

UMaine Early College (EC) Glossary
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All Early College programs in the University of Maine System offer a Dual Enrollment option. Dual Enrollment programs allow students to be enrolled in two separate, academically related institutions. Generally, it refers to high school students taking college or university courses. Currently at UMaine we have four EC programs.

1. Academ-e Program

UMaine offers a specific portfolio of online courses of approximately 20-25 classes per semester. Taught by UM faculty.



2. Aspirations Program

EC students enroll in any regularly offered UM course in which they meet all prerequisites. Format options include live, VC, and online.



3. Dual/Concurrent Enrollment Program

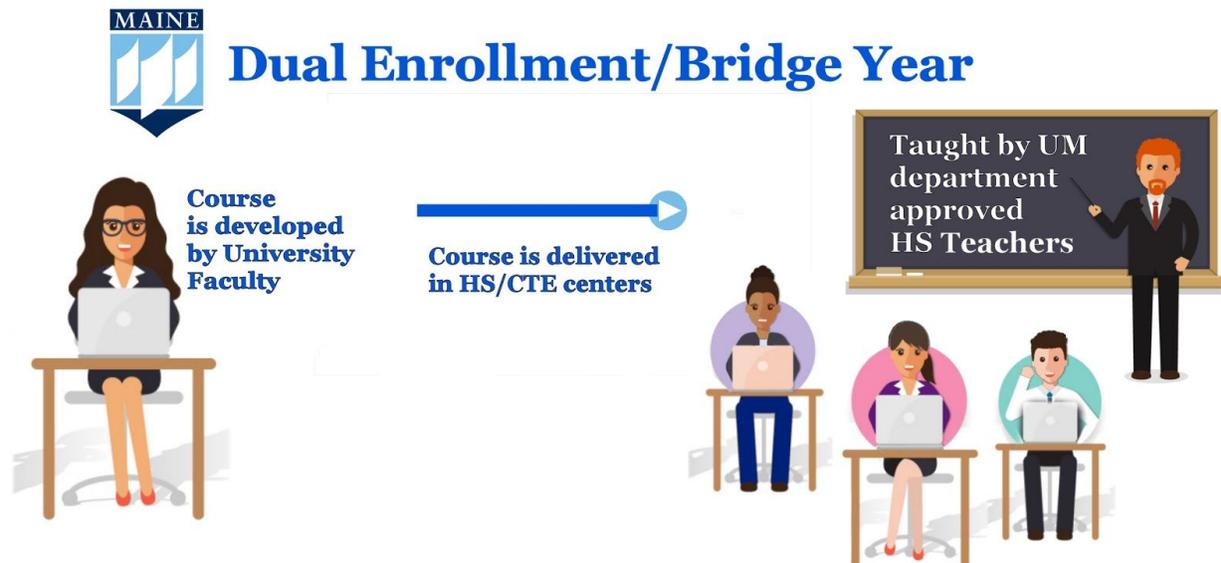
Courses taught **in a high school** by University department-approved high school teachers.

- Low-cost, scalable model for bringing college courses to students in rural high schools and secondary career centers.
- College-level faculty serve as liaison to high school teachers to ensure all college-level standards are met
- Courses either follow college semester (15 weeks) or high school full year format (36 weeks)

Note: Academ-e, Aspirations, and Dual Enrollment programs are funded through Maine Legislature and administered by Aspirations Funding at DOE. UMaine provides a tuition waiver for the tuition not reimbursed through DOE. Students can earn up to 12 college credits tuition free per year.

4. Bridge Year Program

Bridge Year Educational Services (BYP) is a Maine non-profit organization dedicated to assisting high school students earn college credits while attending high school. Students take UM courses while attending a regional Career and Technical Education (CTE) Center. Courses either follow college semester (15 weeks) or high school full year format (36 weeks). Tuition is subsidized by UM and BYP for eligible Maine juniors and seniors.



New EC Initiatives under consideration

Academ-e HS Program

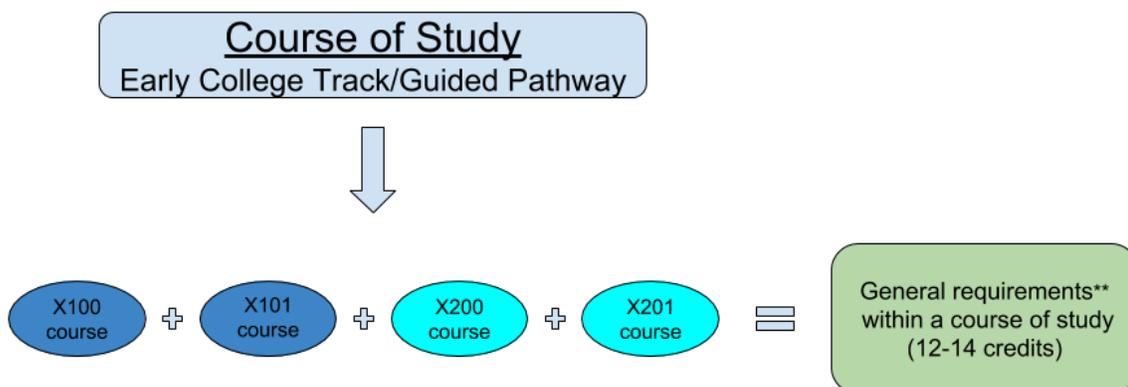
This proposed model is a subset of Academ-e. Courses taught online by UMaine faculty and supported in a high school setting by high school teachers.

- Academ-e HS is a low-cost, scalable model for making college courses accessible throughout Maine high schools and CTE Centers, especially in rural areas.



Early College Tracks/Guided Pathways

Development of EC Tracks/ Guided Pathways aligned to specific fields of study. Goal is to build a credential of value that can be earned while in high school and grow enrollment and matriculation into UMaine degree programs.



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