The Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics is a dual-credit academy for academically exceptional Kentucky students. Craft Academy provides students with a postsecondary residential experience to complete their junior and senior years of high school by enrolling in college courses. The Craft Academy's purpose is to meet the unique educational needs of academically gifted and talented high school juniors and seniors in the Commonwealth. The academic rigor of the Craft Academy challenges students to excel at their highest level through project-based STEM+X courses and hands-on learning experiences, with emphasis on innovation, design and creativity, and civic and regional engagement.

PARENTS & FAMILIES
The Craft Academy is a great opportunity for your student to earn up to two years in college credit hours while they complete high school. Our residential facility, located in Grote-Thompson Hall, is staffed 24-7, and counselors and advisors will be available to offer assistance and guidance to your student when needed. You can rest assured your student is receiving a focused, robust education geared toward their specific interests and strengths in an environment that is safe, conducive to learning, comfortable and supportive. There is no cost for tuition, housing or a meal plan for students of the Craft Academy. The course of study at the Craft Academy will not only give your student a jump start on their college education, it will set them on the path to a successful, rewarding career.

REQUEST MORE INFO:
For more information, email craftacademy@moreheadstate.edu or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/craft-academy.

MSU is an affirmative action, equal opportunity, educational institution.
Admission Requirements

Craft Academy applicants are high school sophomores who will have completed Geometry, Algebra I and Algebra II by the end of their sophomore year. We take a holistic approach to our admission process by considering several aspects of what students bring to the table including ACT scores; academic grades from freshman and sophomore years; interest in advanced careers in science, technology, engineering and math; student responses to application essay questions; interviews by the Academy selection committee; and recommendations from teachers and other individuals who can attest to a student’s need and preparedness for the program.

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Craft Academy applicants for Fall must:

- Be a current resident of the state of Kentucky.
- Be a high school sophomore.
- Complete Geometry, Algebra I and Algebra II prior to enrollment.
- Suggested GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- Score a minimum of 18 in English, 21 in reading and 22 in math.
- Submit a completed online application and mail all required materials or send via email to craftacademy@moreheadstate.edu.

Required supplemental items include an official high school transcript, ACT test scores, answers to the five essay questions on the application, a check sheet completed by the student’s guidance counselor and three letters of recommendation, one of which must be written by a STEM teacher and at least one written by a community member. The December ACT of your sophomore year is the last ACT test that can be accepted for the application process.

Cost of Attendance

Not only is the Craft Academy a solid educational foundation, it also makes a college education more affordable. There is no cost for tuition, housing or a meal plan for students of the Craft Academy. Students will be responsible for the cost of textbooks, additional meals and miscellaneous personal expenses. There is no fee to apply.

Craft Academy Curriculum

Through the Craft Academy experience, students will complete a high school diploma and earn a minimum of 60 college credit hours, including math, science and English core courses, STEM electives and +X courses. All courses are taught by MSU professors. The +X components take a student’s STEM career interests to a higher level by engaging students in exploring how their thinking and creative talents can be used to imagine and invent.

Math Core: 3 courses  
Science Core: 4 courses  
STEM Core: 3 courses  
STEM Electives: 3 courses  
+X Core: 3 courses  
+X Electives: 3 courses  
General Elective: 1 course

Note: Students are required to enroll in at least 15 credit hours per semester, including Calculus I and all pre-requisite courses prior to graduation. Credit hours may vary by course.

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Take a tour of our facilities, speak with current students and staff, and see what the Craft Academy has to offer you.

Book your personal visit online at www.moreheadstate.edu/virtualvisit.