



FAST TRACK ACADEMY

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<http://www.wallacestate.edu/programs/fasttrack-academy>



The Fast Track Academy (FTA) is a joint partnership between Wallace State and local school systems. The Academy offers high school juniors and seniors an opportunity to simultaneously enroll in secondary and postsecondary coursework on the WSCC campus. The courses meet state requirements for high school graduation while also providing the general education requirements for an associate degree. Students will remain enrolled full-time at their high school while attending class on WSCC campus. The WSCC Fast Track Academy staff will supervise students and monitor academic progress. The Alabama Community College System will submit grades to the high school guidance counselor at the end of each semester. Students who are enrolled in the FTA may still participate in their high school's extracurricular activities, including but not limited to, athletics, band, and student organizations **as long as scheduling permits**. FTA students are encouraged to participate in WSCC clubs and activities. A list of clubs and activities can be found in the WSCC college catalog. FTA Class officer nominations will open in August and election held in September. Qualification criteria will be posted prior to nominations.

Student schedules will be pre-determined based on program of study and the Alabama high school graduation requirements. A sample schedule is included in the FTA application packet. Senior schedules will vary and may be adjusted to reflect classes necessary to specific major.

Online courses will not be available to FTA students unless it is the only course option available. WSCC Fast Track Academy will make every effort to schedule courses between 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Monday - Thursday with exceptions to students with who need college courses that are not offered during this time. **FTA juniors and seniors will take a minimum of two classes per semester with their FTA cohorts on the Fast Track 6th floor, JBC and the remainder will be with the college population. Two hours per week in the Study Lab is required. Class attendance is necessary. Excessive absences will be reported to the high school.**

Students who plan to graduate high school early will not be eligible for FTA; however, the student may take dual enrollment courses at the high school or on the WSCC campus with permission of the high school. Students graduating early must follow the recommendations of the high school guidance counselor to assure student has the required credits to graduate high school.

General entry qualifications will include the following:

- 14 to 16 college credit hours per semester required. Jr year: 14 cr hr minimum 1st sem/15 cr hr minimum 2nd sem.
- GPA of 3.0 or higher (unweighted)
- College Level Placement (ACT ENG 18, MTH 20)
- Minimum of 12 high school credits as an incoming junior or 18 high school credits as an incoming senior
- Incoming high school junior or senior

Admission Requirements:

Students must submit an online application to admissions prior to completing the Fast Track Academy application. After completing the student portion of the FTA application, students will submit application to the high school counselor along with the **required documents. Recommendation to be provided by the high school.** **If the student has met all necessary criteria, the counselor will complete the remainder, attach a current transcript along with the required documents and submit to the Extended Learning Department—Fast Track Academy, JBC 6th Floor, at WSCC.**

Required documents:

Student

- **Proof of ID**
- **Placement Test or comparable ACT scores**
- **Essay**

Required documents:

Counselor

- **Student Current Official HS Transcript**
- **Recommendation**
- **Graduation Requirement Checklist**

Cost of program:

Students are responsible for college tuition. Tuition information may be found at www.wallacestate.edu/Future-Students/Tuition. A scholarship will be provided for FTA students to purchase textbooks, lab manuals, access codes, etc., at the bookstore. Any amount exceeding the scholarship will be the responsibility of the student. Wallace State was selected to participate in an experimental Federal Pell Grant pilot program. The experimental pilot program is limited to Alabama public high school students in the WSCC service area. Qualified students will be able to use Pell Grant funds. We recommend students complete the FAFSA to minimize the cost. WSCC graduation fee is \$30

Continuous Eligibility:

Students who meet the criteria for initial admission to a Dual Enrollment for Dual Credit program as specified in the ACCS Procedure for Dual Enrollment for Dual Credit for High School Students, Section 2, will remain in continuous eligibility as long as a grade of "C" or better in all attempted college courses is earned. Students who fail to meet this minimum grade requirement or who withdraw from a course will be suspended from the program for a minimum of one term. The one term suspension may not be served during the summer term. Students will not be eligible to re-enter the Fast Track Academy; however, the student may be eligible for dual enrollment after the suspension has been served. Students re-entering dual enrollment must meet the minimum (unweighted) grade point average, admission requirements and responsible for all cost for tuition, fees, books, materials, and supplies.

ACCS Procedure and Policy: The ACCS institution has the right to restrict a student's enrollment on the basis of academic readiness, social maturity, health and safety concerns, course availability, and/or local institutional policy.

The Fast Track Academy, a Dual Enrollment for Dual Credit program, must operate on the ACCS institution schedule which may vary greatly from the high school schedule. Students must follow the institution schedule for Fast Track Academy courses. The institution is not responsible for the supervision of Fast Track Academy students during non-class times or periods of absence.

Students must adhere to all institutional policies and requirements including, but not limited to, those outlined in course syllabi, the academic calendar, the college catalog, and the Student Code of Conduct. The institution reserves the right to refuse re-admission to any student who violates institutional policies.

For more information:

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