



EARLY COLLEGE ALLIANCE @ EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

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2018-2019 ENROLLMENT & DEMOGRAPHICS:

- Total Enrollment: 465
 - Academy (9th Grade) 79
 - 10th/11th Grade 1st Years: 96
 - Anticipated 2019 Grads: 109
- Gender: 37% M, 63% F
- Ethnicity: 19% African American, 6% Asian, 2% 58% Caucasian, 17% other
- 17% of students eligible for free/reduced lunch

2018 GRADUATES:

- 129 Total “Completers” finishing in April, June, August, or December, 2018
- Average # of EMU Credits: 57
- Average EMU GPA: 3.37
- 88% matriculated to 4-year colleges
- 7% matriculated to 2-year institutions
- 5% employment, military service or gap year

ECA @ EMU SAT scores compared to State of Michigan*		
year	ECA	Michigan
2016	1132	1001
2017	1147	1008
2018	1117	1000

* Michigan requires every student in public education to take the SAT, which accounts for the lower than expected state composite scores.

ECA @ EMU: AN EARLY/MIDDLE COLLEGE

The Early College Alliance @ Eastern Michigan University is a public early/middle college program on the campus of Eastern Michigan University, a fully accredited post-secondary institution of the North Central Association (NCA). The ECA @ EMU is a Shared Educational Entity (SEE) that partners the Washtenaw Intermediate School District, EMU, and nine local school districts (Ann Arbor Public Schools, Chelsea Public Schools, Dexter Community Schools, Lincoln Consolidated Schools, Manchester Community Schools, Milan Area Schools, Saline Area Schools, Whitmore Lake Public Schools, and Ypsilanti Community Schools). Each partner district receives a percentage of the available enrollment openings at the ECA, and contributes to its governance by membership in the Washtenaw County Educational Options Consortium Joint Steering Committee. The ECA is in its eleventh year of operation.

PROGRAM

The ECA @ EMU offers students the opportunity to fulfill their requirements for a high school diploma while completing rigorous college preparatory coursework, gaining valuable college readiness skills, and earning up to sixty transferable college credits from EMU.

The ECA @ EMU is recognized by the United States Department of Education (USDOE) as a four-plus-one program. Students begin the program at the start of ninth, tenth or eleventh grade, and if needed, are provided an additional year beyond their expected year of graduation to complete the program. The ECA @ EMU is a “non-time centric” program; students progress through the program based on actual skill acquisition (mastery learning) rather than on credit acquisition.

CURRICULUM

The ECA @ EMU is a three-phase program. The first phase, for students who enroll in the 9th grade, is our 9th Grade Academy, which provides a transition from middle school to the high-rigor of the 10th/11th grade program. In the second “credentialing” phase, students are provided with a rigorous college preparatory curriculum taught by Michigan-certified secondary education teachers. Students acquire and demonstrate “hard” (academic) skills in English, mathematics, science, and social studies, as well as “soft” (social and emotional) skills. “Soft skills” are fundamental to student success in the post-secondary environment, and are embedded into the curriculum and school culture through direct instruction, practice, and instructor feedback in several specific learner domains: Attendance, Preparation, Performance, Communication and Self-Advocacy, and Self-Awareness. Once they begin their Credentialing year (10th/11th grade), students remain in the ECA college preparatory program until they consistently demonstrate true college readiness in both academic and soft skills. Students only move onto the third phase of the program upon completion of the ECA college preparatory component.

In the third phase, ECA students transition to become full-time Eastern Michigan University undergraduate students, simultaneously pursuing college general education requirements and ECA program completion requirements to finish high school.

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ECA @ EMU AWARDS & RECOGNITION

2011-12 University of Michigan Music Society Arts Education of the Year Award

2013 Engineering Society of Detroit David A. Skiven Leadership Award

2018 Ranked 99.9 out of 100 for Michigan's new school ranking system. State median 71.89.

STUDENT OUTCOMES:

T.C. (Milan) completed the program with over 62 college credits. As owner of School Me Clothing, he was selected by Forbes' editors as one of 16 promising young entrepreneurs, and named by theroot.com as one of the nation's top 25 innovators under 22. At the age of 17, he was chosen to teach English to school-aged children in Korea.

J.L.(Manchester), EMU Dean's List, transferred to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology with 62 credits.

M. M. (Ypsilanti) transferred to Cornell University (Engineering) with over 45 credits.

T.C. (Chelsea), EMU Dean's List, transferred to University of Michigan - Ann Arbor (Engineering) with 57 credits.

R.F. (Manchester), Transferred to Brown University with 33 credits.

A.F.(Saline) & M. J.(Ypsilanti), Full-ride (Presidential Scholarship) to Eastern Michigan University.

S.T. (Ann Arbor) One of 781 students in the nation with a perfect score of 36 on the ACT. S.T. completed the exam at the age of 15.

EVALUATING ECA @ EMU STUDENTS

Organizationally, ECA @ EMU students become full-time EMU students. They are not high school students who dual enroll in a few college courses. Instead, they are "jointly enrolled and admitted" to the ECA and Eastern Michigan University. ECA students who demonstrate an average rate of progress will spend nine semesters in the program, with the last seven to eight semesters as full-time Eastern Michigan University students.

Culturally, ECA @ EMU students are fully immersed in the college environment. Once they reach the third phase and take college courses, they attend class with the EMU student body as a whole, with no modifications or adjustments made in either curriculum or instruction by Eastern Michigan University faculty. The structure and pedagogy of the ECA is designed to support the university curriculum as the core academic experience of its students. Generally, ECA students make up no more than 20% of any EMU course section.

The ECA @ EMU **strongly recommends** that post-secondary institutions primarily use the applicant's Eastern Michigan University transcript to evaluate the student's academic performance and level of "college readiness" to predict his/her likelihood of college success.

Transcripts

When applying to any post-secondary institution, an ECA @ EMU student will submit three (or more) transcripts that together paint a full picture of educational growth:

1. **High School Transcript:** The ECA @ EMU starts in a student's second or third year of high school. This transcript reflects performance in the student's district high school prior to the student entering the ECA.
2. **ECA @ EMU Transcript:** This transcript shows a student's performance in the ECA @ EMU college preparatory program. ECA college preparatory classes employ the following grading scale:

90-100%	A	Exceptional
80-89.99%	B	Above Average
73-79.99%	C	Average
55-72.99%	LCR	Less than Proficient, with credit
0-54.55%	LNC	Less than Proficient, no credit

Because ECA college preparatory classes have a skill-building function, the ECA @ EMU does not rank students based on grades.
3. **EMU Transcript:** This transcript exhibits a student's performance in Eastern Michigan University courses.

Please note: An applicant's reported GPA is pulled from his or her official Eastern Michigan University transcript. We believe the EMU transcript is the most accurate and recent reflection of a student's GPA. Transcripts from all of the student's high school credit-earning institutions will be attached to a student's file: any high school transcript(s) prior to the ECA @ EMU, the ECA @ EMU transcripts demonstrating high school coursework taken in the early college, and the Eastern Michigan University transcript). At the ECA @ EMU we do not rank students.

ADMINISTRATION

If you have any questions regarding a student's academic record or the ECA @ EMU program, please contact us directly at (734) 487-4290.

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