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**PETROCELLI COLLEGE OF
CONTINUING STUDIES**

MIDDLE COLLEGE PROGRAM

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Dr. Mark Silverstein
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Dear Mark:

Fairleigh Dickinson University (FDU) has been offering a dual enrollment program in partnership with New Jersey high schools for thirty-four years through its popular **Middle College Program**. Through Middle College, high-school students get the opportunity to take part in a comprehensive educational program designed to prepare them for college-level work, while earning college credits. Middle College has put the University within easy access to over one hundred secondary schools in the northern part of the state. With its growing popularity, FDU is now extending the program to the southern half of New Jersey.

Courses offered through the Middle College program span from a variety of disciplines including business, computer science, mathematics, science, English, history, languages, the arts and more. Course outlines are submitted by the high school to be reviewed for approval by a committee at the University. The credentials of instructors who would teach the courses are also reviewed to determine if criteria required of an adjunct University instructor are met. Once approved, the course will satisfy both a high school graduation requirement and will appear on a Fairleigh Dickinson University transcript. The cost to the student is nominal (\$234 for a three-credit course in 2017-18). A grade of "C" or better is required to receive college credit.

If you would like to learn more about this exciting opportunity, please contact Barbara Torna, Director of Middle College Programs at (201) 692-6504 or barbara@fdu.edu. You may also contact Anthony Mastropietro at (201) 424-8652 or mastro@fdu.edu.

Thank you for your interest in FDU's Middle College Program.

Sincerely,

Anthony Mastropietro
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The Program

Fairleigh Dickinson University's Middle College is the University's dual enrollment program. Dual Enrollment is an opportunity for high school students to earn high school and college credit simultaneously. Approved courses are categorized as advanced, honors and AP level. They are taught by approved high school instructors and taken in high school during the regular school day.



How Students Benefit

Students learn college-level skills before their freshman year. Critical thinking, writing, and reading skills developed in dual enrollment courses prepare students for success in college.

Students get a jump-start on college. Research shows that students who wish to transfer their dual enrollment credits to a college or university are able to do so successfully.

Students gain a competitive edge. Competition in college admissions means that admissions officers look for evidence of rigorous course work such as college level courses on student applications and high school transcripts.

Reduce the overall cost of a college education. Middle College tuition per course is significantly less when compared to colleges and universities. Additional savings can be realized as recognition of dual enrollment credits allows students to graduate early from college.

Students enjoy more flexibility in college. Earning college credits in high school gives students greater flexibility as full-time college students. Many dual enrollment alums find they are able to pursue second majors, or participate in study abroad opportunities and/or internships.

High School Instructor Eligibility & Evaluation

All disciplines require that the high school teacher be appropriately certified to teach in their respective subject area. They are expected to possess credentials comparable to those required of adjunct instructors teaching the same course on campus. A Master's degree in the subject or related area is required, but consideration is given to relevant education paired with considerable teaching experience and significant industry or professional experience. Teachers of non-liberal arts and technical disciplines possessing other degrees with industry/professional experience may also be considered for approval. A teacher's credentials and experience are reviewed and it is determined whether the teacher's degree, course background, teaching, other work experience, and continuing education in the field meet program requirements.

Course Requirements & Evaluation

Approved Middle College courses are categorized as advanced, honors and AP level. Courses must be reviewed by the faculty advisory committee of the Middle College Program for approval. Course outlines must be comprehensive and include: course description, course goals and objectives, texts and resources to be utilized and referenced, schedule of course topics, required readings, presentations, written assignments, etc., evaluation and grading mode, and other items as referenced on the course outline template provided partner schools.

Academic Areas

THE ARTS
MATHEMATICS
SCIENCES
ENGLISH
GOVERNMENT
HISTORY
LANGUAGES
and more

Fast Facts

- Courses taken through Middle College are listed on an official transcript from Fairleigh Dickinson University.
- Middle College credits are transferable to two and four-year colleges and universities.
- Cost-\$234 per 3-credit course
- \$2,000 annually renewable grant for undergraduate program for MCP students who enroll at FDU as freshman.
- Online Registration
- Online Transcript Requests

Exposure to challenging college-level coursework through dual enrollment programs like Middle College may better prepare students for the rigors of college-level coursework and helps students increase their chances of enrolling in and maintaining their postsecondary education.

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