

## Special Admit Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. When is the deadline to participate in the Special Admit Program?**

-The deadline to participate in the program for the Spring term will be January 31 , 2019.
- 2. What courses can I take?**

-As long as you are eligible and approved, you can take any course at Mt.SAC that is college level and that is not included in the "Courses Restricted to Special Admit Students" list. To find that course list, please return to our Special Admit website.
- 3. How much does it cost to participate in the program?**

-Courses are free for California residents, but the student is responsible for textbook and material expenses. Students with a special Visa will have to pay out of state fees.
- 4. What college class should I take?**

We recommend that you talk to your high school counselor about what class is right for you and your educational goals.
- 5. I am undocumented. Can I still participate in the Special Admit Program?**

Please contact Stephanie Castillo [scastillo36@mtsac.edu](mailto:scastillo36@mtsac.edu) to receive more information.
- 6. Can my parent attend the approval session?**

Parents are welcome to attend the SA Approval session as long as the student gives consent.
- 7. Can my parent call to schedule my assessment or Special Admit Approval Session?**

-No. Students must call to schedule their own appointment/approval sessions.
- 8. What school districts do you serve?**

We accept students from any local school district.
- 9. Can only High School Juniors and Seniors participate?**

No. Any K-12 student can participate in the program. If you are 14 years or younger, please contact Stephanie Castillo [scastillo36@mtsac.edu](mailto:scastillo36@mtsac.edu) for more information.
- 10. I am still in middle school and have not started high school yet. Can I still participate in the program?**

-Yes, you can still participate in the program, but you must complete some additional steps than the rest of the SA students. Please contact Stephanie Castillo [scastillo36@mtsac.edu](mailto:scastillo36@mtsac.edu) for more information.
- 11. I tried scheduling my Assessment appointment, but they are already full. What do I do?**

-If you plan to take a course requiring a pre-requisite, you need to bring your assessment results (AQ's not allowed) to your SA Approval Session. Please make sure to complete the assessment before the deadline listed on the packet or you run the risk of not receiving your assessment results on time to get approved. If you don't have them, you will not be approved to take that course. However, you can still explore other college course options that do not require a pre-requisite or return to the program next semester.
- 12. Do I have to apply again even though I have participated in the program before?**

-Yes. Returning Special Admit students must complete the Mt.SAC online application every term they wish to attend, turn in updated transcripts, complete a new SA packet and meet with a Mt.SAC counselor. Please make sure to identify yourself as a returning Special Admit student when scheduling your SA Approval Session.
- 13. Can I take courses through SA to make up a high school deficiency?**

-No. Only college level courses can be taken through this program. College courses cannot be taken to make up a high school deficiency. Students needing to make up a high school deficiency

(A-G HS requirements) can apply to participate in the High School Referral Program. Please visit the Continuing Education Center in Building 30 or call 909.274.4937 for more information.

**14. Can I take online classes through the SA Program?**

Yes.

**15. What is the Dual Enrollment Program and how is it different from Special Admit?**

-Although both programs are very similar, there are some distinct differences. Dual Enrollment offers Mt.SAC college courses taught by Mt.SAC professors at local partner high school campuses. These courses have a separate application/ enrollment process. The Special Admit program provides k-12 students the opportunity to take classes at Mt.SAC with traditional Mt.SAC students. Please visit the Dual Enrollment website to find out if Mt.SAC is offering college courses at your high school! <https://www.mtsac.edu/dual-enrollment/>

**16. When will I find out if I have been admitted into the SA Program?**

-You will be approved/denied by a counselor the day of your Special Admit Approval Session. Please make sure to bring all the required forms or documents with you or you will not be approved to take courses and will need to reschedule.

**17. How do I register for courses?**

-A counselor will review the steps at the Special Admit Approval Session, but you can also return to Step 5 on our website to find the step by step instructions on how to register for courses.

**18. The class I want is full. What do I do?**

-There is still hope that you will be able to get the class you want! A counselor will review the steps at your SA approval session on how to waitlist for classes. You can also return to Step 5 on our website to find the step by step instructions on how to get on the course waitlist.

**19. What if I want to register for more than one course?**

-Students are limited to only one course per semester. Please talk to your counselor at the SA Approval Session about possibly taking more than 1 course.

**20. What happens if I get a D, F or W in the course?**

-We recommend that you speak to a counselor about your academic progress and options.

**21. Can I see a Mt.SAC counselor?**

-Of course! You can call our counseling department to schedule an appt. to see a counselor at (909) 274-4380. Please make sure to identify yourself as a Special Admit student.

**22. How do I get high school credit for my college class?**

-We do not offer course equivalencies, but we do recommend that you speak to your High School counselor to see if you can get high school credit for the class too.