

Washtenaw Technical Middle College

2009-2010



A Middle College, not a High School

Washtenaw Technical Middle College (WTMC) is a Michigan Public School Academy chartered by and located on the campus of Washtenaw Community College (WCC). WTMC students jointly enroll as full time students at WCC, and are required to meet all pre-requisites, requirements and conditions of Washtenaw Community College students. WTMC students graduate with a high school diploma and a certificate or associate degree from WCC.

The WTMC Program

WTMC is a skill based, as opposed to a credit based, educational program. Rather than merely accumulating high school credits, WTMC students acquire and demonstrate hard (academic) and soft (life management) skills. WTMC students must complete WTMC college preparatory courses in English, mathematics, science and social studies with a minimum grade of 'C' and demonstrate college ready soft skills in all classes prior to transitioning into the college portion of the program. Students are then required to complete 100 level college classes in the core subjects listed below.

Core Subjects	Course Name	College Course Title
English	ENG 111	Composition I
Mathematics	MTH 160 or MTH 169 or MTH 151 and 157	Basic Statistics Intermediate Algebra Technical Algebra and Geometry
Science	BIO 101 or CEM 111 or PHY 111	Concepts of Biology and lab General Chemistry and lab General Physics I and lab
Social Studies	PLS 112	Introduction to American Government

After finishing the college core academic requirements, students complete a technical certificate or associate degree from Washtenaw Community College. Based on their Educational Development Plan (EDP) WTMC students choose, one of sixty programs at Washtenaw Community College (<http://www.wccnet.edu/catalog/>) and additional electives.

The pedagogy of WTMC is simple, "every graduate can do something." Additionally, WTMC students learn how to effectively function in a post secondary environment. They learn how to manage their time, organize their lives in and out of school and how to negotiate their way through problems. This creates graduates who are prepared for the world of work and/or the continuation of their studies at a four year university.

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Accreditation

Washtenaw Community College is accredited by the North Central Association (NCA).

WTMC students complete college credits to graduate precluding the need to offer Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, or high school honors courses.

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Grade Point Average Credits/Class Rank

- WCC and WTMC both require a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 for graduation.
- WTMC/WCC uses a weighted method of GPA calculation. Grade points are determined by multiplying the grade points by the credit hours. The cumulative grade point average is the total number of grade points earned divided by the total number of credit hours attempted.
- WTMC does not calculate class rank. WTMC students complete such a wide variety of programs with differing requirements that a single measure of achievement is misleading.
- Over 80% of the WCC grades earned by WTMC students are C or better.
- Middle College and college credits are shown in college credit format, with credit awarded on the basis of instructional contact hours per week per semester

Grading Scale

Grades	Grade Points Per Credit Hour
A Superior	4.0
A-	3.7
B+	3.3
B Excellent	3.0
C+	2.7
C Average	2.3
C-	1.7
D+	1.3
D Below Average	1.0
D-	0.7
F Failure	0.0
S* Satisfactory	0.0
U* Unsatisfactory	0.0
I* Incomplete; Credit Withheld	0.0
IX* Expired Incomplete	0.0
W* Withdrawal	0.0
AU* Audit	0.0
P* Pass	0.0
NP* No Pass	0.0

NOTE: Grades (except S, P, and AU) having 0 grade points may be treated by other educational institutions as an 'F'

Real Education Real People Real Results

- 74% of 2009 WTMC graduates earned an associate degree
- 66% of 2009 WTMC graduates plan to enroll in a 4-year college or university
- 27% of 2009 WTMC graduates plan to complete or earn an additional associate degree

Awards and Recognition

- Chosen by the International Center for Leadership in Education (ICLE) as one of the top 25 high schools in the country (2006)
- Selected by the United States Department of Education as one of four schools in the nation embracing a new educational vision for the 21st century (2004)
- Received the inaugural Michigan Governor's Award for Excellence in Educational Practices (2001)

Testing

ACT Composite Scores				
Grad Year	Total Tested		Composite Score	
	WTMC	State	WTMC	State
2004	51	73,434	23.4	21.4
2005	43	74,307	23.2	21.4
2006	51	72,751	24.5	21.5
2007	51	78,135	24.1	21.5
2008	125	78,135	22.6	21.5
2009	104	123,918	22.6	19.6

NOTE: In Michigan, ALL 2008 and 2009 graduates took the ACT as 11th graders

Demographic Information

- Gender: 50% female, 50% male
- 74% of the students define themselves as Caucasian, 26% define themselves as minorities
- Previous educational institutions: 63% public, 21% home, 12% private, and 4% other
- Fall 2009 WCC/WTMC enrollment: 15,000

WTMC Admission Requirements

9th Grade Applicants

- 1 credit English
- 1 credit Algebra or Geometry
- 1 credit science
- 1 credit Social Studies
- 1 credit of an Elective

10th Grade Applicants

- 2 credits English
- 2 credits Math
- 2 credits Science
- 1 credit Social Studies
- 3 credits of Electives