



Tuition Increases for Fall 2023

ECC's Board of Trustees approved an increase of 8% for all tuition tiers and dual credit/enrollment. This means that tuition will increase from \$58 to \$63 per credit hour for the 2023-2024 year, which equals \$5 per credit hour. The college also approved a general fees increase of \$7 per credit hour to cover Student Activities, Support Services, Technology, Facilities, and Security.

Enrollment for Fall Begins in March

Enrollment for new students begins Monday, March 27. We recommend that students complete their Application for Admission at <https://apply.eastcentral.edu/> now so they can apply for institutional scholarships, take placement testing, and enroll before they leave for the summer.

ECC Phelps Law Enforcement Training Center:

ECC is working in partnership with the Phelps County Sheriff's Department to offer basic (Class A - peace officer) training and continuing law enforcement education. The classroom portion of the program will be taught at the ECC Rolla North campus. The experiential learning and practical application portion will be taught using facilities and equipment provided by the Phelps County Sheriff's Department. Upon completion of the one-year basic training certificate program, students earn a Certificate of Achievement in Law Enforcement and are eligible to sit for the Missouri Peace Officer License Exam. Students have the option to take additional general education coursework to complete an Associate of Applied Science in Law Enforcement degree. Basic Training classes will begin Aug. 21 and program entry is based on a selection process.

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Early College Academy Growth

The College is excited to welcome two new school districts into the Early College Academy - Bourbon and Cuba. The other districts participating in this program are Union, Washington, St. Clair, and Sullivan. Union High School was the first class to graduate from the Academy.



Changes in Dual Credit & Dual Enrollment Funding

The ECC Board of Trustees voted to discontinue the Free and Reduced Lunch Waiver program for dual credit students (fall and spring terms) and the summer Three for Free (First Class Tuition Pass program) in light of the Missouri Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development (MDHEWD) Dual Credit/Dual Enrollment Scholarship. This scholarship program provides tuition assistance for the same dual credit populations that ECC already was serving and offers an even richer benefit that includes dual enrollment students as well.



Moving forward, any student seeking a Dual Credit/Dual Enrollment Scholarship must follow the state's application process to determine eligibility for those funds. The state's process takes several weeks and is dependent on funds available, so it is important that students set up their account on the state's website as soon as possible. Students can apply for funding as soon as they are enrolled. Students will be required to create an account at the state's Financial Aid Portal. All instructions and eligibility requirements are available at <https://dhewd.mo.gov/ppc/grants/DCDE.php>. Students can create an account now. ECC will be reaching out individually to current juniors who have benefited from the Free & Reduced Lunch Waiver in the past with these instructions as well.

Please note that ECC will continue to have a payment deadline date. Students will need to make sure funding is secured by the published date each term to remain enrolled. Students who do not meet the payment deadline will be dropped from courses. Students who may be eligible should apply early to allow time for the state to process their requests.



New Rolla Facility

Our footprint and program offerings will be growing in Rolla over the next several years. We are planning for a new ECC Rolla facility to be designed, built, and open by 2026. The facility is expected to be 50,000 – 75,000 square feet with room for expansion. The college will receive \$3 million in federal funds for a Health Sciences Academy at the new facility and will be awarded \$13 million in state funds for design and construction. Additional funds will be raised for the facility.

Dual Credit Retirements or Changes? Let Us Know

Please let your ECC representative know if you anticipate any changes to your dual credit instructors for the upcoming year. If you are interested in having a new instructor teach dual credit, instructors must have a master's degree in their specific discipline (English, math, business, etc.) or a master's degree in any area with 18 graduate hours in that specific field. If you would like our assistance in confidentially reviewing credentials for new candidates, please contact Megen.Strubberg@eastcentral.edu.



New Resource for Undecided Students

Sometimes, students are sure they want to go to college, but they are not sure what they want to do as a career. This can be stressful for students, parents, and supporters. If you have a student who is planning to attend ECC but worried that they do not have it all figured out, our

Falcon Career Center's Occupational Navigator Sarah Haines is here to help them find their way into a fulfilling career. Email her at Sarah.Haines@eastcentral.edu.

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Early College Academy Graduates

Sage Sparkman, ECC Early College Academy and Union High School graduate, and current Cinema Arts major at Lindenwood University, recently visited ECC to conduct an interview for her documentary film course. Sage prefers to be behind the scenes, but she is being encouraged to take on additional camera facing roles.



Sage Sparkman



Sarah Harris, left, and Markie Lampkin, UHS Assistant Principal

Sarah Harris, ECC Early College Academy and Union High School graduate, and Biochemistry and Molecular Biology major at Truman State University, joined the Miller Lab in Fall 2022. Harris is part of the Amyloid Beta project, which is a study about how proteins may affect the fibers in the brain in patients living with Alzheimer's Disease.