



Meridian High School / Whatcom Community College Course and Credit Equivalency Guide

For students in Running Start Fall 2023 and beyond

CREDIT EQUIVALENCIES - Each class taken at Whatcom Community College (WCC) will be applied at Meridian High School based on the following equivalency chart:

<u>WCC</u> 1.0	<u>MHS</u> .20	<u>WCC</u> 2.0	<u>MHS</u> .40	<u>WCC</u> 3.0	<u>MHS</u> .60	<u>WCC</u> 4.0	<u>MHS</u> .80	<u>WCC</u> 5.0	<u>MHS</u> 1.0
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Courses numbered below 100 are not college-level so are not funded by the Running Start program. Check with your counselor prior to enrolling in below-100 level courses to determine if high school credit can be awarded.

<u>Graduation Requirement</u>	<u>Eligible WCC Course(s)</u>	<u>Notes</u>
<p>English</p> <p>11th Grade English (take Junior Year)</p> <p>A student must take two (2) 5 credit WCC courses (one composition and one literature) to meet the graduation requirement.</p> <p>12th Grade English ^{^*}</p> <p>A student must take two (2) 5 credit WCC courses (composition or literature) to meet the graduation requirement.</p>	<p>Composition</p> <p>ENGL& 101 - Composition I</p> <p>ENGL 201 - Advanced Composition</p> <p>ENGL 202 - Writing About Literature</p> <p>ENGL 235 - Technical Writing</p> <p>ENGL 236 - Creative Writing I</p> <p>ENGL 237 - Creative Writing II</p> <p>Literature</p> <p>ENGL& 111 - Introduction to Literature</p> <p>ENGL& 113 - Introduction to Poetry</p> <p>ENGL 124 - Environmental Literature</p> <p>ENGL 134 - Shakespeare and Performance</p> <p>ENGL 136 - Science Fiction & Fantasy</p> <p>ENGL 137 - Literature & Society</p> <p>ENGL 141 - Introduction to Fiction: The Short Story</p> <p>ENGL 142 - Introduction to Fiction: The Novel</p> <p>ENGL 150 - Introduction to British Literature</p> <p>ENGL 161 - Introduction to American Literature</p> <p>ENGL 169 - Modern and Contemporary American Poetry</p> <p>ENGL 191 - Studies in Non-Western Literature</p> <p>ENGL 238 - Gender and Literature</p> <p>ENGL 250 - Studies in Major Periods of British Literature</p> <p>ENGL 258 - Studies in Major British Authors</p> <p>ENGL 261 - Studies in Major Periods of American Literature</p> <p>ENGL 266 - Ethnic Literature of the US</p> <p>ENGL 267 - Native American Literature</p> <p>ENGL 268 - Studies in Major American Authors</p> <p>ENGL 282 - Introduction to World Literature</p> <p>ENGL 284 - Western World Lit: Studies in Major Periods</p> <p>ENGL 286 - Mythology</p> <p>ENGL 288 - Western World Lit: Studies in Major Authors</p>	<p>The same WCC/BTC course may NOT be used to meet high school English graduation requirements.</p> <p>ESLA classes may be used for graduation credit for students who are currently being served by our EL program. If you are in the EL program please talk to your counselor about this option.</p> <p>^{^*} - Only students who took two English courses through running start in their junior year may also choose to take CMST220 for English credit their senior year.</p>
<p>US History</p> <p>(take in Junior Year)</p>	<p>HIST& 147 - US History II</p> <p>HIST& 148 - US History III</p>	<p>US History II covers material from 1st semester</p> <p>US History III covers material from 2nd semester</p>
<p>Senior Social Studies</p>	<p>One five credit 100 level or above course from the following:</p> <p>ANTHROPOLOGY (except 205) BUS&201 – Business Law</p> <p>GEOGRAPHY (except 100, 105) PHILOSOPHY</p> <p>HISTORY (except US) PSYCHOLOGY</p> <p>POLITICAL SCIENCE (except 202) SOCIOLOGY</p>	
<p>Mathematics</p>	<p>MATH - Any math course 100 level or above</p> <p>MATH 99**</p>	<p>** MATH 99 is not funded by the Running Start program and does not qualify as a dual credit course for your math graduation pathway.</p>
<p>Fine Arts</p>	<p>ART (except 100, 106, 107, 114, 150, 155, 203, 204, 205, 206, 215)</p> <p>DRAMA (except 101)</p> <p>MUSIC (except 105, 110, 115, 120, 211, 212, 213)</p>	
<p>Physical Education+</p> <p>+ If you plan on using a PE waiver, you need to discuss minimum credit requirements to keep PE waiver valid.</p>	<p>All one (1) and two (2) credit PHYSICAL ED. classes that are activity based courses</p> <p>DANCE 101, 102, 103 – Modern Dance I, II, III</p>	

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Science	Any Lab science 100 level or above in geology, oceanography, and physical science or 200 level course in biology, chemistry and physics. Other science class options: ANTH 205 or ANTH 215 – Biological Anthropology ASTRONOMY 100 – Survey of Astronomy CHEM 161 – General Chemistry with Lab 1 ENVR. SCIENCE 100 – Survey of Environmental Science NUTRITION 101 - Nutrition PHYSICS COURSES*	Students need 2.0 HS credit in lab science to graduate. Additionally, at least one algebra-based science course is required for admission to a Washington university. Consult the WCC catalog for lab science designation and algebra prerequisite. *-A student can take a 100 level physics course if they HAVE NOT taken a physics course in high school
Career Technical Education (CTE) / Occupational Ed	Any 100 level or above PROFESSIONAL / TECHNICAL program. Any 100 level or above COOPERATIVE EDUCATION / INTERSHIPS program Any 100 level or above ECONOMICS program Any 100 level or above ENGINEERING program PE 133 – Introduction to Athletic Training PSYCH 105 - Career Search Process PSYCH 106 - Job Finding Skills	A list of programs can be found under the Professional-Technical programs in the WCC course catalog. There is a list under Associate degrees (non-transfer) and Certificates.
World Language	Any 121 level or above class in the following languages: ASL, Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Spanish	Students take two consecutive levels of language at WCC, or combine a high school language course with the next level of the same language at WCC. To meet the graduation requirement, complete through the <u>second</u> year of a language, or through the <u>122</u> level at WCC.
Electives	Any 100 level and above course	

Students can also take WCC classes to make up courses either failed or not taken in 9th and 10th grade

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Civics	POLS& 202 – American Government	
Health	PE 181 – Health and Wellness	
9th/10th Grade English A student who needs to make up: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •.5 HS credit can take a 3 credit or 5 credit WCC course to meet the graduation requirement. • 1.0 HS credit can take two 3 credit or one 5 credit WCC course to meet the graduation requirement. 	Same courses as listed in 11 th and 12 th grade English are eligible.	
Mathematics	MATH - Any math course 100 level or above MATH 99**	The same WCC course may NOT be used to meet high school English graduation requirements. If a student needs to make up more than 1.0 credit from 9 th and 10 th grade English, they will need to develop a plan with their high school counselor. ESLA classes may be used for graduation credit for students who are currently being served by our EL program. If you are in the EL program please talk to your counselor about options.
Contemporary World Problems	GEOG 100 – Introduction to Geography GEOG& 250 – Geography of the Pacific Northwest	
WA State History	GEOG 115 – Pacific Northwest Geography HIST& 214 – Pacific Northwest History	
Science – Biology	Any BIOLOGY Lab science 100 level or above	
Science – Chemistry	Any CHEMISTRY Lab science 100 level or above	
Fine Arts / P.E. / CTE / Electives	Same courses as listed above are eligible.	