



Dual Credit at Marist High School

Dual credit courses allow students to enroll in classes at Marist that satisfy their high school graduation requirements while simultaneously earning college credit. These courses are offered in partnership with several local universities, including Benedictine University, Loyola University Chicago, and Saint Xavier University.



For the 2026–2027 school year, Marist is proud to offer 15 dual credit courses. These offerings provide students with college-level learning experiences in both core and elective areas, strengthen preparation for postsecondary success, and create meaningful opportunities to earn early college credit.

Early college credit programming is multifaceted and offers academic, financial, and personal advantages that can positively shape students' educational journeys and future success. Key benefits include:



Cost savings: Completing college-level coursework in high school can reduce both the time and expense required to earn a college degree.



Career exploration: Exposure to a range of disciplines before declaring a college major supports more informed academic and professional decision-making.



Competitive edge: Participation in early college credit programs strengthens college applications by demonstrating academic readiness, ambition, and sustained commitment to learning.



Personal growth: Rigorous coursework builds confidence, sharpens critical thinking, and fosters independence as learners.

Several Advanced Placement (AP) courses at Marist are also dual credit. In these courses, students earn college credit through successful completion of the class, rather than depending on attaining a specific AP exam score in May.

Students who successfully complete a dual credit course earn an official transcript from the partnering university, reflecting both the grade received and the college credit awarded. This university transcript may then be submitted to the institution a Marist student attends after high school graduation. Students do not need to attend one of these partnering universities to receive the college credit as the credit is transferable to all colleges and universities.



2026-2027 School Year Dual Credit Course Offerings



Dual Credit Courses with Benedictine University

- Advanced Journalism & Media Honors
- AP Psychology
- AP Spanish Language
- AP Spanish Literature
- Calculus Honors
- Psychology Academic
- Religion in the 21st Century



Dual Credit Courses with Loyola University Chicago

- AP US Government
- Exploring Schools as Learning Environments
- French 3 Honors
- French 4 Honors
- Intro to Teaching, Learning & Leading
- Italian 3 Honors
- Italian 4 Honors



Dual Credit Courses with Saint Xavier University

- AP Computer Science A
- AP English Literature & Composition
- Creative Writing Honors

If you have any questions about dual credit—including eligibility, registration, course expectations, deadlines, fees, or how credit is earned—please contact your school counselor. Counselors are the first and best point of contact and will guide students and families through next steps if additional support is needed.