



Individual Dual Enrollment Access (IDEA) Overview

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Information for First-Time Early College Students



Congratulations on embarking on this exciting adventure!

This document will give you an overview of the Individual Dual Enrollment Access (IDEA) program, as well as detailed instructions on how to start and complete the application and registration process as a first-time student.

Massasoit Community College needs to know who you are to create your student record.

- Please make sure that you use a reliable, **personal email address** when filling out your Application and Registration form. This is where all of your student information will be sent once you are registered for your courses.
- Once you are registered, you will receive an email containing your MyMassasoit Portal log in credentials and instructions, as well as your Massasoit email address.
- Once this email is received, your student portal is known as your “MyMassasoit” Portal. This student portal contains services and information required as a Massasoit student.
- Follow the detailed instructions on pages **12-13** of this overview to log in and setup your MyMassasoit student account.

What it means to be an Early College Student

Being an Early College Student comes with countless possibilities and benefits. It also, however, comes with a great deal of responsibility, maturity, and self-discipline. By starting your college journey before you even complete your high school diploma, you are essentially on the fast track to complete your college degree. It will take you less time, *and* less money to complete your degree, because you are starting that process now!

The college courses that you will be taking are the same that any other college-level student would take. You will, if you haven't already, take the same placement exams, be placed in courses taught by college professors, and be held to the same academic expectations of a traditional college student. Although this can sound intimidating, you will have a great deal of personal and academic support throughout your journey.

It is important that you keep in constant communication with the Office of Early College Access, your Professor, and your School Counselor/High School Liaison. We are here to support you, and assist you if you run into any difficulties or just need some advice. By communicating early and often, you are learning to be your own advocate – which is crucial in order to be a successful college student.

Remember, you are starting to build your college transcript. This can have long lasting implications on future college admissions and financial aid eligibility. You must maintain good grades, good conduct, and good attendance in order to remain an Early College student. Please do not take this responsibility lightly! This is *your* education, and *your* future.

Individual Dual Enrollment Access Overview and Eligibility

Individual Dual Enrollment Access (IDEA)

The Individual Dual Enrollment Access (IDEA) program offers Massachusetts high school and homeschool (see policy below) students dual enrollment classes as an affordable way to earn college credits, and gain a head start on earning their college degree. The program provides students the opportunity to develop college-level academic skills while still in high school, as well as an accelerated college pathway that reduces time to graduation. Students can save money on tuition and increase future earning potential while taking general education requirements or electives and exploring potential majors through the Massasoit Dual Enrollment Program (MDEP). Students under the age of 16 are required to meet criteria for Massasoit's Youth Learner Policy (see policy below).

Massasoit Dual Enrollment Program (MDEP)

Massasoit Community College offers a reduced tuition rate of \$50 per credit hour for up to two courses per semester. For fall and spring semesters:

- After 4:00pm Monday through Friday.
- Any time on Saturday or Sunday.
- **Select** sections of Online classes.
- At the high school's discretion students may earn high school credit for their college course.

All summer courses qualify for the reduced tuition rate with the exception of developmental English: ENGL091/092/099, and developmental MATH: MATH001/002/010/011. Students are required to pay for lab, or special course fees, in addition to books and supplies. To have the discounted rate applied, students must contact the Office of Early College Access.

Homeschool Policy

All homeschool students without a high school diploma or GED/HiSET are eligible to apply for admission to the Individual Dual Enrollment Access (IDEA) program provided they are successfully

participating in an approved homeschool program in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws or the laws of their home states. To determine whether a student has participated in an approved homeschool program, the student shall submit evidence that the homeschool program has been approved by the student's school district superintendent or school committee. Additionally, if the homeschool student is under the age of compulsory attendance, a letter from the student's school district's superintendent or school committee is required. This letter must state the student is not considered truant and would not be required to attend further schooling or continue to be homeschooled if the student has completed his or her home school program before the age of 16.

Youth Learner Policy

Students under the age of 16 years old will be considered for credit and non-credit courses, with the exception of sports camps, on a case-by-case basis. The student must obtain Youth Learner approval from either the Early College Access office before registering for credit or non-credit courses. The College reserves the right to limit or deny enrollment of a student under the age of sixteen (16) in credit or non-credit courses based on its case-by-case consideration of a variety of factors, including but not limited to: the student's maturity level, life experience, placement assessment, pre-requisites, prior education, course content, instructional methodology, and risks or requirements associated with a particular course(s). A Youth Learner approval meeting can be requested by emailing earlycollege@massasoit.mass.edu.

