FRENCHTOWN
School District

BRONC FAST TRACK

General Studies Certificate

UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA
MISSOULA COLLEGE

MT CAREER PATHWAYS
AND DUAL ENROLLMENT

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UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC SUPPORT

Resource	Website	Phone
General Studies Certificate Requirements	https://bit.ly/UMGenEd	



Dual Enrollment Information	https://mc.umt.edu/dualenrollment/	
Griz Portal	https://www.umt.edu/grizportal/	
IT Support	bit.ly/3pKo9g0	(406) 243-4357
Business Services	umt.edu/business-services/	(406) 243-2223
Office for Disability Equity	umt.edu/disability/	(406) 243-7804
Tutoring Resources	bit.ly/3GuGQef	(406) 243-7826
Graduation Application	https://www.umt.edu/registrar/graduation/	(406) 243-2422

PROGRAM & BENEFITS

The Bronc Fast Track Public Charter School & Missoula College - University of Montana have partnered to create a pathway for high school students starting their Sophomore Year to earn a *General Studies Certificate* concurrently with their high school diploma. The General Studies Certificate is an accelerated path to a college degree which saves students time & money while helping to prepare them for the expectations & responsibilities of postsecondary education.

This program has been designed for bachelors degree college-bound students, allowing them to make a substantial head start on earning college credits at a significantly reduced cost. The college credits earned meet the Montana University System (MUS) core requirements, have 100% transferability to schools within the MUS and most colleges /universities throughout the United States. By enrolling in Dual Enrollment courses the student becomes a University of Montana student and has access to University resources. Student Benefits include:

- Access to the Mansfield Library and online resources
- Access to the Writing Center and free tutoring in many different subject areas including Math
- Official UM GrizCard ($25)
- Student discounts on services such as Amazon Prime Student, Spotify, Hulu, Apple Music, etc.

WAYS TO EARN COLLEGE CREDITS IN HIGH SCHOOL

EARLY COLLEGE PROGRAM is for high school students who want to experience college courses on campus or online. Students are welcome to take any 100 or 200 level courses during our Fall, Spring, and Summer semesters. Students must follow the same deadlines and policies as all undergraduate students.

DUAL CREDIT PROGRAM gives high school students an opportunity to earn college credit at their high school during their normal school day. Students are taught by qualified high school instructors and will meet the same course objectives as our on campus students.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) CREDIT: Course is taken at the high school for credit. Students may take an AP exam in May that may result in college credit. The test is scored 1 - 5, a score of 4+ may earn college credit.

Dual Enrollment Classes (DE) vs. Advanced Placement Exams (AP)

- Both offer challenging college-level course curriculum to high school students.
- Both are taught by qualified and approved high school instructors.
- Both offer potential for students to receive college recognition, including credit, placement or advanced standing.
- DE students earn a letter grade & credit on a UM transcript and have access to college resources.
- Credit for AP courses is granted based on their AP exam score. College course equivalencies are based on test scores. To find AP course equivalencies for the University of Montana you can visit this website: umt.edu/admissions/apply/advanced-credits/ap
- Concurrent Enrollment courses are $62/ credit. AP exams are $96/ exam.

KEY DEADLINES

High School Application Deadline	**Due in October**
UM Application Deadline	**Mid-November**
UM Registration: Summer & Fall Course Deadline	**May 15th Each Year**
UM Registration: Spring Course Deadline	**Mid-November Each Year**
UM Graduation Application Deadline	**February 1st Senior Year**

APPLICATION PROCESS

1. **Late October of Sophomore year** - Presentation & applications provided
2. **1st week of November**- Applications will be reviewed.
3. **1st week in November**- Accepted students will be notified.
4. **Spring Semester Sophomore Year** - Accepted students begin the first courses of the program.

CONSIDERATIONS

- **Cost** - Program will cost $1800 - $2700, depending on the courses chosen.
- **Future Financial Aid** - Poor academic performance in college courses may affect future financial aid.
- **Maturity / Prioritization Skills** - Ability to handle college level classwork.
- **Grades & Standing** - Applicants must have a Freshman GPA 3.0+ and be in Good Standing (Attendance & Behavior) at Frenchtown High School.
- **Schedule Constraints** - Courses require more time. Early College courses may be after traditional school hours or online at Missoula College or UM.
- **Government Assistance Scholarship** - Please view the Dual Enrollment website for scholarship information.

PAYMENT PROCESS

Bills will be viewable in the student's Griz Portal account. Email reminders will go to the student's UM email address so it is important to check that regularly. Payments will be due by September 1st for Autumn semester and February 1st for Spring semester.

COURSE WITHDRAWAL INFORMATION

Students must adhere to the Frenchtown add/drop deadlines each semester. In addition, students must consider the add/drop/withdrawal deadlines at the University. See the Dual Enrollment website for deadlines and the Drop/Withdraw form.

COURSES & COSTS

10th Grade - Sophomore Year

Subject	Autumn Semester	Spring Semester
English	Sophomore English	Sophomore English
Math	Math selection is based on next math in your sequence	
Science	FT Biology	**BIOB 101N Discover Biology** (1-2-Free)
Elective	Social Studies	**BGEN 105S Introduction to Business** (1-2-Free)
Elective	Health Enhancement	Health Enhancement
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11th Grade - Junior Year

Subject	Autumn Semester	Spring Semester
English	Junior English	Junior English
Math* **	**M 121 College Algebra** ($184) **M 151 PreCalculus** ($246) **STATS 216 Statistics** ($246)	

Science	**CHMY 121N General Chemistry** ($246) or **BIOH 104/105N Basic Human Biology** ($246)	
History	**HSTA 101H American History 1** ($246) Online with Montana Digital Academy	FT Honors US History (required High School credit only) **HSTA 102H American History II** ($246) (Optional- can take in addition to in person Honors US History)
Elective	**COMX 111A Public Speaking** ($184) (1 semester only- can take fall or spring semester)	**COMX 111A Public Speaking** ($184)
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*Only 1 math class is required and can be taken Junior or Senior year.

12th Grade - Senior Year

Subject	Autumn Semester	Spring Semester
English	**WRIT 101 College Writing** ($184)	**LIT 110L Introduction to Literature** ($184)
Elective	**BGEN 220E Business Ethics** ($184) **Phil 110E Intro to Ethics** **AHMS 270E Medical Ethics** Online- Early College Courses	**ANTY 101X Anthropology & the Human Experience** ($184+books) Online- Early College Course
Government	**PSCI 201S American Government** ($184) or AP American Government ($96)	
Math* **	AP Calculus ($96) or **STATS 216 Statistics** ($246) **M 121 College Algebra** ($184) **M 151 PreCalculus** ($246)	
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***Only 1 math class is required and can be taken Junior or Senior year.

GRADUATION INFORMATION

Fast Track students must earn their high school diploma before they can graduate from a college program. Therefore students who finish the requirements for the General Education Certificate will apply for Summer Graduation in February of their Senior Year at a cost of around $50.00. Official certificates will be awarded during the summer after high school graduation. Students will need to apply to Missoula College or UM for Fall or Summer, but are not required to attend or take additional classes.

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