



Frequently-Asked Questions About Dual Enrollment through Aquinas College

What are the benefits of taking a college-level course while in high school?

The Aquinas courses are taught by college professors, following a college curriculum, so these are truly college-level learning experiences. Early college experience can help students explore interests they may pursue in post-high school programs and may inform career choices, and the caliber of the learning environment will help prepare students for a successful first-year college experience.

Another benefit of taking on-campus Aquinas courses is that students enrolled in these courses enjoy opportunities extended to traditional Aquinas students, including access to Aquinas sporting events, their library and support services.

What courses are offered at Catholic Central?

This year, Aquinas Dual Enrollment courses will blend in-person instruction and interactive, on-line learning experience, tailored to our schedule. That means that instructors and students will meet on our campus on a regular schedule, and complement that direct instruction with on-line learning and collaboration outside of class meeting times.

Courses offered in the 2017-18 school year:

1st Semester --

- **CN101 Introduction to Communication** (3 credits) Want to learn to communicate more clearly and with more confidence? To understand others better? Strong communication skills are valuable in life, in relationships, and in all areas of work. This course can help you learn theory and methods of intrapersonal, interpersonal, small group, organizational, public, intercultural, and mass communication. Taught by Professor Lisa Scheuller, this course has been a popular choice among our dual enrollment students and is a prerequisite for CN206, Interpersonal Communication (offered second semester; description below.)
- **BS201 Principles of Management** (3 credits) Working in any organization, large or small, calls for an understanding of how to manage a variety of resources. This course focuses on the study of the origin and development of management theory, processes of management, decision-making, leadership, communication, social responsibility, and international management, with an emphasis on application of management principles to managing organizations. Taught by Professor Mark O'Toole, this course would benefit students interested in learning about business as well as many other areas of work.

2nd Semester --

- **BS202 Principles of Marketing** (3 credits) Marketing is a growing industry that affects everyone. Students interested in being an informed consumer and/or growing a business would benefit from an understanding of marketing strategies and practices. This course, taught by Professor Mark O'Toole, offers an introduction to basic marketing concepts, including marketing strategy, pricing, promotional activities, product development, and physical distribution.
- **CN206 Interpersonal Communication** (3 credits) Want to learn to be a better listener? To make stronger decisions and to resolve conflicts? This course builds on the concepts and skills taught in Introduction to Communication (offered first semester) and is taught by Professor Lisa Scheuller. The course delves into the principles underlying communication behavior, focusing on feedback, nonverbal communication, decision making, listening, communication barriers and breakdowns, persuasion, and conflict. Prerequisite: CN101.

Who may take these courses?

The Aquinas courses are offered to CCHS juniors and seniors, who may take one or more courses each semester. These courses may be attended by non-CCHS Aquinas students, but only after CCHS student registration and following a standard background check. As always, your needs will guide these decisions.

How much will the dual enrollment courses cost?

CCHS students are responsible to pay the difference between the Aquinas College reduced-rate tuition (\$249 per credit hour/\$747 per 3-credit course) and the Michigan Department of Education allotment for dual enrollment. Last year that difference amounted to \$137 per course. Students are also responsible to purchase books and materials required for Aquinas courses. Aquinas will provide information on required books and materials, and if available, information on reduced-cost, used books. Aquinas will also keep cost in mind when choosing textbooks for dual enrollment courses at CCHS. However, that cost may vary for each course.

Where are these classes held?

This College-on-Campus program allows students to earn college credits in a Catholic learning environment without the time and expense required for transportation off campus. The classes are held on our campus during the school day.

Where do students go when the Aquinas class is not in session?

When Aquinas classes do not meet, students enrolled in the Aquinas courses will utilize this time to study and to collaborate on coursework in Study Hall in the Student Center. Students are required to be on campus (in Study Hall),

and to follow CCHS rules and policies. Following our regular procedure, students may not leave the campus, even when the Aquinas class is not in session, without parent permission communicated to the Main Office.

How will grades and attendance be communicated?

Aquinas College will utilize their own programs to share course material and communicate grades to students; Aquinas does not use Moodle or Infinite Campus. For parents to access grades, students will need to share their sign-in information with parents.

Will credits earned for these courses transfer to other colleges?

Registration in Aquinas Dual Enrollment courses will begin a student's college transcript. Aquinas College is a participant in the Michigan Transfer Agreement, which is designed to facilitate student transfer from one Michigan college or university to another. While many Michigan colleges and universities honor the MTA, some participate in a more limited manner. Students are encouraged to check with the receiving institution regarding their transfer policies, and our Guidance department can help with that. More information about MTA is available at <https://www.aquinas.edu/academic-affairs/michigan-transfer-agreement> or by calling the Aquinas College Registrar/Academic Advising office at (616) 632-2866.

How do students apply?

Students interested in applying should contact their Guidance counselor to learn more about the application requirements and timeline. Aquinas applications are available online at: <https://admissions.aquinas.edu/apply/>