

BWHS College Credit Plus Information Guide

What is College Credit Plus?

College Credit Plus (CCP) provides college ready students in grades 7 – 12 with the opportunity to take college classes offered by any Ohio public college or university, or from any participating private postsecondary institution, at their high school, on the college or university campus, or online. The program allows students to explore college interests sooner and to earn college credits toward a degree before graduating from high school.

How is it determined if a student is college ready?

Students must be eligible for College Credit Plus participation based on assessment exam scores. Assessment exam examples include ACT, SAT, Accuplacer, ALEKS, PlaceU, MapleSoft. Each college/university has different exam requirements.

Advantages of College Credit Plus

For the student who is eligible for CCP, he/she must be academically ready for college level courses and be willing to follow the procedures outlined by the university while still in high school.

- Students may earn (transcribed) college credit and high school credit upon successful completion of a course.
- Accelerate achievement of educational goals
- Eliminate duplication of high school and college course content
- Increase the rigor and challenge of course offerings while in high school
- Decrease the cost of college with course tuition offered at a reduced rate

Potential Risks and Consequences of College Credit Plus

- Increased responsibility of learning/reduced parent involvement due to FERPA restrictions
- Reduced opportunities for participation in high school activities
- Impacts GPA (high school and college); scholarship consideration
- Potential scheduling conflicts between high school and college courses
- Potential Athletic Eligibility issues - must be scheduled for five credits per semester
- Increased potential for social discomfort
- State Testing
- Financial Aid
- Parents, please note: "The subject matter of a course enrolled in under the college credit plus program may include mature subject matter or materials, including those of a graphic, explicit, violent, or sexual nature, that will not be modified based upon college credit plus enrollee participation regardless of where course instruction occurs."

What is the cost of the program?

For students who apply for CCP State Funding, tuition is covered as long as the funding award credits matches the number of credits the student is taking on the college level. There may be a modest fee for private college credit. If the student does not apply for state funding or goes over the max credits allowed, the student's family is responsible to cover the cost of tuition/books, etc. and the student does not get the benefits of CCP.

How many College Credits can a student earn under CCP?

Students can earn a maximum of 30 college semester credit hours per year and a maximum of 120 college semester credits prior to their high school graduation. The Ohio Board of Regents has established a formula that students must refer to when registering for high school and college courses. This formula is utilized to assure students do not exceed full time status. Full time status can be calculated as follows:

$$30 - (\text{High school only credits} \times 3) = \text{Maximum number of College Credit Plus credit hours}$$

This calculation must be completed each year for a student as the high school credits may change. Also, students may only take a maximum of 120 credit hours in the program.

If students would like to take more than the maximum number of credit hours, the student can arrange to register and pay for those additional credit hours as a “self-pay” student. Those hours would be outside of the program and the student will not receive the benefits of College Credit Plus.

What is the “First 15” rule?

Course Eligibility

Students must complete 15 credit hours in Level 1 before progressing to Level 2. Check with the college you wish to participate to get a list of level 1 courses.

Level 1

- “Transferable course”: Part of career-technical assurance guide, CTAG, Ohio transfer module, OTM, or transfer assurance guide, TAG or equivalent at private college/university
- “Technical certificate course”: means a course that is part of the organized program of study for a technical certificate that is offered by a public institution of higher education and has been designated by the chancellor of higher education as leading to an occupation or special employment opportunity.
- Course in Computer Science, Informational Technology, Anatomy, Physiology, or Foreign Language including American Sign Language.
- a course included in a 15 hour or 30 hour pathway
- a course designed to teach study skills and other skills for academic or career success to first year college students
- Internship course
- Another course that may be approved by the Chancellor on an annual basis

Level 2

- Any other college course that is not a level 1 courses

Exceptions to the “First 15” Rule may be made if the student wishes to continue with a course in the same subject or tests directly into Level 2 course. Students who attained the required scores on AP or IB course examinations may count the course toward the First 15.

Non-Allowable Courses: These are courses not permitted under College Credit Plus:

- Applied courses with one-on-one private instruction
- Courses with high fees (\$750 or more)
- Study abroad courses
- Physical Education courses
- P/F or S/U graded courses (unless the course is an internship or a transferable course with the same grading scale for all students enrolled)
- Remedial courses
- Sectarian religion courses.

What CCP courses are being offered at Bishop Watterson High School?

Bishop Watterson has partnered with Columbus State Community College to offer the following semester long courses:

___ CCP CSCC HIST 1111 European History to 1648	3 Credits = 1 high school credit
___ CCP CSCC HIST 1112 European History Since 1648	3 Credits = 1 high school credit
___ CCP CSCC FMGT 1101 Personal Finance	3 Credits = 1 high school credit

COLUMBUS STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

College Credit Plus at Columbus State link:

<https://www.cscs.edu/academics/college-credit-plus/>

Level I Courses (Qualifying Courses) link:

<https://www.cscs.edu/academics/college-credit-plus/ccp-courses.shtml>

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

The Ohio State University Academy Program link:

<https://academy-ccp.osu.edu/>

Level One Courses link:

<https://academy-ccp.osu.edu/course-enrollment/level-one-courses>

OSU CCP Course Pathways:

<https://academy-ccp.osu.edu/sample-pathways>

Will these classes transfer to the college I choose to attend?

