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The following groups of people may attend Mt. San Jacinto College:

- Residents and non-residents of California who have graduated from high school, passed the California Proficiency Exam or General Education Development Exam (GED), or are 18 years or older and can benefit from instruction
- International students who have satisfied specific admission requirements
- Eligible high school students who have satisfied specific admissions requirements

Policy on Open Enrollment

Unless specifically exempted by statute, every course, course section or class which is to be reported for state apportionment, is open for enrollment and participation by any person who has been admitted to the college and who meets the prerequisite of such course as defined in Title 5, section 51823 of the California Administrative Code.

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NOTE: To ensure students the most accurate placement, placement scores are subject to change based upon continuing validation studies. Please consult the Assessment Centers for modifications.
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**Matriculation**

Matriculation is a process that enhances student access to college by providing support and resources that sustain a student’s efforts to reach his/her educational goals. Students are expected to participate in the processes of:

- Admissions
- Assessment
- Orientation
- Counseling/Advising
- Follow-up

All new students must participate in the assessment/orientation/counseling/advising and follow-up components with exception of students who are determined to be exempt.

**NOTE:** Students who participate in matriculation (non-exempt students) receive priority when registering for classes.

Additional information is available on our website at [www.msjc.edu/matriculation](http://www.msjc.edu/matriculation).

**Admission Application**

New and returning students who have not attended MSJC for more than one calendar year must complete an application for admission. Federal and state law, and college policy requires this information. Other information will assist the college in determining whether the student needs to be referred to orientation or assessment programs. It is highly recommended that students provide the college with official transcripts from high school and previous college work at the time of admission. All transcripts and other documentation submitted become the property of Mt. San Jacinto College.

Complete the application for Admission on the Web at [www.msjc.edu](http://www.msjc.edu). Click on the Admission tab and then click on “Apply for Admission.” After you have completed the application, click on the submit button. Print a copy of your confirmation page. Remember the login and password used should you need to review your application information.

**Assessment**

Assessment (a component of the matriculation process) assists students with making sound decisions about their courses by evaluating their reading, writing and mathematics skills. Assessment (in conjunction with orientation) is REQUIRED for all new students unless they qualify for an exemption.

Assessment tests can be taken anytime during the center’s hours of operation. After you have completed your computerized assessment, the scores will be uploaded into your student account. Once you have completed your assessment and orientation, you may go to my.msjc.edu for your registration appointment. It is highly recommended that all new students meet with a counselor.

**Special Needs**

The Assessment Centers on the Menifee Valley and San Jacinto Campuses will provide appropriate assistance to students with special needs (e.g. hearing impaired may require interpreters or visually impaired may need print enlargement). Please contact the Assessment Center nearest to you.

**Retesting**

Retesting will be permitted if 3 years have lapsed since taking the last placement, or if assessment was taken while in high school.

Students who have received college credit for math, English or reading classes will not be permitted to retest.

**Multiple Measures**

In addition to assessment scores, evaluating a student’s background (e.g. highest level of education, hours of employment, etc.) is used to place students at the appropriate course levels.

**Student Responsibilities**

It is the student’s responsibility to:

1. Express at least a broad educational intent upon admission;
2. Declare a specific educational goal during the term after which the student completes 15 semester units;
3. Participate in counseling and advisement;
4. Diligently attend class and complete assigned course work;
5. Complete courses and maintain progress toward an educational goal; and
6. Participate in the development of an educational plan.

If a student fails to fulfill stated responsibilities, fails to cooperate with the district in the development of a student educational plan within 90 days after declaring a specific goal, or fails to abide by the terms of the educational plan, the district may suspend or terminate the provision of services. Nothing in this section, however, shall be construed to permit the district to suspend or terminate any service to which a student is otherwise entitled under any other provision of the law.

**District Responsibilities**

It is the responsibility of the Mt. San Jacinto Community College District to make available to students the opportunities of a) access, b) equitable and quality education and c) successful attainment of their educational goals by providing the following matriculation services:

- The processing of applications for admissions in a timely manner;
- Assessment of all non-exempt students utilizing multiple-measures and approved assessment instruments;
• Orientation services to provide all non-exempt students and potential students information concerning the matriculation process, educational options and college policies and procedures;
• Counseling and advisement for non-exempt students to assist with educational plans;
• Post-enrollment evaluation of each student’s progress; and
• Referral of students to appropriate and available college services.

