



Northwood Montgomery College Middle College Newsletter

March 14, 2019



MC² Class of '19 Graduates May 17th!

Northwood's class of '19 has twelve students on track to graduate with their Associate Degree Friday, May 17, 2019! The students all completed their paper applications for graduation in December, (dual enrollment students cannot apply online), and their transcripts have been reviewed. Each student should have received the evaluation in the mail. We will keep an eye on directions for getting robes and tickets for the ceremony, and MC² stoles! Check out last year's [commencement](#) and make plans to attend, celebrate your incredible accomplishment, and take our MC² family graduation picture together!

Sixty percent of the students who applied early action to the University of Maryland College Park were accepted! As students make decisions about where they will go to college next year by the end of April, they should plan to contact admissions offices to make sure an advisor will be on hand at their orientation session who can help them choose the right courses for the fall based on the many transfer credits they all have earned. Our first 5 graduates' experience at their orientations in College Park showed it is unexpected for students admitted as freshmen to arrive with so many credits and most or all of the general education requirements already fulfilled.

Class of 2020 Met With Montgomery College Advisors to Plan Their Degrees

GENERAL STUDIES AA: 611B
Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM)
(Must complete a minimum of 15 credits at the 200 level for completion of the program)
Total Credits: 60
Catalog Editions 17-18 through 18-19

Name: _____ Date: _____ ID #: _____

Initial Placement Scores
Reading: _____ English: _____
Math: _____

Advising Completion Date: _____

COURSE	HOURS	GRADE
ENGL 101 or ENGL 101A (if needed for ENGL 102/103 or alternative if not) *	3	
English Foundation (ENGL 102 or ENGL 103) GENERAL EDUCATION FOUNDATION †	3	
Math Foundation (MATH 110, 115 (A), 117 (A), 120, 130, 150, 160, 170, or 181) SEE A COUNSELOR/ADVISOR	3 or 4	
Arts Distribution (ARTD) GENERAL EDUCATION DISTRIBUTION	3	
Humanities Distribution (HLAND) GENERAL EDUCATION DISTRIBUTION	3	
Behavioral & Social Sciences Distribution (BSSD) GENERAL EDUCATION DISTRIBUTION **	3	
Behavioral & Social Sciences Distribution (BSSD) Different discipline from other BSSD SEE A COUNSELOR/ADVISOR ***	3	
Natural Sciences Distribution with Lab (NSLD) GENERAL EDUCATION DISTRIBUTION	4	
Natural Sciences Distribution without Lab or Natural Sciences Distribution with lab (NSD/NSLD) GENERAL EDUCATION DISTRIBUTION	3 or 4	
General Education Institutional Requirement (GEIR) GENERAL EDUCATION †	3	
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STEM CORE COURSE SELECTION
CHOOSE AT LEAST 15 CREDIT HOURS FROM: AOSC, ASTR, BIOL, CHEM, CMSC, ENES, ENES, GEOL, MATH, NUTR, PSYC, or PHYS.

ELECTIVE COURSE SELECTION
CHOOSE UP TO 11 CREDIT HOURS TO REACH COMPLETION OF 60 COLLEGE-LEVEL CREDITS REFLECTING PERSONAL, ACADEMIC, AND CAREER INTERESTS.

COURSE	HOURS	GRADE
Recommended for all new students	STSU 100	1
TOTAL HOURS	15	
TOTAL HOURS	11	

Graduation Requirements Overall GPA of 2.0 is required to graduate. Only two credits of PE/PHEP courses may be used as electives.

Has student completed a minimum of 15 credits at the 200 level? Yes No 200-level credits completed: _____

Has student completed the Global Perspectives requirement? Yes No Global Perspectives Course: _____

Does student have an overall 2.0 GPA? Yes No Overall cumulative GPA: _____

Has the student completed 60 credits? Yes No Total credits completed: _____

This UNOFFICIAL document is for planning purposes only and completion does not guarantee graduation. See an advisor to submit an Application for Graduation the semester BEFORE you intend to graduate. Last modified: June 2018. Advising Worksheet Contact: [Anthony Sokol](#). CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE

Juniors met with MC advisors over the four Fridays of February for their first conversations with college staff to craft their degrees with the five terms they have left until high school graduation (summer 1, summer 2, fall, winter, and spring). Groups of 4-6 students made the trip during our Friday study hall periods to the advising office in the Manatee Building on the Rockville campus to complete advising worksheets from one of the four cores they can choose - STEM, HACL, SSAH, or INTG. Most students made more than one plan in order to deal with variables like - SAT scores determining which math class they can take; AP exam scores determining whether they must take MC classes in the summer, and funding for the MC grant which has run out and may not be available for students who need it for the summer 1 or summer 2 term. Students were pleased with their first trip to the campus, getting their MC ID's, and stopping for pizza in downtown Rockville! [General Studies Info](#)

MC Grant Funding Runs Out Before Summer 1 & 2 Terms

Tuition and fees for students in the MC² programs at Northwood and Northwest high schools are governed by the Maryland College Career Ready, College Completion Act of 2013 (CCRCCA). ([CCRCCA FAQ](#)) The Act states that students may be charged 90% of the 75% of tuition that MC charges MCPS for the first 4 classes a student takes, and 90% of the regular tuition after that. It also states that these discounts do not apply for classes in the summer terms. Students can expect to be charged the full [tuition and fees](#) for the upcoming summer 1 and 2 term, about \$517 for a 3 credit class. MC² students who qualified for the MC grant were able to take these classes at no cost for the past two years through the work of the MC Dual Enrollment office staff to find funding wherever they were able. This spring term, however, the MC grant has run out of money for the 2019 fiscal year. Staff are trying to provide assistance for summer classes. Parents may want to plan to join the head of the Montgomery County Council education committee Craig Rice, MCPS Superintendent Dr. Jack Smith, and MC President Dr. DeRionne Pollard at the next [Educational Budget Forum](#) March 27th, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Montgomery College-Takoma Park Campus Cultural Arts Center Theater 1 7995 Georgia Ave, Silver Spring, MD. We need to thank MC staff for their efforts and advocate for funding for much larger cohorts to come.

