

Montgomery College Early Placement Program

Office of High School Programs

Overview

The goal of the Early Placement Program is to provide advanced students with an educational experience beyond that available at secondary schools. MC allows select high school juniors and seniors to enhance their class schedule with college course work and experience the independence of college-level study while earning college credit.

Early Placement students may enroll in a variety of curricula at the college, provided they meet the necessary prerequisites. The credits earned may be applied to a degree program at Montgomery College or may be transferred to another institution.

Eligibility Requirements

In order to be eligible for the Early Placement Program students will:

1. Have completed their sophomore year prior to their participation in the program.
2. Have an articulated plan for school and college attendance during their junior and/or senior year, which will include ALL courses required for high school graduation with time remaining in the schedule to include college courses.
3. Have an overall 3.0 grade point average at the end of their sophomore year or overall 2.75 grade point average at the end of their junior year and have the approval of their parents (or guardians), principal, and/or guidance counselor as an early placement candidate.
4. Students in a public or private high school or equivalent, who do not meet these requirements, but whose achievement in a certain field of study is clearly exceptional, surpassing the level of courses offered by the school attended, may be admitted on an exceptional case-by-case basis.

Application Procedures

- Student must complete and submit registration packet to counselor/coordinator **(\$25 Application fee waived)**
- Counselor/coordinator will submit registration packet (including high school transcript) to Montgomery College
- Student must take the Accuplacer/Accuplacer ESL exam if SAT scores are below minimum required
- Montgomery College will review registration packet and test scores for placement into college courses
- Student will be notified of placement/test results and registered for corresponding course (if appropriate)

Assessment and Prerequisites

As with all students at Montgomery College, students in the Early Placement Program will be required to meet all assessment and prerequisite requirements for each course taken.

Tuition and Fees

A student enrolled in the Early Placement Program is considered a Montgomery College student; therefore, he or she is subject to all Montgomery College academic regulations, tuition, and fees, unless a scholarship or grant has been awarded.

Financial Assistance

Early Placement students are not eligible for federal financial aid. Grant for which you may be eligible:

MC Board of Trustees High School Grant

Applicants for this grant must be Montgomery County residents. The grant can only be used to pay for the cost of tuition and fees of one three credit hour course. Applications are available through your HS counselor/coordinator.

Maryland State Dual Enrollment Grant

Applicants for this grant and their parents must be permanent residents of Maryland. Students must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents attending a secondary school in Maryland. The grant may pay the cost of one three credit hour course per semester, depending on available funds. Home-schooled students are not eligible for this grant.

MC TIP (MC Tuition Installment Plan)

Students must pay 25% of the tuition at the time of registration and pay the balance in three equal payments throughout the semester. There is a non refundable fee to participate in the payment plan.

FOR QUESTIONS OR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT MC'S EARLY PLACEMENT PROGRAM PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE OF HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS AT 240.567.4140

ASSESSMENT TESTING:

Who must complete Assessment Testing??

College assessment tests are used to determine skill levels for placement in reading, English, and mathematics.

All perspective Montgomery College Students must take the Accuplacer/LOEP unless you are exempt.

Exemptions from Testing:

- **Earned a degree from an accredited U.S. college or university.**
Students who have been out of college for at least three years and who intend to take a math or English course are advised to take the Accuplacer.
- **Completed a college-level (not developmental) English and/or mathematics course with a C or better at an accredited U.S. college or university.**
- **Enrolling with a letter of permission** from another college or university.
- **Earned the following scores on standardized tests:**

	ENGLISH	MATH
SAT ("old")	550 or higher 600 or higher with a writing sample may register for EN102 or EN109 (see English department)	550 or higher 600 or higher for MA180
SAT ("new")	550 or higher on the Critical Reading portion of the test 600 or higher in both Reading & Writing tests may qualify for exemption from EN101 (see English department)	550 or higher for MA110-MA160 600 or higher for MA180
ACT	24 or higher	24 or higher
TOEFL (paper & pencil)	575	
TOEFL - (computer-based)	231	
TOEFL - (Internet-based)	90	

- **Additional course assessment waivers** may be granted (and in some cases, credit awarded) on the basis of scores on specific **CLEP, Advanced Placement/International Baccalaureate**, and SAT II exams.
- The **Rockville Math Department** gives more information on placement and exemption to math assessment testing.
- Please contact us about **additional information on achieving Advanced Standing**.