Registration Enrollment Priorities
Mt. San Jacinto College has adopted the following enrollment priorities that are used for registration appointments for fall and spring terms and summer sessions.

Priority Registration
The purpose of priority registration is to enable students to enter and be able to complete their educational goals at the college in a reasonable time frame by providing priority registration to groups of students with special needs and to maintain that priority as long as they continue to make good progress. The following is a breakdown of registration priorities as approved by the Local Governing Board and in accordance with Title 5, section 58108:

• Priority 1 – DSP&S (Disabled Students Programs and Services)
• Priority 2 – EOP&S (Extended Opportunity Programs and Services)
• Priority 3 – Current and former Foster Youth
• Priority 4 – Veteran Students
• Priority 5 – Student Representatives under External/Internal Mandates
• Priority 6 – Continuing students with less than 90 units (descending order)
• Priority 7 – Continuing students with 90+ units (ascending order)
• Priority 8 – Continuing students with higher degree (Bachelor's Master's and Doctorate)
• Priority 9 – Returning and matriculated students
• Priority 10 – Exempt non-matriculated students based on unit load and educational goal
• Priority 11 – Concurrent enrollment students

Wait List Option
Once a class fills, waitlisting adds your name to a priority listing. If space becomes available, you will be automatically enrolled, and have four days to pay the enrollment fee or be dropped. For Spring and Fall full-term classes, waitlists close seven days prior to the start of the term. For all Spring and Fall classes which are not full term (and all Summer classes) the waitlist closes seven days prior to the start of the class. Students are responsible for meeting prerequisite/corequisite requirements for waitlisted courses.

Assessment/Placement
Mt. San Jacinto College utilizes the Accuplacer – Computer Placement Test and Accuplacer Companion (paper and pencil). The Accuplacer assessment, coupled with multiple measures (see “Multiple Measures”), provides accurate course placement that enhances a student’s potential for success in their courses. Students will only be permitted to enroll in courses with the appropriate course placement scores or completion of the required prerequisite/corequisite (see “Prerequisites, Corequisites and Other Limitations on Enrollment”).

Assessments From Other Colleges
The following assessments from other colleges may be used for placement at MSJC if taken within the last 3 years:

• ASSET
• Compass
• Accuplacer
• MDTP
• CLEP
• CELSA (for ESL Students)

To use assessments from other colleges, students must provide a copy of the placement results and scores from the previous college. A counselor will be able to interpret the appropriateness of the placement for Mt. San Jacinto College curriculum.

Residency Requirements
This section of the catalog provides a general summary of the principal rules on residency and their exceptions. For the detailed rules used by admission officers for residency determination, reference should be made to regulations of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges in Sub-Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 54000) of Division 6 of Chapter V, of Title 5 of the California Administrative Code, and the regulations and guidelines available at the Enrollment Services Office. These regulations are subject to change without notice by the state Legislature.
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Determination of Residency

Each person enrolled or applying for admission to a California community college is, for purposes of admission and/or tuition, classified as a “California resident” or as a “non-resident.” If students are classified as California residents, they will be admitted to the college without paying non-resident tuition. Students classified as non-residents will be required to pay non-resident tuition and capital outlay fee, in addition to the California Enrollment fee, in an amount set by the governing board of the district.

A “California resident” is a person who has resided within California for at least one year and one day prior to the first day of the term of enrollment and can provide documentation of his/her intent to make California their permanent residence.

A “non-resident” student is one who does not have residence in the state for more than one year prior to the residence determination date and cannot provide documentation of intent to make California their permanent residence.

Establishing Residence

To establish residence, a person capable of establishing residence in California must couple his or her physical presence in California with objective evidence that the physical presence is with the intent to make California the permanent home. The burden is on the student to demonstrate clearly both physical presence in California and intent to establish California residence. The following explanations will assist in determining physical presence and intent.

Physical Presence

• A person capable of establishing residence in California must be physically present in California for one year prior to the residence determination date to be classified as a resident student.

• A temporary absence for business, education or pleasure will not result in loss of California residence if, during the absence, the person always intended to return to California and did nothing inconsistent with that intent.

