



YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY

# College

CREDIT PLUS



## What is College Credit Plus?

**College Credit Plus (CCP)** is a dual-enrollment program for college ready 7th through 12th graders. You can earn both high school and college credit by taking courses at your high school (if offered), on YSU's campus or online.

### ■ At Your High School:

- You take the course at your high school during your regular high school day.
- High school CCP instructors have the same qualifications as YSU faculty.

### ■ YSU's Campus / Online:

- You either come to campus, or take the class online, with YSU faculty.
- Your high school may provide you with computer access and time during the school day to complete your work.
- You cannot register until you see your academic advisor and attend either New Student Orientation or a Continuing Student Update session. Space in the class is not guaranteed.
- Classes follow the YSU calendar, which is different from your high school calendar (start/end dates; holidays) and snow days are very rare.

### College Credit Plus in Honors

If you have a 3.5 cumulative high school GPA and a 26 or higher ACT Composite score, you are eligible to participate in the CCP in Honors program. You will be identified for this prestigious opportunity during the CCP admission process and can earn Honors credit for classes you complete on the YSU campus.



## How is it funded?

- **Option B:** No cost to you. **This option is available only to Ohio residents.** Your high school pays tuition and also textbooks. YSU waives course fees. You earn both high school and college credit.
- **Option A:** You pay for tuition, books, and materials, and can choose to receive only college credit (grade is not factored into the high school GPA) or both high school and college credit. If you want high school credit, you will need to ask to have the course added to your transcript before the 14th day of the college semester the course is taught in. Only courses eligible to be taken under College Credit Plus can be taken under Option A. If it is not a CCP eligible course, you are not allowed to take it, even if it is self-pay. This is state policy.
  - If you are a non-public or home schooled student and did not get enough State funding for Option B, you can self-pay under Option A.
  - **Out-of-state students self-pay using Option A rates.**

In order to participate, you must submit a letter of intent by

**April 1.**

Contact your school's main office to find out how they handle this process.

**2023-2024**

*Opportunities*  
TO ENROLL IN  
SUMMER COURSES

*Earn  
Credits*

FROM A RESEARCH  
UNIVERSITY AND HAVE  
ADDED PRESTIGE ON  
COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

*Receive*

HIGH SCHOOL AND  
COLLEGE CREDIT AT  
THE SAME TIME

*Access*

TO ACADEMIC  
RESOURCES

*Amazing*

CAMPUS  
EXPERIENCE

*No Cost*

FOR CLASSES!  
(under Option B)

# Why **COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS** at **YOUNGSTOWN STATE?**

*As a 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade student, making the decision to enroll in college courses is not an easy one. You should discuss the opportunity with your parents and school counselor so that you understand your responsibilities as a college student. Some things you need to consider before making the final decision:*

## High School Transcript/Graduation Requirements

### *What is the benefit?*

Apply college credit to high school graduation requirements, earning high school and college credit at the same time.

### *What should I consider?*

- Middle school students begin their high school transcript with any college courses completed. The grade earned is factored into the HS, not the middle school, GPA.
- The college grade is factored into your high school GPA and carries the same weight as AP, IB, or honors courses.
- End of course exams for high school English II, Algebra and Geometry are still required, even if you take the equivalent college course.
- High school graduation could be affected if you do not pass a college course.

## College Transcript/Graduation Requirements

### *What is the benefit?*

- Accelerate your college career with a quality education close to home. *Earn up to 30 credits a year (beginning summer term); 120 credits max.*
- Enroll in classes offered on campus, online and in the high school (if available).
- Transfer your credits to University System of Ohio schools – visit [transfercredit.ohio.gov](http://transfercredit.ohio.gov) to learn more about Transfer to Degree Guarantee pathways.
- More flexibility in your college career to complete a double major, minor, more internships or study abroad opportunities.
- May lower the overall cost of your college education.
- May shorten the time to complete your college degree.

