



Main Street Scholars
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College Enrollment

Juniata College

UC Santa Clara, Law

U of Oregon

WASHU

CSM

Skyline

Canada College

UC Santa Cruz

UC Riverside

Cal State Sonoma

PSU

NAU

Who can apply?

All students, including international students, are welcome to apply and attend MSS ECHS. Admission is based on completed academic work, interviews with students and parents, and outside recommendations.

Tuition

Each class \$3398/semester

Tutoring

1:1 Coaching \$115/hour

Early-College High School at a glance

Founded in 2014, Main Street Scholars Early College High School (MSS ECHS) is an independent, WASC accredited, co-educational alternative school located on Main Street in beautiful downtown Half Moon Bay, California. We enroll students in grades 7–12.

Our mission is Child-First Teaching

Students have a voice in charting their educational paths to fit their interests and hopes for the future. MSS ECHS is here to guide them as they develop academic skills in preparation for the real world, whether they intend to go on to a four-year university or straight into the workforce.

What is ECHS?

ECHS allows students to take a mixture of high school and college classes, working toward a high school diploma while earning up to two years of transferable college credit, a trade certification, or Associate's Degree *at the same time*.

How does it work?

Student transcripts are prepared by MSS, listing all classes as having been taken at the high school or college level. College-level classes will either be counted toward the high school diploma or be considered college credits. Typically, once the minimum number of credits required by the state for a high school diploma have been earned, the balance will be transferred to the college. *The college the student will be attending makes this determination.*

MSS is a *concurrent enrollment* school, meaning students will take their college classes away from the MSS campus, either online or in person at a community college.

Starting in 10th grade, students choose their curriculum based on California high school *graduation* requirements combined with UC/CSU admissions *entrance* requirements.

Grade 10 students are required to take 3 classes at the ECHS campus, with an additional 1–3 classes taken online or at a community college.

Grades 11 and 12 are not required to take classes on the ECHS campus, but can if they choose to.

Each student meets with the Head of School for a weekly check-in, in which they discuss their grades and goals, and make any adjustments to their personalized program. ECHS students are seen, heard, and known by their instructors, staff, and leadership.

MSS ECHS Learning Pathways

Concurrent enrollment

Class Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
First class 9–10:30	First class 9–10:30	First class 9–10:30	First class 9–10:30	Labs and check-ins 9–12:30
Comfort Break 10:30 – 11				
Second class 11–12:30	Second class 11–12:30	Second class 11–12:30	Second class 11–12:30	
Lunch Break 12:30 – 1:30				
Third class 1:30–3:00	Third class 1:30–3:00	Third class 1:30–3:00	Third class 1:30–3:00	Movie / study 1:30–3:00
CBIS[†] classes 3–4:30	CBIS classes 3–4:30	CBIS classes 3–4:30	CBIS classes 3–4:30	CBIS classes 3–4:30

Monday classes repeat Wednesday; Tuesday classes repeat Thursday. [†]Class-based independent study

Junior High

Junior High | Year one

English — Paragraph writing
 Literature — Reading, novels
 Pre-US History — Big history project
 Environment — Life on earth, life in ocean
 Math — Data analysis
 Science — Nutrition and cooking

Junior High | Year two

English — Essay writing
 Literature — Fables/legends/myths, comparative film analysis
 Pre-US History — Civics
 Environment — Marine biology
 Math — Model construction
 Science — Meal planning and cooking

Junior High | Year three

Classes marked with * are from the UC Scout curriculum

Required core

Algebra, Geometry, Algebra II
 Meal planning and cooking
 Personal finance (1 semester)
 Ethnic studies* (1 semester)
 English — reading/writing
 Conceptual physics

Other

Journalism — Newsletter
 World language 1*
 Oral history project
 Biology*

All classes in junior high (grades 7–9) are held on the Main Street Scholars campus | 9 am – 3 pm

Concurrent enrollment years | Our course selection—depth, breadth, rigor, and challenge—is the core differentiator among MSS ECHS graduates. MSS ECHS gives students the opportunity to set their own pathway. Each student’s journey is unique and self-determined.

Grade 10 (year 1) | Sample Classes

On campus | Required

Algebra, Geometry,
Algebra II
English
Physics

College classes | Semester

US History to 1877
World History since 1500
World Regional Geography
Photography
Public Speaking
World Language 1 & 2
—includes ASL

Other | On campus

Newsletter
Cooking
World Language 1 or 2
Biology*

*UC Scout curriculum

Grade 11 and 12 (years 2–3) | Sample Classes

On campus | Not required

AP/UC Scout
Film Studies:
History of fFilm
Film Studies:
Literature in film
Theater Studies:
Play readings
World Language 1 & 2
Meal planning and Cooking

College classes | Required

General Chemistry
Biology
Physics
Economics
World Language (2 years)
American Politics
and Government

Classes are from the
AP/UC Scout curriculum.
Can be taken at MSS,
college campus, or online.

College electives | Semester

Accounting 100
Intro Criminal Justice
Anthropology
Astronomy
Digital Media
World Language 1 & 2
Chemistry for Health &
Biotech
Cell & Molecular Biology
Intro to Physics 1
Mechanics
Intro to Programming C++
Intro to Programming
Python
Intro to Statistics
Precalculus II
Calculus I
Calculus II
Intro to Linear Algebra
Intro to Web Design
Photography
Public Speaking
International Relations
Constitutional law
and the US
World History since 1500
Intro to Philosophy
Intro to Psychology
Human Development