

Advanced Placement (AP) Coursework

The Advanced Placement (AP) program administered by the College Board is another opportunity through which students can take rigorous coursework and potentially earn college credit through the AP exams at the end of the academic year. AP exams are graded by the College Board on a scale from 1 to 5. Credit may be granted for scores of 3 or higher on a given exam. These exams cost \$94.00 each. As in the case of dual credit, individual colleges and universities determine if they will award credit based on a given score for a given exam.

Saint Patrick High School offers the following courses as regularly scheduled classes during the day:

Course Number	Course Name	Grade Taken
144	AP Economics: Macroeconomics	Senior
744	AP Physics C: Mechanics and Electricity	Senior

Students enrolled in these courses are required to take the AP exam at the completion of the year.

Grade Weighting

Saint Patrick High School uses the traditional grade point average scale with 4.0 points awarded for an A. Due to the requirements and rigor of college-level work, courses offered through the dual credit and Advanced Placement pathways receive a greater weight in determining a student’s grade point average. An A in any of these courses would be worth 5.0 points.

Questions

If you have any further questions, please contact Mr. Christopher Perez, the Director of Curriculum and the International Studies Program, at cperez@stpatrick.org or at 773-282-8844, ext. 228.



SAINT PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL
COLLEGE CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES



Saint Patrick High School has a comprehensive college preparatory program that strives to support students with diverse academic needs. As we recognize and appreciate the costs that are associated with college, we have conscientiously developed two systems through which our students can earn college credit while enrolled in their high school programs. These opportunities offer rigorous, college-level coursework at a significantly reduced cost to our families. The investment in these classes now can yield substantial savings in the near future.

The two means through which Saint Patrick students can earn college credit are:

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Dual credit refers to college coursework that is taken by a student while he is enrolled in high school. These courses can fulfill the graduation requirements or they can be electives chosen by the student. The courses are taught by either college or university instructors or high school faculty who hold advanced degrees in their subject areas. This makes them qualified to teach a college-level class. The credit-issuing university approves the syllabi, texts, and assessments to ensure that they are meeting college-level standards.

While the accrediting college holds the official transcript for the credit that is earned in the given classes, these credits are transferrable to a vast majority of colleges and universities throughout the country. Questions regarding the transferability of credit are best directed to those institutions to which the students are interested in applying. When inquiring as to the acceptance of the credits, one should ask if the school accepts dual credit.



We currently offer the following courses for dual credit with Saint Mary’s University of Minnesota:

Course Number	Course Name	Credit Hours Earned	Earliest Grade the Course Can Be Taken
H113	U.S. History to 1865	3	Sophomore
COM204	Public Speaking for the Professional	3	Sophomore
TH111	Thnkinkg Theologically	3	Junior
H114	U.S. History since 1865	3	Junior
B200/201	Human Biology/Lab	3	Junior
E195	Topics in American Literature	3	Junior
M151	Calculus I	4	Junior
ST132	Statistics	3	Junior
COM201	Beginning Newswriting	3	Junior
E200	Topics in British Literature	3	Senior
M152	Calculus II	4	Senior
PS102	American National Government	3	Senior
PY111	General Psychology	3	Senior

Total Potential Credit Hours Earned from Saint Mary’s: 41 hours

We currently offer the following courses for dual credit with Lewis University:

Course Number	Course Name	Credit Hours Earned	Earliest Grade the Course Can Be Taken
CPSC 2000	Introduction to Computer Science	3	Junior
AVRT 34200	Aerodynamics	3	Junior

Total Potential Credit Hours Earned from Lewis: 6 hours

We currently offer the following courses for dual credit with Loyola University Chicago:

Course Number	Course Name	Credit Hours Earned	Earliest Grade the Course Can Be Taken
THTR100	Introduction to the Theatre Experience	3	Sophomore
MUSC101	The Art of Listening	3	Junior

Total Potential Credit Hours Earned from Loyola University: 6 hours

We currently offer the following course for dual credit with Dominican University:

Course Number	Course Name	Credit Hours Earned	Earliest Grade the Course Can Be Taken
EDUC200	Foundations of Education	3	Junior

Total Potential Credit Hours Earned from Dominican University: 3 hours

Total Number of Potential Credits Overall: 56 hours

What are the benefits of dual credit coursework?

Rigorous, challenging curriculum that prepares students for college and beyond

Higher ACT-PSAT-SAT scores

Increased college scholarship prospects

Earlier registration for courses and dorms

Earn college credit at a significant savings

3 hour college/university course*:	\$3,105.00
3 hour dual credit tuition:	\$225.00
College tuition savings:	\$2,880.00

* Approximate cost for a 3 hour college course

Dual Credit - Early Accomplishments Produce Greater Success

Connor O’Rourke ‘14 (Saint Mary of the Woods) attended Saint Louis University with thirteen credit hours which assisted him in graduating with a Master’s in Accountancy in four years. He is now working for RSM McGladrey.

Robert Ryan ‘15 (Saint Juliana) enrolled at the University of Dayton with 25 credit hours. This enabled him to double major in accounting and finance while earning a minor in economics. He has started with KPMG.

Robert Fiorante ‘18 (Saint Eugene) is attending Marquette University. He transferred 28 credits with him. With these credits, he is on track to graduate in 2021, a full year earlier than his peers.