### *What should I consider?*

- You are starting a college transcript that will follow you through graduate school.
- If you attend YSU after high school, you will qualify for financial aid based not only on the credit hours earned but also on your high school and college GPA.
- The GPA you earn in CCP is always your GPA at YSU, whether as a freshman or a transfer student.
- Transportation to/from campus is your responsibility.
- If you are planning to attend a private or out of state college, you need to check with the school's Admissions department to see how credits could transfer. If they cannot help you, ask to speak with someone who can.

**Earn up to**  
**30**  
**CREDITS**  
**A YEAR**

# Middle/High School vs. College Schedule

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Summer,  
Evening,  
Weekend  
CLASSES

## What is the benefit?

- Taking college classes can provide more options than traditional high school courses.
- You can take classes during the summer, evenings, or weekends, allowing flexibility for other social and sports activities.

## What should I consider?

- College course availability varies. There is no guarantee of enrollment in college courses during times that work well for your school activity schedule.
- Start/End dates, holiday, and snow days can be different; essentially you will keep track of two calendars.
- Check the summer course schedule carefully. There are various start/end dates.

# Cost – I thought this was free?

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Out of  
pocket  
costs to  
consider

## What is the benefit?

- Tuition, books, and academic fees are no cost to students under Option B, up to 30 credits (HS and college) max per year.

## What should I consider?

- If you are a private/home school student, and do not receive enough funding from the state, you will be responsible for costs associated with any classes not fully funded by the state. Payment options are not split on courses. If a student does not have enough state funding to cover the entire cost of a course, the entire course is self-pay. (Note: home school students are responsible for their own textbooks regardless if funding is awarded).
- Students who register for more than 30 credit hours will be responsible to pay for the entire course that placed them over the 30-hour limit.
- If you fail a class or withdraw late, your school district (state if non-public or home school) can make you pay for tuition and books paid on your behalf.
- The cost of a parking pass is the student's responsibility if taking classes on campus.

# Academic Resources and Your Responsibility as a College Student

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## What is the benefit?

You have access to the following academic support resources:

- **Academic Advisor** – guides your course selection and explains how it applies to your major.
- **Career Planning** – through the MyPlan career assessment.
- **CCP New Student Orientation and Continuing Student Update Sessions** – provides you an overview of the program, policies, and deadlines you need to be aware of.
- **CCP Website ([www.ysu.edu](http://www.ysu.edu))** – helps you navigate your college experience! Answers, tools, and resources at your fingertips.
- **Resch Academic Success Center** – provides tutors, academic coaching, and disability services.
- **Maag Library** – access to journals, books, and more at the library or online.
- **Mathematics Achievement Center (The MAC)** – one-on-one tutoring for math classes and sample tests.
- **Writing Center** – consultations to improve college writing skills.

## What should I consider?

As a college student, the expectation is that:

- **You check your YSU email account regularly! We will send you confidential information, program updates, due dates, etc. It is your responsibility to check it.**
- You will come to class on time, pay attention and participate in class discussions.
- The college course will not change because you are a minor OR if the class is taught in high school.
- You follow all YSU policies. For more information, read the Student Code ([ysu.edu/student-conduct/code-of-conduct](http://ysu.edu/student-conduct/code-of-conduct)).
- If you are under the age of 14, a parent/guardian must accompany you while on campus.
- Your academic record is confidential and protected, even if you are a minor. YSU staff cannot talk with your parent/guardian without a FERPA Release Form on file. For more information, visit <https://ysu.edu/registrar/ferpa>.

# College Credit Plus Course Choices

## How do I know what courses I am qualified to take?

Admission to the CCP program is different than course placement. Just because you are admitted does not mean you are guaranteed to take a course. For example, your ACT/SAT scores may be high enough for admission, but your English sub-score may not be high enough to take a Writing I course. The courses listed to the right are offered at area high schools (class availability will vary by school district). The qualifying test score(s) needed is listed\*. If you do not have the required score, you may take course placement tests to qualify. The YSU CCP office will send more information to **your YSU email account** about course placement testing after you have been accepted into our program.