• Physical presence within the state solely for educational purposes does not constitute establishing California residence regardless of the length of that presence.

c) A student who is under 19 years of age shall be presumed to have the intent to make California the home for other than a temporary purpose if both the student and his parent(s) have maintained a home in California continuously for the last two years unless the student has evidenced a contrary intent by having engaged in any of the activities listed in subsection (f) of this section.

d) A student who does not meet the requirements of subsection (b) or subsection (c) of this section shall be required to provide evidence of intent to make California the home for other than a temporary purpose as specified in subsection (e) of this section.

e) The following factors are considered in determining California residency (a minimum of 3 must be provided):

1. Ownership of residential property or continuous occupancy of rented or leased property in California;
2. Registering to vote and voting in California;
3. Licensing from California for professional practice;
4. Active membership in service or social clubs;
5. Presence of spouse, children or other close relatives in the state;
6. Showing California as home address on federal income tax form;
7. Payment of California state income tax as a resident;
8. Possessing California motor vehicle license plates;
9. Possessing a California driver’s license;
10. Maintaining a permanent military address or home of record in California while in the armed forces;
11. Establishing and maintaining an active California bank account;
12. Being the petitioner for a divorce in California.

f) Conduct inconsistent with a claim of California residence includes but is not limited to:

1. Maintaining voter registration and voting in another state;
2. Being the petitioner for a divorce in another state;
3. Attending an out-of-state institution as a resident of that state;
4. Declaring non-residence for state income tax purposes.

Reclassification

Students who have been classified as non-residents are not automatically reclassified as residents. It is the responsibility of the student to request reclassification to residency status. The petition for reclassification to residency status must be submitted to the Enrollment Services Office no later than the first day of registration for the term in which the student is seeking reclassification. The petition must be accompanied by documentation verifying the student’s intent to become a California resident, evidence of
physical presence in California and/or evidence of financial independence. The law clearly states that the burden of proof of verifying residency rests with the applicant or student.

- A student seeking reclassification as a resident, who was classified a non-resident in the preceding term, shall be determined to be financially independent or dependent.
- A student who has established financial independence may be classified as a resident if the student has demonstrated clearly physical presence and intent to be a California resident for one year prior to the residence determination date.
- In determining whether the student has objectively manifested intent to establish California residence, financial independence shall weigh in favor of finding California residence, and financial dependence shall weigh against finding California residence.
- Financial dependence in the current or preceding calendar year shall weigh more heavily against finding California residence than shall financial dependence in earlier calendar years. Financial dependence in the current or preceding calendar year shall be overcome only if (1) the parent on whom the student is dependent is a California resident, or (2) there is no evidence of continuing residence in another state.

One-Year Waiting Period

The one-year residency period that a student must meet to be classified as a resident does not begin to run until the student both is present in California and has manifested clear intent to become a California resident.

Exceptions to Residency Rule

Exceptions to the residency determination as set forth above will be applied to certain factual situations. If the student would otherwise be classified a non-resident, but fits within one of the following exceptions, he or she will be granted resident classification until he or she obtains such classification.

Examples of some exceptions are:

- A minor whose parents moved from California prior to the residency determination date will retain resident classification if he or she remains in California and continues full-time attendance at Mt. San Jacinto College.
- A student who is a minor and who has been self-supporting and in California for one year preceding the day before the term will be granted resident classification.
- A child or a spouse of a member of the armed forces stationed in California will be granted resident classification. A student who is a member of the armed forces not assigned to California for purposes of education will be entitled to resident classification.
- Adult aliens lawfully admitted for permanent residence and present for one year will be given resident classification. Minor aliens may use their parent’s durational presence to satisfy the one-year requirement.
- A student holding a valid credential authorizing service in a public school and employed in a certificated position by a community college district will be given resident classification.
- Certain refugees may claim exception from non-resident tuition with documentation from the Immigration and Naturalization Service evidencing that the student is a refugee and establishing that he or she has been a California resident for one year.
- A student who is a full-time employee of a California school enrolling in courses necessary for credential qualifications will be given resident classification.

Change of Address

Following is a step by step process for changing your address on the Web:

- Go to https://my.msjc.edu
- Log in using your username and password
- Select “Student EagleAdvisor” across the top black tabs
- Under the heading “User Account”, select “Verify/Update My Address

Admission of High School Students

The California Education Code has provided a special program for high school students who are able to benefit from advanced scholastic or vocational studies. To that end, upon the written recommendation of the high school principal, students in grades eleven and twelve may enroll in 8 units of instruction or 2 courses that are not remedial courses. Some highly qualified ninth and tenth grade students may be admitted based upon demonstrated ability to handle advanced study. Official transcripts are required. For purposes of this program, remedial courses are defined as any course numbered under 070, such as English 062. In addition, students MUST meet all established course prerequisites in order to be admitted to college courses. Please note that completion of high school courses does not always meet college course prerequisites. Consult a college counselor for details on specific courses.

