



COURSE DESCRIPTION

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PRIVATE (ONE-ON-ONE) CLASSES

A significant portion of the classes held at **MERCER EDUCATION** (ME) are private, one-on-one tutorials. For students struggling to master a concept, it is especially important to have a teacher’s full attention, and often private tutorials provide the most suitable and effective learning experience. Unlike many local tutoring schools, which corral 2 or 3 students in an open, central area and then have the teacher toggle between the students every 10 minutes and call this a “private” class, ME’s private classes are *genuinely* private, one-on-one (i.e., one student-to-one teacher) classes held in reserved classrooms. [Note: Some classes are held online via Zoom and others are conducted in person. Indicate your preference on p. 1 of the application.]

ME’s private classes are not arranged like walk-in study halls with different teachers of varying experience and quality each week. Rather, every effort is made to pair students with teachers who best match their needs. Once private classes are underway, those classes are consistent from week to week with the same teacher at the same scheduled time so that teachers can better understand students’ learning styles and areas of weakness, and students can feel more comfortable with teachers focused on their needs and objectives. Classes are scheduled in ongoing 2-month blocks and may continue for as long as the student would like during the school year. Classes are scheduled on a weekly basis unless otherwise specified.

Although most students requesting private classes at ME have specific agendas and availability and therefore require one-on-one tutorials, there are cases where 2 or 3 students would like to work on the same subject area while attending a class together. For example, sometimes siblings would like an ESL class together, or sometimes several classmates attending a class in a local school (e.g., chemistry or AP History) are struggling because their local schoolteacher is inexperienced or their class does not have a textbook. In such cases, ME provides the same customized approach to requests for 2-person or 3-person private classes that gives full attention to those students’ needs and goals. NB: students in 2-person or 3-person private classes always come to us requesting classes together, and the majority of our private classes are one-on-one classes, i.e., they are genuinely “private.” We do not pair random strangers in private classes; the scheduling is too complicated, and most people do not want “semi-private” classes.

PRIVATE CLASS HIGHLIGHTS

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| ▶ Flexible Start Dates | ▶ Homework and Test Prep Assistance |
| ▶ Scheduling Based on Student Availability | ▶ Multiple Subject Areas – Inquiries Welcome |
| ▶ Consistent Weekly Classes and Teachers | ▶ Seasoned, Professional Instructors |
| ▶ One-time and Short-term Options | ▶ Classes Tailored to Students’ Needs |
| ▶ Open Seven Days a Week | ▶ Direct, Open Communication with Teachers |
| ▶ Competitive Rates | ▶ Commitment to a Successful Experience |

- Except for short-term enrollment (e.g., just one meeting), students are invoiced for 2-month blocks of pre-scheduled weekly classes ongoing through the year (Sept/Oct, Nov/Dec, etc.). Start any time: mid-session sign-up is prorated.
- The cost for most private one-on-one classes is about \$88/hour, while the cost of most private college counseling sessions is about \$125/hour. See *Fee Schedule* and inquire with us for additional details.
- Parents receive progress reports (Dec. and May) with scores, comments and recommendations and other periodic updates as necessary.
- ME is open year-round. During the school year, private classes are generally scheduled weekdays 4–9pm and weekends 9am–5pm, while in the summer private classes are generally scheduled M-F until 6 or 7pm and Saturdays 9am–5pm.