Individual Dual Enrollment Deadlines

Spring 2025

Courses are viewable on course search	November 2024
Multiple Measures Documentation Submitted or Accuplacer testing must be completed by	Friday, December 13, 2024
Completed App (including Youth Learner, if required) and Registration form must be received by	Friday, December 13, 2024
First day of Classes	Wednesday, January 22, 2025
Add/Drop period Ends	Tuesday, January, 28 2025
Last Day to withdraw from classes	Thursday, April 17, 2025
Last day of classes	Tuesday, May 6, 2025

Summer Session 1 2025

Courses are viewable on course search	Late March/Early April 2025
Multiple Measures Documentation Submitted or Accuplacer testing must be completed by	Friday, April 25, 2025
Completed App (including Youth Learner, if required) and Registration form must be received by	Friday, April 25, 2025
First day of Classes	Tuesday, May 27, 2025
Add/Drop period Ends	Wednesday, May 28, 2025
Last Day to withdraw from classes	Friday, June 20, 2025
Last day of classes	Tuesday, July 1 2025

Summer Session 2 2025

Courses are viewable on course search	Late March/Early April 2025
Multiple Measures Documentation Submitted or Accuplacer testing must be completed by	Friday, June 13, 2025
Completed App (including Youth Learner, if required) and Registration form must be received by	Friday, June 13, 2025
First day of Classes	Monday, July 7, 2025
Add/Drop period Ends	Tuesday, July 8, 2025
Last Day to withdraw from classes	Thursday, July 31, 2025
Last day of classes	Thursday, August 7, 2025

Fall 2025 - TENTATIVE

Courses are viewable on course search	Late March/Early April 2025
Multiple Measures Documentation Submitted or Accuplacer testing must be completed by	Friday, August 8, 2025
Completed App (including Youth Learner, if required) and Registration form must be received by	Friday, August 8, 2025
First day of Classes	Wednesday, September 3, 2025
Add/Drop period Ends	Tuesday, September 9, 2025
Last Day to withdraw from classes	Thursday, November 20, 2025
Last day of classes (including final exam)	Tuesday, December 9, 2025

Multiple Measures and Placement Information

Many classes have prerequisites that students are required to meet. Prerequisites are designed to ensure students who enroll in a course are prepared to handle the rigor of that course. Students can meet this requirement by using [Multiple Measures](#), which includes completing the Accuplacer placement exam or submitting documentation for placement assessment to earlycollege@massasoit.mass.edu.

To secure an appointment for the Accuplacer placement exam in all 3 subjects (reading, writing, and math), students can request an in-person or remote Accuplacer placement testing appointment at the following hyperlink prior to registering for courses: Schedule Accuplacer Appointment with Massasoit's Office of Testing & Assessment [here](#).

Download the ACCUPLACER Study Guide

If you have any questions about testing, please contact the [Testing & Assessment office](#). Contact information below:

- The Testing & Assessment office can be reached by email at testingoffice@massasoit.mass.edu and by phone at 508-588-9100 x1991. They will respond to emails and return calls **within 1 business day**.
- If you do not hear back within **1 business day**, please resend the email and cc Early College earlycollege@massasoit.mass.edu.

MDEP Course Qualification

Massasoit courses can be found at [Course Search - Massasoit Community College](#).

It is important when you are selecting courses to pay attention to the following:

Things to pay attention to:

ENGL101 - English Composition I
Summer 2021 - Credit Course
 Attribute: HJ,LA
 How to Register

This course helps students develop and organize extended pieces of writing. Students focus on the correct and appropriate use of language and the organization and development of paragraphs and essays. Research techniques, documentation of sources, and a short research paper are included. Constant reading and frequent writing is required.

Prerequisites: ENGL 091 Preparing for College Reading I and ENGL 099 Introductory Writing; waiver by placement testing results; or departmental approval.

CRN	Course#	Status	Campus	Location	Days	Start / End Time	Start / End Dates	Add / Drop Deadline	Instructor	Credits	Book	Fees
28367	ENGL101 HA4	FULL	Web	Web	T R	11:00 AM - 12:15 PM	02/22/2021-05/17/2021	02/24/2021	Paone, Lorna	3	Details	\$0
ENGL101 HA4:: Accelerated Session: course runs 2/22/21-5/17/21. Hybrid course: combination of fixed video conference and flex online classes. Internet and webcam required.												
28625	ENGL101 HA5	FULL	Web	Web	T	6:00 PM - 7:15 PM	02/22/2021-05/17/2021	02/24/2021	Krasnow, Claire	3	Details	\$0
ENGL101 HA5:: Accelerated Session: course runs 2/22/21-5/17/21. Hybrid course: combination of fixed video conference and flex online classes. Internet and webcam required.												

14. [Details](#)

1. Course Description	9. Add/Drop deadline
2. Pre-requisite	10. Instructor
3. CRN	11. Number of Credits
4. Course Number	12. Book Information
5. Seats available/full	13. Fees
6. Campus/Location	14. Modality (Web/Hybrid/Video Conference)
7. Days/times	15. Yellow Highlighted important information
8. Start/end dates	

Please Note:

- Please be sure to check your placement scores and see if it fulfills the course prerequisite requirements.
- After you select the course(s) that you want to take, please fill out the registration form, and include the 5-digit Course Registration Number (CRN).
- For additional Course Search instructions, please view [Massasoit's YouTube: Course Search Direction - YouTube](#).

