

Mesa College Programs

Fast Track - Beginning junior year, Fast Track students take one course per semester at Mesa College with a wide selection of choices

Legacy - Beginning sophomore year, Legacy students may enroll in one or two Mesa College courses taught on the Kearny campus

Early Grad - Since many students fulfill their high school graduation requirements by fall of their senior year, they can elect to attend Mesa Community College in the spring full-time.

Why dual enrollment programs?

Dual enrollment programs offer a wider assortment of courses to students - Students are exposed to a wider selection of courses than traditional High School Advancement Placement and International Baccalaureate offerings. For example, students can enroll in courses such as Astronomy, Anthropology, Ethnic Studies, Music Appreciation, and Philosophy for which there is no equivalent AP or IB exam.

Promotes post-secondary education for a wide variety of students - Unlike advanced courses that target high achieving students, any high school student with counselor approval can enroll in dual enrollment course at local community college courses.

Earn college credits prior to graduation, saving time and money - Students can complete the equivalent of their freshmen year of college before graduating high school.

Experience authentic college rigor/environment influencing later post-secondary success - College professors do not have any way of distinguishing between college and high school students. Therefore, the professors do not 'water-down' the curriculum, allowing the high school students to experience authentic college rigor in a collegiate environment. This early exposure influences later post-secondary success. For underachieving students especially, early success in courses often influences them to pursue further post-secondary studies.

A remedy to senioritis - Dual Enrollment programs are often cited as an antidote to senioritis, by providing an incentive for students to achieve their senior year. Unlike traditional high school students who find no purpose in their senior year, dual enrolled students must achieve in their courses, since the college coursework is an essential component to the students' post-secondary plans.