FALL/SPRING TERMS

- Students in grades 11-12 may enroll in any scholastic or vocational course(s)* numbered 070 or above for which they meet the course prerequisite(s), and where they can benefit.
- Students in the second semester of grade 9 or who are in grade 10 must have a letter of recommendation attesting to the student’s ability to benefit from enrollment in the college course or program. The letter of recommendation must come from the student’s high school teacher in the same discipline for which the student is requesting permission to enroll. If an appropriate, matching discipline is not available at the student’s high school, the letter must then come from the student’s high school guidance counselor.
- In general, students who are not currently enrolled in the second semester of grade 9 or above are not eligible to enroll in college courses.
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• Concurrently enrolled students are limited by statute to 8 units or 2 courses.
• In addition to materials required for special part-time students, concurrently enrolled students desiring to enroll in 12 units must also present written authorization from the K-12 or high school district governing board.
• Because college courses are taught at a much faster pace and require significantly more independent learning, high school students will not be permitted to enroll in courses where they have failed the same course in high school.

*Scholastic or vocational courses are non-performance courses that may be counted toward an Associate degree or certificate, or for transfer to a four-year institution. History and theory courses such as music or art history, music fundamentals, American Red Cross Lifeguard Training, etc. are considered to be scholastic or vocational, and may be taken by high school students who meet the prerequisites.

These courses have both lecture and lab components to the curriculum. Specifically excluded during the academic year are courses involving activity in physical education and lab courses emphasizing physical skill building that is not needed to reinforce the theory of a lecture course.

SUMMER SESSION

• Student must have completed grade 9.
• Course must not be available through local high school during the summer.
• Student must meet all prerequisites.
• Up to 5% of any high school students enrolled in a particular grade (as determined by the high school) may be admitted.

Process for All Students:
• Submit an MSJC Application for Admission (first semester only).
• Submit a School/Parent Agreement Form (every semester).
• Submit official high school transcript (every semester).
• All students must take the assessment test and go through the orientation process (first semester only).

High School students in grades 9 through 12 wishing to participate in this program must submit a “School/Parent Agreement Form,” available at high school counseling offices and at the college’s Enrollment Services offices. The form MUST be signed by the high school principal and by the parent or legal guardian. The high school principal, by signing this form, assures the college that the high school student is able to benefit from advanced instruction.

The student is responsible for completing the college registration process, which includes completion of an application for admission, submitting official transcripts, taking the assessment placement test, attending an orientation session, and officially registering for classes. This process must be completed before the course begins. No late requests will be considered.

Special Students Below Grade 9

In extraordinary cases where a student demonstrates superior ability and capacity to succeed in college level work in a particular discipline, the college may consider admission of students who have not completed the first semester of 9th grade. Such consideration will be on a case-by-case basis, will be limited, and will include completion of the college assessment or other significant documentation of exceptional abilities. Students in this age group who are capable of college level work will usually have already begun high school. Under normal conditions, students still in grade 9 or below will be considered to have not demonstrated college level abilities. MSJC reserves the right to deny admission to courses.

Parents should be aware that college work requires more than an ability to understand material. The college-learning environment requires a level of emotional and intellectual ability, which is significantly above that of an 8th grader. Even straight A’s in 8th grade do not necessarily mean a student is ready for college work. Eighth grade students who request admission will be given individual attention to determine their ability to benefit from college instruction.

Parents are not permitted to attend classes with their children unless they are registered for the course or authorized to attend class to assist a student with an identified disability.

Parents should be aware that they do not have access to their children’s records without a signed release from the child.

Fees

Pursuant to Education Code Section 76300 (f), all special part-time students enrolled in up to and including 11 units per semester at Mt. San Jacinto College while concurrently enrolled in grade 12 or lower are exempt from enrollment fees. When appropriate, students are required to pay non-resident, SGA, student representation, transportation, parking and/or materials fees. Special full-time students enrolled in more than 11 units per semester are required to pay California Enrollment fees.

