



MERIDIAN HIGH SCHOOL

WCC Course Equivalency Guide - 2025-2026

Credits at Meridian High School and Whatcom Community College are not the same. Credits are awarded based on the following table:

WCC 1.0	MHS 0.2	WCC 2.0	MHS 0.4	WCC 3.0	MHS 0.6	WCC 4.0	MHS 0.8	WCC 5.0	MHS 1.0
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COURSE EQUIVALENCIES:

Students enrolled in Running Start at Whatcom Community College can use this equivalency guide to ensure that the courses they are enrolled in help meet high school graduation requirements for Meridian High School. Courses numbered below 100-level are not college-level courses and so are not funded by the Running Start program. Questions should be directed to your counselor by email or appointment.

ENGLISH GRADUATION REQUIREMENT		ELIGIBLE WCC COURSE LIST & NOTES
11th Grade English <i>1.0 high school credit</i>	Two 5-credit English courses, one composition-based and one literature-based	Composition ENGL&101 - Composition I ENGL 201 - Advanced Composition ENGL 202 - Writing About Literature ENGL 235 - Technical Writing ENGL 236 - Creative Writing I ENGL 237 - Creative Writing II
12th Grade English <i>1.0 high school credit</i>	Two 5-credit English courses ESLA classes may be used for graduation credit for students who are currently being served by our Multilingual Learners program. If you believe you may be eligible, please speak with your counselor. CMST 220 may count as an English credit in 12th grade for any student who took two Running Start English courses in 11th grade.	Literature ENGL&111 - Introduction to Literature ENGL&113 - Introduction to Poetry ENGL 124 - Environmental Literature ENGL 134 - Shakespeare & Performance ENGL 136 - Science Fiction & Fantasy ENGL 137 - Literature & Society ENGL 141 - Introduction to Fiction: The Short Story ENGL 142 - Introduction to Fiction: The Novel ENGL 150 - Introduction to British Literature ENGL 161 - Introduction to American Literature ENGL 169 - Modern and Contemporary American Poetry ENGL 191 - Studies in Non-Western Literature ENGL 238 - Gender and Literature ENGL 250 - Studies in Major Periods of British Literature ENGL 258 - Studies in Major British Authors ENGL 261 - Studies in Major Periods of American Literature ENGL 266 - Ethnic Literature of the US ENGL 267 - Native American Literature ENGL 268 - Studies in Major American Authors ENGL 282 - Introduction to World Literature ENGL 284 - Western World Lit: Studies in Major Periods ENGL 286 - Mythology ENGL 288 - Western World Lit: Studies in Major Authors Note: The same course at BTC / WCC may not be used to meet graduation requirements.

FINE ARTS GRADUATION REQUIREMENT		ELIGIBLE WCC COURSE LIST & NOTES
Students must have at least 2.0 high school credits of Fine Art to graduate A student's High School and Beyond Plan may indicate a course progression that can supersede 1.0 Fine Arts credit requirements.	Any Art Course (except 100, 106, 107, 114, 150, 155, 203, 204, 205, 206, 215) Any Drama course (except 101) Any Music course (except 105, 110, 115, 120, 211, 212, 213)	

MATHEMATICS GRADUATION REQUIREMENT		ELIGIBLE WCC COURSE LIST & NOTES
Students must have at least 3.0 high school credits of math to graduate	Any 100-level or above Mathematics course	

PHYSICAL EDUCATION GRADUATION REQUIREMENT	ELIGIBLE WCC COURSE LIST & NOTES
Students must have at least 1.5 high school credits of physical education to graduate.	Any activity-based Physical Education course DANCE101 - Modern Dance I DANCE 102 - Modern Dance II DANCE 103 - Modern Dance III

SCIENCE GRADUATION REQUIREMENT	ELIGIBLE WCC COURSE LIST & NOTES
Students must have at least 3.0 high school credits of science to graduate, 2.0 of which must be lab science	<p>Lab Science</p> <p>Any Geology Lab Science at 100-level or above Any Oceanography Lab Science at 100-level or above Any Physical Science Lab Science at 100-level or above Any Biology Lab Science at 200-level or above Any Chemistry Lab Science at 200-level or above Any Physics Lab Science at 200-level or above (students who did not take Physics at MHS can take a 100-level or above Physics course) ANTH 215 - Bioanthropology with lab</p> <p>Non-Lab Science</p> <p>ANTH 205 - Biological anthropology ASTR&100 - Survey of Astronomy ENVS&100 - Survey of Environmental Science NUTR&101 - Nutrition</p>

SOCIAL STUDIES GRADUATION REQUIREMENT	ELIGIBLE WCC COURSE LIST & NOTES
11th Grade US History 1.0 high school credit	Students must take both of the following courses: HIST&147 - US History II HIST&148 - US History III
12th Grade Civics 0.5 high school credit	POLS&202 - American Government
12th Grade Social Studies 0.5 high school credit	One 5-credit course from eligible list Any Anthropology course (except 205 or 215) Any Geography course (except 100 or 105) Any History course (except 146, 147 or 148) Any Political Science course (except 202) BUS&201 - Business Law Any Philosophy course Any Psychology course Any Sociology course

WORLD LANGUAGE GRADUATION REQUIREMENT	ELIGIBLE WCC COURSE LIST & NOTES
<p>Students must have at least 2.0 high school credits of World Language to graduate</p> <p>A student's High School and Beyond Plan may indicate a course progression that can supersede World Language requirements, however most four-year college or universities require world language for admission</p>	<p>Two consecutive courses in world language or a combination of a high school language course with the next level course of the same language at WCC. To meet graduation requirements, students must complete through the 122-level at WCC.</p> <p>Any World Language course 121-level or above</p>

CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE) GRADUATION REQUIREMENT	ELIGIBLE WCC COURSE LIST & NOTES
Students must have at least 1.0 high school credits of CTE to graduate	Any 100-level or above program in the following areas, based upon the Professional Technical programs listed in the WCC Course Catalog Professional / Technical Cooperative Education / Internship Economics Engineering PE 133 - Introduction to Athletic Training PSYCH 105 - Career Search Process PSYCH 106 - Job Finding Skills

ELECTIVES GRADUATION REQUIREMENT	ELIGIBLE WCC COURSE LIST & NOTES
Students must have at least 4.0 high school credits of electives to graduate	Any 100-level and above courses

MAKING UP HIGH SCHOOL CREDITS:

Students may use additional courses at Whatcom Community College to make up courses failed or not taken in 9th or 10th grades at Meridian High School, based on the below equivalency.

MHS COURSE	WCC COURSE
Health	PE 181 - Health and Wellness
9th or 10th grade English	Same courses as listed in 11th and 12th grade english are eligible
Mathematics	Any 100-level and above courses
Contemporary World Problems	GEOG 100 - Introduction to Geography GEOG&250 - Geography of the Pacific Northwest
Washington State History	GEOG 115 - Pacific Northwest Geography HIST&214 - Pacific Northwest History
Science - Biology	Any Biology Lab Science at 100-level or above
Science - Chemistry	Any Chemistry Lab Science at 100-level or above
Career & Technical Education Electives Fine Arts Physical Education	Same courses as listed eligible above