Academic Instruction Formats

Online

Primarily conducted through a learning management system like Canvas, students are able to complete their work on their own schedule but must be aware of deadlines when submitting their work. Limited activities, such as science labs or exams, may be required at fixed dates and/or times through Canvas, or by using a web conferencing program like Zoom. An optional online exam proctoring program may also be used at the discretion of the instructor.

Video Conferencing

Primarily conducted in real-time sessions at specific days and times through a video conferencing program like Zoom. Instruction may include limited required resources and other online learning activities through the Canvas learning management system or email.

Hybrid

A combination of Online and Video Conferencing. In some of cases, the combination can be either Online (Canvas) and in-person class sessions, or Video Conferencing and in-person class session.

In Person

Courses are held either at the Brockton, Canton, or Middleborough campuses.

More information on course formats can be found [here](#) and [Massasoit Course Formats - YouTube](#).

Filling out the Application and Registration

The Application and Registration process can be an engaging and positive experience for you when decisions are made and documents are submitted in a timely manner.

- New students can now apply using our new and secure online application. The application must be signed by a parent/guardian to be considered complete. Please click [here](#) to begin the application process.
- If a student is not able to complete the online application, please contact the Office of Early College Access for assistance at earlycollege@massasoit.mass.edu.
 - Please submit to the Office of Early College Access the most current high school transcript.
 - The Registration form must be completed by the student in its entirety, including course information, and required student signature; and submitted to the Office of Early College Access. Please [click here](#) to complete the Registration form.

I'm Registered for Classes! Now What?

Congratulations to you for completing all of the necessary steps, so far, to begin your Early College experience. Well done! So, what's next?



1. Once you are registered for your courses, you will receive a Welcome email from the Registrar's Office. This email will be sent to the personal email address you provided on the Registration form. The email will contain your MyMassasoit Student Portal log in credentials and instructions. Be sure to check your junk/spam folder, as unrecognized mail can sometimes end up there.
2. You will log into your MyMassasoit Portal. This portal provides information and links to many programs and services. This is also how you access your email and Canvas, Massasoit's online learning platform. Refer to the process below for first time users and returning students, if needed.
3. Check your Massasoit Student Email. Your Professor will email you with instructions on how to proceed with starting your course.

Course Payment

The Office of Early College Access does not accept payment for courses. Please submit your completed documents without any method of payment attached. Once you are registered for your course(s), you will receive a confirmation email sent to the personal email address listed on your registration form, which will include information about your registration and how to log into your student account. You may also receive, either in the mail or by email, a schedule/invoice, as well as instructions for how to make payment.

Methods of payment include:

- Paying online through the MyMassasoit student portal. Students will receive instructions with their confirmation email to access the portal and locate links to payment options.
 - You can make payments by either logging into the MyMassasoit portal, click the "student" tab at the top, and on the right then click on "Student Self-Service".
- You can also contact the Student Accounts office at SAO@massasoit.mass.edu to arrange payment.
- Mailing check (do NOT send cash) to Massasoit Community College, One Massasoit Blvd, Brockton, MA 02302 with Attention to the Office of Student Accounts. Students should include a reference to their student ID number (V# located on the's student's schedule/invoice) for proper payment application.

Online Student Orientation

Every new student is required to complete an Online Student Orientation. After you are officially registered, you will receive an email from the Office of Early College Access, with instructions on how to complete the Online Student Orientation. Prior to the Online Student Orientation, students are required to attend the Online Learning Student Training.

Please check your Massasoit email daily.

Students will not be able to participate in the Orientation unless Application and Registration form have been submitted.

Prior to your Orientation, all of the necessary information will be emailed to your Massasoit email address. The Online Student Orientation will provide you with all the important information you need to start your first college semester at Massasoit.

Please note: Failure to complete the Orientation may affect your eligibility to take additional dual enrollment courses.

Student Technology Access at Massasoit

Students can find information [here](#) about how to access Massasoit's online technology for students.

Support for Students with Disabilities

Massasoit Community College is committed to assuring that students with disabilities have equal, effective, and meaningful access to all academic programs, community events, goods, and services provided by the college, in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act.

Please encourage students seeking accommodations and/or services to contact the Office of Access and Disabilities Resources (ADR) at ADR@massasoit.mass.edu, or 508-588-9100 ext. 1807. It is strongly recommended that students voluntarily disclose their disability to the ADR prior to testing, and 3 weeks prior to the start of the semester, to request services, complete the intake process, and to ensure that any accommodations required are in place by the first week of classes. For more information, please click [here](#).



Read the Individual Dual Enrollment Access (IDEA) Overview Packet.

- Start the application process
- Students under age 16 must adhere to the College's Youth Learner Policy
- Submit documentation for placement assessment or complete Accuplacer exam
- Submit your application, registration form, & high school transcript

Look out for the email confirmation from the Registrar's Office with your MyMassasoit Portal information.

- Make the payment through MyMassasoit Portal
- Check your Massasoit email
- Attend Online Learning Student Training
- Complete Online Student Orientation
- Attend your class(es)

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