentialed by PSC
- Rigorous college content taught in courses
- FERPA laws prohibit parents from having access to their high school student's college course grades, attendance or transcript without a signed PSC approved access form
- DE courses **will** begin a student's college GPA
This may affect college admission
- Students who do not complete DE courses successfully may be responsible for any costs associated with the course, as applicable

Why dual enrollment?

- MAT covers the cost of all DE classes, fees and textbooks
- If qualifications are met, DE classes can begin as a sophomore or once a student has 6 high school credits
- Students can only take DE classes for 3 years
- Pursue course work towards a General Associates Degree on MAT or PSC campuses
- Successful completion of a DE course earns high school credit while simultaneously earning college credit
- GPA is weighted on a 5.0 scale
 - Example: A=5.0, B=4.0, C=3.0

Requirements

- 3.5 unweighted cumulative high school GPA
- Earned at least 6 high school credits
- Cannot be enrolled in Intensive Reading
- Passing scores on Postsecondary Education Readiness Test (PERT)
 - Reading-106
 - Writing-103
- Passing score on the math (114) section, if
 - student wants to enroll in intermediate math course or certain science courses
 - **OR** if the student has already earned 12 college credits
 - To be eligible for College Algebra/Economics, student must earn a math score of 123
- ACT/SAT scores can be substituted for the PERT but student **MUST** send official score reports to PSC. It is recommended when registering for these tests you have scores sent to PSC at that time.

Additional Requirements

- A grade of “C” or higher is considered successful completion
- College GPA of 2.0 is required to continue DE courses
- Students must receive a “C” or higher in ENC1101 in order to take ENC1102
- Complete the PSC online application and online orientation (www.polk.edu)
- Complete the High School Approval Form and Dual Enrollment Contract and submit to your School Counselor prior to registration

DE vs. AP

Earning College Credit; which path is right for you?

Dual Enrollment

- College credit is awarded with completion of class with a grade of C or better, however, earning a grade of C or lower could negatively impact admissions
- All state colleges and universities in Florida accept DE transfer credits but may award elective credit rather than core. **Be aware of the transfer policy for each college.**
- Class grade (GPA) transfers to your college transcript
- Most DE courses equals 3 college credits hours
- Private colleges and universities are free to establish their own transfer criteria therefore it is best to check in advance pertaining to the schools DE policy

Advanced Placement

- College credit is awarded with a 3 or higher on the AP exam; high school credit is awarded by class grade
- AP tests are a demonstration of proficiency and competency in subject matter based on class grade and score on AP test.
- All state colleges and universities in Florida accept AP credits. Colleges and Universities in other states are very likely to accept them as well
- A grade of a C in an AP class is not considered negative when applying to college
- A score of a 4 or 5 on the AP exam could earn multiple college credits depending on exam and university
- Private colleges and universities are free to establish their own transfer criteria therefore it is best to check in advance pertaining to the schools AP policy

Earning AA Degree

- Earning an AA Degree does NOT necessarily mean you will be admitted into the public university of your choice. However, one of the 12 universities in the state of Florida will accept you.
- Student would be considered a first-time in college student but may be a junior upon admission depending on how many college credits they have earned.
- Students earning their AA in high school may or may not be eligible for Freshman Scholarships at the universities. Each university is different. You are highly encouraged to contact the admissions department at the university you are interested in attending.

FAQ

- **Can I take the PERT more than one time?** Yes, but you must wait 30 days before retaking the test. You can only take the PERT two times within a 2-year period.
- **Do I have to take the PERT at McKeel?** No, you can take the PERT remotely through PSC.
- **Remote PERT Testing for Dual Enrollment Students**
Due to Covid-19, a remote PERT test is being administered for dual enrollment students. Students need to email DEregistration@polk.edu to register for the PERT. The subject of the email should be **DE PERT testing**. Students must include the following information in their email:
 - Student full name
 - Polk State ID#
 - Name of the high school
 - Sections of the PERT the student will be taking (Reading, Math, English)
 - Statement that the student is taking the test for dual enrollment purposes
- It may take up to 2 business days to process the PERT testing request and 3 business days after testing for the scores to be in the College's system. Students should monitor both their personal and Polk State student email accounts for important testing instructions.

FAQ

- **Do I have to take all sections of the PERT if I have passed some of the sections?** No, you can take just the sections that you are still needing to pass.
- **Do the PERT scores expire?** If you pass the PERT and do not take any courses within two years, your scores will expire. PERT math scores are only valid 2 years unless you enroll in a math course.
- **Can I take DE courses on PSC's campus?** Yes, students are allowed to take courses on McKeel's campus and/or PSC campus.
- **Do McKeel teachers teach dual enrollment courses?** We currently have three McKeel teachers that teach courses.
- **If I receive my AA degree does that disqualify me for scholarship opportunities?** You may be ineligible for Freshman scholarships at some institutions. It is imperative you check with each individual college/university you are interested in attending to clarify their individual policies.
- **What is FTEA?** FTEA means Full Time Early Admission. Seniors are the only ones that can meet FTEA requirements. FTEA is taking 12-15 credit hours on PSC campus as you remain a McKeel student.

Courses offered on our campus

Dual Enrollment Courses leading to a Liberal Arts, Associate in Arts Degree

Communications

ENC 1101

ENC 1102

Total 6 Credits Required

College Composition I

College Composition II

Fall

Spring

Mathematics

MAC 1105

MGF 1106

Total 6 credits Required

College Algebra

Topics in Mathematics

Fall

Spring

Humanities

LIT 1000

HUM 2020

LIT 1201

Total 9 Credits Required

Introduction to Literature

Introduction to Humanities (Paired with HSC1101)

Current Interest Themes in Lit. (paired with LIT1000)

Fall

Fall

Spring

Social Sciences

AMH 1010

AMH 1020

Total 6 Credits Required

History of the US: 1607-1877

History of the US: 1877 to the Present

Fall

Spring

Biological and Physical : Total 7 Credits Required

ESC 1000

BSC 1005C

Survey of Earth Science

Survey of Biology

Fall

Spring

Health and Wellness

HSC 1531

HSC 1101

Total 3 Credits Required

Medical Terminology (Paired with HSC1101)

Wellness: Nutrition, Personal Growth, and Fitness
(Paired with HUM2020 and HSC1531)

Fall

Spring

Electives

(Recommended to base course decision on upper-division major)

SLS 1101

SLS 1261

GEB 1011

MAN 2021

College Success

General Leadership

Introduction to Business

Principles of Management

Fall

Spring

Fall

Spring

Natural Sciences

9 Credits Required (see www.polk.edu for details)