SPEND LESS TIME EARNING A DEGREE
AND MORE TIME EARNING A LIVING.

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WHAT IS COLLEGIATE ACADEMY?

Collegiate Academy allows students to simultaneously earn a high school diploma and an associate degree. The student body consists of high school juniors and seniors enrolled in dual-credit courses at their high school and MGCCC.

HIGHLIGHTS OF COLLEGIATE ACADEMY

• Expands learning opportunities for highly motivated students.
• Provides up to 60 hours of transferable college credit to universities and/or an industry certification credential.

HOW DO YOU BECOME PART OF COLLEGIATE ACADEMY?

• Meet all eligibility criteria for dual credit/dual enrollment.
• Be a high school junior (14 core Carnegie units) in good standing, with a GPA of 3.0 or above.*
• Submit an unconditional written recommendation from your high school principal or guidance counselor.
• Demonstrate appropriate, responsible, and respectful behavior on the high school campus.
• Demonstrate the maturity to cope with the challenges and relative freedom of a college environment.

*Alternative admission is possible with a minimum overall GPA of 3.0 and a minimum composite ACT score of 30 or equivalent SAT score.

WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT AFTER COMPLETION OF COLLEGIATE ACADEMY?

• High school graduation
• Associate degree from college and/or industry certification credentials
• Scholarship opportunities
• Accumulation of at least 60 college credits and/or industry certification credentials
• Strong connection and identification with a community of learners.
• Increased maturity, independence, and evidence of coping skills
• A customized high school experience with the rigor of college.
• A transition to college in a flexible, supportive, and academically enriched environment.
• A chance to get a head start on a college degree while earning a high school diploma.
• An environment that surrounds students with positive role models, helps them acclimate to college-level standards, and engages full immersion into both the high school and collegiate environment.

COLLEGIATE ACADEMY STUDENT SUCCESS

95 PERCENT RETENTION
3.4 GPA AVERAGE
WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT WHEN TAKING CLASSES IN COLLEGIATE ACADEMY?

• MGCCC works with you and your high school counselor to customize your educational journey.
• In addition to flexible course scheduling, you will experience a rigorous college curriculum taught by expert faculty.
• You will have access to a cadre of student service professionals for assistance with university transfer advising.
• You can be involved in high school activities and, if desired, college activities – excluding college athletics.
• You will experience a refreshing challenge, plus receive individual attention through faculty tutoring in the Learning Lab.

WHAT CAN A SCHOOL DISTRICT EXPECT AS A PARTNER WITH COLLEGIATE ACADEMY?

• MGCCC works with each school district to customize Collegiate Academy.
• The curriculum can be customized within degree requirements to meet the needs of the district. This includes the new Mississippi Graduation Requirements with Endorsement Options, excluding most health care programs.
• Students attend normal high school activities (athletics, band, choir, etc.) and organize college classes to fit within their schedules.
• Classes are taught at the high school (up to 29 credit hours), at an MGCCC campus, and online.

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The key to the success of Collegiate Academy is a strong partnership between independent school districts and MGCCC.
Once you graduate from COLLEGIATE ACADEMY, you can choose to GET A JOB or TRANSFER TO A COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY.

**DEGREE OPTIONS**

Associate of Arts • Associate of Science • Associate of Applied Science

**FOUR SEMESTERS • 15 HOURS EACH SEMESTER**

### CHOOSE TO TRANSFER.

The **ASSOCIATE OF ARTS (A.A.) DEGREE** is awarded for the successful completion of courses designed as the first two years of a four-year college/university curriculum leading to a baccalaureate degree. This degree encompasses programs listed under University Parallel Programs in the MGCCC catalog and requires the completion of 60 semester hours with an overall grade point average of 2.0 or above. The 60 hours must include the following:

**40 SEMESTER HOURS CORE**
- English, 6 semester hours (English Composition I and II)
- Social Science, 6 semester hours (choose from government, geography, economics, psychology, sociology, marriage and family, anthropology, or human growth and development)
- Math, 3 semester hours (MAT 1313 or higher math; MAT 1723 does not count)
- Science, 8 semester hours (any science with a laboratory)
- Physical Education, 2 semester hours
- Humanities, 6 semester hours (any literature, history, foreign language, philosophy)
- Fine Arts, 3 semester hours (any appreciation course)
- Public Speaking, 3 semester hours
- Approved computer course, 3 semester hours (BAD 2533, CSC 1123)

**20 ELECTIVE HOURS**
Additional 20 hours cannot include career or developmental classes.

**60 TOTAL HOURS**

### CHOOSE TO GET A JOB.

The **ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE (A.A.S.) DEGREE** is designed to meet the educational needs of students who are seeking preparation for employment in occupational fields not requiring a baccalaureate degree. In Collegiate Academy, the pursuit of this pathway would result in a high school diploma, industry certification credential, and A.A.S. Students in this option would accumulate 60 college credits – 15 academic and 45 CTE hours. However, students would have an industry credential that would allow them to work immediately.

**A.A.S. DEGREE: 15 SEMESTER HOURS ACADEMIC CORE**
- English, 3 semester hours (English Composition I)
- Public Speaking, 3 semester hours
- Math/Natural Science Elective, 3/4 hours
- Social/Behavioral Science Elective, 3 semester hours
- Humanities/Fine Arts Elective, 3 semester hours

1 Specific to university transfer requirements
Your goal (and ours) is **STUDENT SUCCESS**.
An **AFFORDABLE EDUCATION** helps you achieve that goal.

**COLLEGIATE ACADEMY FINANCIAL MODEL**

- When taught at the high school, the cost is $100 per academic class and $125 per CTE class. An additional $15 per credit hour Resource Fee is also required.
- When taught at MGCCC, the cost is $100 per credit hour for academic and $125 per credit hour for CTE. An additional $15 per credit hour Resource Fee is also required.
- When taught online, there is an additional $15 per credit hour fee.
- When taught at the high school by an MGCCC instructor, the school district is responsible for instructor cost.
- Additional book purchases (CTE, computer classes, biology lab books, etc.) are not included.

""" Collegiate Academy is an amazing program! If you have the chance to take this opportunity, you should. It is definitely worth it. ""

*Kailani Espola Ayala*

*Senior, D'Iberville High School*

*Collegiate Academy Student, Harrison County Campus*
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