

Scheduling and Planning Information for Upper School Students:

Advanced Placement

This program is available to interested Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors. Students and Parents must sign the “AP Commitment Agreement Form” provided by AP teachers. This agreement outlines summer work, course work, time commitments, and testing requirements. Students with acceptable scores on the AP test could receive between 3-6 hours of college credit. Because of the difficulty of the class, all AP students receive 5 points added to their semester numerical average for the class.

Dual Enrollment

This program is available through Georgia College to Juniors and Seniors with a 3.0 or higher GPA. Students must also meet the criteria set by the college, including appropriate SAT/ACT scores. They must fit their college classes around those classes taken at the Upper School.

Requirements for Seniors:

- Seniors taking two Dual Enrollment classes are expected to maintain that status throughout the year. This would require students to take 4 classes at JMA.
- Seniors taking one Dual Enrollment class are expected to maintain that status throughout the year. This would require students to take 5 classes at JMA.

Requirements for Juniors:

- Juniors must take 5 classes at JMA and be registered for one Dual Enrollment course.
- Juniors will be dismissed at a reasonable time determined by administration to get to class at GC&SU.
- On days students do not have class, they will attend a study hall and 7th period elective.

Grading: (additional information available in the handbook)

- Any student who earns a C or lower in a college class will be required to meet, along with their parents, with the counselor and/or Head of School to discuss whether he/she can continue at GCSU the following semester or needs to return to JMA.
- Letter grades for these classes will be entered on the permanent report card as given on the college report card or transcript. These grades will be treated as follows: A=98, B=88, C=78, D=70, F=68.

Online Classes

John Milledge Academy is excited to partner with APEX Learning to offer an extended course catalog for Upper School students. Apex Learning is the leading provider of blended and virtual learning solutions to the nation's schools. Their online courses provide an active learner experience that engages all students in rigorous coursework to prepare them for college and work. The following courses are academic electives (course work counts towards HOPE and GPA) currently available to Juniors and Seniors: Creative Writing, Psychology, Sociology, French I.

Honor Graduates: Class of 2016, Class of 2017

Cum Laude Graduates are those students who meet the following criteria:

Maintain an overall average of 90 for their 4 years of high school (grades 9-12),

Have no major disciplinary record for their 4 years of high school.

Academic rigor should include:

- A minimum of 6 honors courses
- One AP Class and/or two dual enrollment classes

Magna Cum Laude Graduates are those students who meet the following criteria:

Exceed the Honor Graduate criteria with a cumulative average of 93 or above,

Minimum number of 9 honors level classes in core subjects in grades 9-11.

Academic rigor should include a minimum of three or more of the following courses:

- AP Calculus or dual enrollment equivalent
- AP US History or AP Government or dual enrollment equivalent
- Either AP English 11, AP English 12 or dual enrollment equivalent (English 1101-1102)
- AP Biology or dual enrollment equivalent.

Students eligible for Valedictorian and Salutatorian have met the *Magna Cum Laude* requirements plus:

Valedictorian (summa cum laude): the senior with the highest grade average for the high school years. Student must have attended John Milledge Academy for a minimum of 3 semesters, as well as taken the most challenging science, math, and English courses (or dual enrollment equivalent) as a Senior.

Salutatorian (summa cum laude): the senior with the second highest grade average for the high school year. Student must have attended John Milledge Academy for a minimum of 3 semesters, as well as taken the most challenging science, math, and English courses (or dual enrollment equivalent) as a Senior.