Credits earned through CCP are transferable to many public and private institutions in Ohio and out of the State. Students who want to transfer to another university will need to send their transcript for the Institute of Higher Learning (IHL) to the university they plan to attend. Colleges may apply the credit towards the general education requirement or as electives at the school.

Websites are available to help students fully understand what courses will transfer: www.collegetransfer.net or www.transfercredit.ohio.gov or www.transferology.com

At these sites, you can enter courses you are considering taking and perform a degree audit to see if they are the most appropriate courses for you. You may also look at program descriptions for your intended major at the institute you would like to attend to choose courses and also check the college/university's policy for college credit earned through CCP.

What are the steps for applying for CCP class(es) and funding?

See attachment.

Selective Service Requirement

As per the Selective Service Requirement Under the provision of the Ohio Revised Code 3345.32, a male student born after December 31, 1959 who is at least 18 years old and is classified as an Ohio resident is required to register with the Selective Service within 20 days of his 18th birthday. A student who is required to register and fails to do so may be removed from CCP participation.

How are college credits converted to high school credits?

5 semester credits	= 1.0 high school Carnegie Credit
4 semester credits	= 1.0 high school Carnegie Credit
3 semester credits	= 1.0 high school Carnegie Credit
2 semester credits	= .67 high school Carnegie Credit
1 semester credit	= .33 high school Carnegie Credit

How will College Credit Plus classes impact my GPA?

Per HB 487, College Credit Plus courses must receive the equivalent weight as any weighted course within a given content area. The College Credit Plus course name and grade will be on your high school transcript as well as the college's transcript and calculated into your GPA. If you decide to attend the college in which you take the course the grade will be calculated into your college GPA.

What happens if I do not do well in a College Credit Plus course?

An **underperforming student** is defined as a student who meets at least one of these conditions:

1. Has a cumulative GPA of lower than a 2.0 in the college course taken through the CCP Program.
2. Withdraws from, or receives no credit for, two or more courses in the same term. (Withdrawing from a course occurs when the student dis-enrolls from a course after the census date and the secondary school is financially responsible for the tuition associated with the course.)

Probation: A student is placed on CCP probation when the student:

- Has earned lower than a cumulative 2.00 GPA in college courses OR
 - Withdraws from two or more courses in the same term
 - **When on CCP Probation, the student:**
 - may enroll in no more than one college course
 - may not enroll in a college course in the same subject in which the student previously earned a D or F or received no credit
 - Students remain on probation until their cumulative GPA (college) improves to 2.0 or higher
- ### **Dismissal: A student can be dismissed from participating in CCP when the student:**
- A student is placed on CCP Dismissal when the student has met the definition of CCP Probation for two consecutive college terms.
 - Once a student is dismissed from the CCP Program, the student may not enroll in college courses for the following college term

What is FERPA?

FERPA (Family Educational Rights and Privacy ACT)

College Credit Plus students are college students and subject to the federal FERPA. For regular college students, this means that college records are not released to anyone, even parents, without written permission from the student. For College Credit Plus students, the high school and the college may exchange information.

Important information you should know about College Credit Plus classes: Read the fine print

- Students taking College Credit Plus courses are subject to the rules and regulations of the university they are currently attending, including add/drop dates established by the participating institution.
- Each student will be assigned an "Academic Advisor" from the university. Any questions regarding curriculum should be addressed with the Academic Advisor provided by the university.
- Bishop Watterson students are at the mercy of the State Department of Education for funding. The funding formulas and amounts can vary each year. If families do not apply for ODE funding or do not receive the proper funding amount, the family will be responsible for paying for the course and all course materials.
- If you take college courses, you are considered to be a college student. You are responsible to see and meet with professors and to be independent. Your parents cannot speak for you - FERPA restrictions
- If taking a course at a university, it is your responsibility to find transportation to and from the institution.
- Your academic calendars may be different. As an example, your spring break could fall at one date at Bishop Watterson and another at the college. You are responsible for attending both institutions.
- While in college courses, students are introduced to a learning environment that promotes an open exchange of ideas. Course content is presented at an adult level, and class discussions require a mature understanding of divergent viewpoints and the ability to think critically on controversial issues. Students must sign a student questionnaire regarding "Mature Content Material" as defined in Ohio Revised Code 3365.035
- Students should understand that these courses are college-level courses, and the amount of work, pace, and rigor of content in college courses may be greater than high school courses. In addition, college course grades become a part of a student's permanent college transcript and high school transcript and are calculated into the grade point average for both institutions. Poor performance in college courses may affect future university admissions, scholarships and financial aid. Therefore, it is important to perform well in college courses to realize the benefits of taking college courses while in high school.