10th Grade MC2 Students Take First College Classes!

Northwood becomes the first MCPS high school to require multiple sections.

Thirty-eight sophomores are taking their first college classes at Northwood, American Popular Music (MUSC 131). This is the largest group of students to begin an MC class in a high school, requiring two sections for the first time. The two sections both run from 9:35-11:05 Mondays & Wednesdays for students who have AP Psychology 4th period, and Tuesdays & Thursdays for those who have AP Psychology 3rd period. The AP Psychology classes run on the opposite days. There was difficulty getting the classes started because of snow days and 2 hour delays. Since the MC classes start at 9:35 and school does not open until 9:45 on delay days, the classes get cancelled. There are currently 41 students in the 2021 cohort who are preparing to register for the summer 1 term where nearly all will take a distance learning (online) class, HLTH 105 - Personal and Community Health, which will fulfill the credit requirement for health to get their high school diploma. As seen on the [Advising Worksheets](#) for the General Studies associate degree, it also fulfills one of the General Education Instructional Requirements. The class sections for Northwood's MC² program will start May 20th, which is before the summer 1 term begins May 28th. That helps students complete the course online close to the end of our school year June 15th. Since the class is online there will be no teacher reminding students of due dates. They must use the syllabus to manage when assignments are due. Online classes also almost always require the purchase of a textbook and students must have that textbook at the beginning of the class. It is often cheapest to rent the textbook digitally from Amazon or the Montgomery College bookstore. This will be reviewed with the students once the information is available.

2022 Cohort is the Largest Yet! (until next year)

The class of 2022 cohort, like the three before it, is twice the size of the preceding grade! There are currently 88 students who registered for the AP Psychology class section A34 that is paired with the Montgomery College class - CE ADV Integrated Arts on the MCPS schedule and MUSC 131 at MC - in the second semester. MC courses are listed as CE ADV - concurrent enrollment advanced - on MCPS schedules and the grades get an additional point like AP classes. Most of these students are taking a semester of technology education prior to the MC class, and will need a second semester of tech ed in their senior year. Students may take [CMSC 110 - Computer Concepts](#) at MC after they have met the math requirement (A or B in Algebra 2B). That will fulfill the tech ed requirement in a single semester, and would add to STEM credits if students are choosing the STEM core for their degree. If they intend to take CMSC 110 students should contact their counselor to drop tech ed first semester as soon as possible. They can use that period if they need a PE credit or have another requirement, or want to take an elective. Students will be taking the ACCUPLACER and applying to Montgomery College in September 2019 to qualify to take MUSC 131. We will try to have all students registered at MC by the end of October, including grant applications for those who qualify.

2023 Cohort Has Over 120 Students Pledged to MC²!



Important Dates for Registration

March 18

- Summer 2019 class schedule available for viewing only at <http://bit.ly/viewMC> - Students will begin to register for summer 1 and 2 at <https://montgomerycollege.dualenroll.com/login>
 - Juniors will choose classes their advisors recommended they take that have distance learning (online) sections for summer 1. Some students may register for ENGL 101 Summer 2 if they are not sure they will get a 3 or better on AP Lang due to the short turnaround time after AP scores are released. This would ensure they can take ENGL 102.
 - Sophomores will register for the HLTH 105 distance learning section that is reserved for Northwood starting May 20. They may choose to take a second distance learning course that will begin May 28 and should end by June 28

April 1

- Registration begins for Summer 2019 - Northwood registrations must be complete at <https://montgomerycollege.dualenroll.com/login> so the academic coordinator at MC can register students. (Grant request form directions are pending.)

April 8

- Fall 2019 class schedule available for viewing only at <http://bit.ly/viewMC> - Students will begin to register for fall term at <https://montgomerycollege.dualenroll.com/login>
 - Juniors select the courses, times, and locations of their fall courses on campus senior year. They should make an appointment with their advisor using starfish to go over their choices well in advance of the opening of registration April 29.
 - Sophomores will register for the two MC classes taught at Northwood in the fall - BIOL 105 Environmental Biology (must have an A or B in Algebra 2 second semester to qualify) and SOCY 100 - Introduction to Sociology.

April 29

- Registration at dualenroll.com **should be complete**. It may take until July for students to be placed in courses they have not yet qualified for, but once scores and grades arrive the completed registration will allow them to be placed.
 - For juniors, registration for ENGL 102 will be waiting for at least a 3 on AP Lang. Students in doubt of that score may need to register for ENGL 101 for Summer 2 and drop it July 8th when they get their score. They may need to choose different sections if their original choice has filled before AP scores arrive.
 - For sophomores, registration for BIOL 105 will be waiting for an A or B for the second semester of Algebra 2.
- Application for the grant for the Fall term should be submitted as well. Funds are distributed in the order applications are received. 2018 tax returns will be required for all.