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## FDMS students can earn credits at GCC

Students at Father Duenas Memorial School can now earn postsecondary credits at Guam Community College while still in high school through GCC's Dual Enrollment Accelerated Learning (DEAL) program. FDMS is the first private high school on the island to sign an agreement with GCC to allow eligible students to enroll in college courses concurrently with high school classes and to receive both high school and college credit simultaneously.

"The DEAL program provides students who are academically ready to get a head start on their college careers," noted Dr. Michael Chan ('93), GCC Associate Dean. "Additionally, this program allows students to develop college success skills needed for completion of college level course work."

"This partnership with Guam Community College provides an excellent opportunity for the students from Father Dueñas Memorial School to gain a valuable education and credits to further their understanding of the world around them," said Ismael Perez, FD College Advisor.

The agreement specifies dual credit college courses for FD, similar to the DEAL agreement GCC has signed with the five Guam Department of Education high schools. GCC has also signed a DEAL agreement with the Home School Association of Guam. (See table below for DEAL course list.) Students accepted into the program will take GCC's placement test, and if they place into one of the college courses on the DEAL list, the student will register at GCC and enroll in the course/courses.

"The student will take the course at GCC, most likely after school or during the summer, although it is not uncommon to have students participate in DEAL during the fall and spring semesters," said Chan.

Upon successful completion of the college course(s), the student will receive credit for the corresponding high school course toward high school graduation (*without having had to take that high school course*), **AND** receive college credit, also to count toward college graduation.

"Another thing to keep in mind is that EN110, MA110, MA161A, and MA161B are all transferrable to the University of Guam, and we have had students who were able to transfer these courses to community colleges and four year universities in Hawaii and the mainland," Chan noted. "So it is a bit more than just a means for students to avail themselves of high school

credit in order to graduate and receive their high school diploma. It is also a very effective means of getting a head start in college to attain their post-secondary degree.”

“The dual enrollment program movement in American community colleges and secondary schools has expanded greatly in the past decade or so,” according to Dr. Ray Somera, GCC Vice President for Academic Affairs. “The importance of this program is being documented in a number of states where it has existed for several years. Participating in a dual enrollment program provides an exceptional option to secondary schools wishing to offer challenging programs to their students and to students wishing to get a head start on college,” Somera said.

To apply for this program, eligible students may pick up a DEAL application packet from their high school principal or college counselor or GCC career counselor, or find it on the GCC web site under Majors/Programs – Secondary Programs. Students should complete all forms and return them to their counselor for submission to the GCC Admissions and Registration Office. Students must then work with their college counselor in scheduling college classes. Students and their parents/guardians are responsible for paying college tuition and fees and purchasing textbooks. Log onto [www.guamcc.edu](http://www.guamcc.edu) for more information, or call Dr. Michael Chan at 735-5573 or email [michael.chan@guamcc.edu](mailto:michael.chan@guamcc.edu).

### Dual Enrollment Accelerated Learning Program

<b>FDMS*</b>	<b>GCC</b>
EL09 Composition	EN110 Freshman English
MA04 Pre-Calculus	MA161B College Algebra and Trigonometry II
<b>GDOE</b>	<b>GCC</b>
LA411 Advanced Placement Language & Composition	EN110 Freshman English
MA301 Trigonometry & Analytical Geometry	MA110 Finite Mathematics
MA401 Elementary Functions	MA161A
<b>Home School Association of Guam</b>	<b>GCC</b>
Home schooling curriculum	English, Math, and Japanese courses
<b>DEAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student must be at least 16 years old</li> <li>• 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade only</li> <li>• Approval of high school principal and GCC counselor</li> <li>• Written approval of parent/guardian</li> <li>• Meet course prerequisites for enrollment in DEAL courses</li> <li>• <b>*FDMS requires students to have a minimum 3.0 GPA to participate</b></li> <li>• Students must complete all college courses with a grade of “C” or better to continue in the DEAL program</li> </ul>	

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