NOTE: While most high schools accept college courses as satisfying high school graduation requirements, it is the high schools’ exclusive right to determine what will be accepted, and how it will be counted. Be certain to consult with the high school counselor before assuming how a college course will be counted. In addition, the college can generate official transcripts only after all instructor grades have been submitted. Therefore, semester grades may not be posted on transcripts in time for high school graduations. Where high school districts will accept it, the college will provide an advance letter indicating course completion to assist the student in going through commencement exercises at the high school.

Grades are not automatically sent to the high school. It is the student’s responsibility to sign and submit a transcript request form in time for the college to provide a transcript to the high school. All of the regulations regarding transcript
requests apply to high school students as well, including fees. You may now order your official MSJC transcripts online at my.msjc.edu. Login and go to the Student EagleAdvisor tab.

College courses completed by high school students carry the full weight of college credit, and will count toward college degrees and/or certificates as outlined in this catalog. These courses become a part of the student’s permanent college transcript.

NOTE: It is expected that all high school students enrolling in college courses have the maturity to function effectively on a college campus. No special arrangements for additional supervision of under age students are available. College courses are designed for adult students. In a very small number of disciplines, course content may be unusually frank in order to deal with scholarly discussion of behavior, artistic, human or other issues. Unlike K-12 schools, colleges do not contact parents in advance to inform them of these issues. Parents are hereby notified that it is their responsibility to assure that their student is able to handle the college environment, as well as the content of the courses in which the student enrolls. Parents may wish to investigate the curriculum prior to enrolling their student if they have any questions or concerns.

Admission of International Students

Students from outside the United States will be admitted to Mt. San Jacinto College if they meet the general admission requirements and the additional requirements for admission of international students.

Full information on admission of international students is available from the Enrollment Services Office. There is a non-refundable application processing fee of $100, which will be applied toward the non-resident tuition upon acceptance of the international student.

International students will be required to pay the prevailing non-resident tuition fee. California enrollment fees and any other appropriate fees. Please visit the website for further information at http://www.msjc.edu/enroll and click on “International Students.”

Evening Classes

Evening classes are parallel to daytime classes in title and number, prerequisites, course content, outside work required and in examinations. Students may qualify for the Associate of Arts degree or the Associate of Science degree through participation in evening classes. The evening program offers many possibilities: preparation for a vocation, preparation for transfer to the upper division of a four-year college or university or a chance to gain a better general education. Counseling services are available to help students in their educational planning.

Maximum Unit Load

During the fall and spring semesters, students may not enroll in more than 20 units. During the summer session, students may not enroll in more than 8 units.

If you would like to enroll in more than the allowed units, please meet with a counselor.

CROSS ENROLLMENT

Mt. San Jacinto College participates in a cross-enrollment program with the California State University (CSU) and University of California (UC) campuses. Mt. San Jacinto College students may enroll in one course per term (limited to two courses per year) at any CSU or UC on a space available basis without formal admission and without payment of university tuition fees.

Qualification Requirements for Cross-Enrollment Programs

You are eligible for Cross Enrollment if you have met all of the following requirements at MSJC:

a. Have earned California resident status.
b. Completed at least one regular semester at MSJC.
c. Earned a grade point average of 2.0 for college work completed.
d. Enrolled at MSJC for a minimum of six units for the current term (Fall or Spring).
e. Paid appropriate enrollment fees at home campus.
f. Completed appropriate academic preparation for the course you intend to take as determined by the host campus. The host campus is where you will take the additional class (example: CSUSB, CSUSM, UCR, UCSD, etc.).

For further information, see the Counseling Office.

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

Mt. San Jacinto College publishes class schedules for the regular academic program and continuing education for each semester. Class schedules are available on the Web at www.msjc.edu. Printed schedules for Continuing Education & Workplace Training (non-credit) are available in the Enrollment Services Office on the San Jacinto and Menifee Valley campuses, the Temecula Education Complex, and the San Gorgonio Pass Campus. Due to budget constraints, class schedules for academic (credit) programs are available online only.

OFF-CAMPUS CENTERS

Courses are offered at a variety of high school campuses and other off-campus sites. Check the current schedule of classes for information about course offerings and locations.

Courses taken on either campus or at any off-campus center of Mt. San Jacinto College are all reported on the same transcript and are counted cumulatively toward the student’s educational goal.
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Online, and Short-Term Offerings

The college provides a wide variety of specially scheduled courses such as Online, Short-term, and courses that are not contained within one of the regular academic terms. All credit courses offered, regardless of scheduling option, meet the requirements and standards established by the college, and result in the award of full college credit.