Welcome to Hartnell College

We believe all students should have the opportunity to begin in transfer-level coursework, regardless of past school experiences. We have extensive support systems in place to aid all students when developing an educational plan, applying for financial aid, and choosing among classes each semester. Individualized support is available to help all students meet their goals as they navigate through challenging coursework. The students who succeed at Hartnell make use of these, and many other, support programs. Seek out the support and aid best suited to your needs. We are here to help.

Choosing College Courses

At Hartnell we prioritize starting students on a successful pathway to complete a Hartnell certificate of achievement or an associate's degree, and we help facilitate the transfer of those students interested in pursuing a bachelor's degree. So it is important to understand the available placement options and to work with us to find the most appropriate path into and through Hartnell's curriculum.1

Placement options for Math, English, and ESL can be found here2 [link].

Join our Community

Our experience shows, and the research confirms, that students who walk through our open doors can and do accomplish their educational goals. At Hartnell you will find that our standards are high and our courses rigorous, but you will also find a community of faculty members and staff who are dedicated to supporting every student who chooses to take up the kinds of potentially life-changing work that a college education offers. We teach, we tutor, we talk; we wonder and imagine together; we ask a lot of hard questions and seek out answers together. We engage with any student, regardless of past educational experiences. We are Hartnell.

Comment [1]: People don't choose Hartnell because it's rigorous. They come here because they want to change their lives. --Herbert's comment that explained everything to me about the fears of students about the philosophy.

Comment [2]: I just reviewed the statement with an evening COU 1 course. They wanted more details and felt it was vague. Someone said, that it could be "shorter and to the point" and another that it was "too soft"--makes it seem like if you fail, that's ok. =P Mixed messages from students!

I don't think it was anything that merited a change...there were not strong reactions to it.

Comment [3]: Perhaps we attach this philosophy statement with the more detailed description of what the law entails and how we are applying it.

1 Pre-transfer level English and math courses will remain available within the college schedule of class offerings for those students whose educational goal is aligned with a pre-transfer level math class (e.g. certificate).

2 Hartnell College has adjusted its placement rules for incoming students to make them immediately eligible to enroll in transfer-level math and English courses, in line with the requirements of Assembly Bill 705 (AB 705), which took effect on Jan. 1, 2018.