Below is a list of courses that are offered at area high schools. Course placement requirements may change at any time. Visit the YSU Course Catalog ([catalog.ysu.edu](http://catalog.ysu.edu)) for more information. Courses listed below vary in each school district.

YSU Course	Test/Placement Score Needed
ART 1501: Foundation of 2D Design (3 c.h.)	None
ART 1521: Foundation Drawing (3 c.h.)	None
BIOL 2601/L: General Biology I w/Lab (3+1 c.h.)	Enrollment in/Completion of CHEM 1515/1515L
BIOL 2602/L: General Biology II w/Lab (3+1 c.h.)	Completion of BIOL 2601/2601L with a C or better
CHEM 1515/L: General Chemistry I w/Lab (3+1 c.h.)	One year of HS Chemistry AND either an ACT Math 27 or ALEKS Placement Test score = 76 or completion of Math 1510 with a C or better
CHEM 1516/L: General Chemistry II w/Lab (3+1 c.h.)	Completion of CHEM 1515/1515L with a C or better
CMST 1545: Communication Foundations (3 c.h.)	ACT English 14, or completion of English 1549 or 1550, or YSU Composition Placement Test Score = 22
ECON 1505: Intro to Personal Financial Literacy (3 c.h.)	None
EDFN 1501: Introduction to Education (3 c.h.)	None
ENGL 1550: Writing I (3 c.h.)	ACT English 18 or YSU Composition Placement Test score = 33
ENGL 2618: American Literature & Diversity (3 c.h.)	None
ENST 1500/L: Introduction to Environmental Studies w/ Lab (3+1 c.h.)	None
GEOL 1505/L: Physical Geology (4 c.h.)	None
HIST 1500: Discovering World History (3 c.h.)	None
HIST 1501: American Dreams: Introduction to US History (3 c.h.)	None
Math 1510: College Algebra (4 c.h.)	ALEKS Placement Test score = 46
Math 1511: Trigonometry (3 c.h.)	ALEKS Placement Test score = 46
Math 1571: Calculus I (4 c.h.)	ACT Math 27, completion of Math 1510 and 1511 with a C or better or Math 1513 with a C or better or ALEKS Placement Test score = 76
Math 1572: Calculus II (4 c.h.)	Completion of Math 1571 with a C or better
MUHL 2621: Music Lit & Appreciation (3 c.h.)	None
PSYC 1560: General Psychology (3 c.h.)	None
PHYS 1501: Fundamentals of Physics I w/Lab (4+1 c.h.)	ACT Math 27 or completion of Math 1510 and 1511 with a C or better or ALEKS Placement Test score = 76
STAT 2625: Statistical Reasoning and Critical Literacy (4 c.h.)	MATH ACT 22 or ALEKS Placement Test score = 30

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 (including at the high school).

Students should read through the course syllabus and review the course textbook and materials before the 100% refund date of the term to make an informed decision on whether or not to stay registered for the course before tuition is charged. Withdrawing from a course after the 100% refund date because of the course content will not eliminate tuition charges.

# My CCP Application Checklist

Am I **ELIGIBLE** to participate in College Credit Plus and be admitted to YSU?

## STEP 1

### Do I have qualifying ACT or SAT scores?

#### YES

Do I have an ACT Composite score of 17 (or SAT combined score of 920), an unweighted cumulative HS GPA of 2.0\*, a core HS GPA of 2.0\*, **AND** at least one of the following sub-scores?

- ACT English 18
- ACT Math 22
- ACT Reading 22
- SAT Evidence Based Reading/Writing 480
- SAT Math 530

#### OR

Do I have an ACT Composite score of 17 (or SAT combined score of 920), an unweighted cumulative HS GPA of 3.0\*, **AND** a core HS GPA of 2.0\*?

The last test dates we accept ACT/SAT scores to be considered for eligibility and admission are:

- February ACT for Summer
- March SAT for Summer, Fall, Spring
- April ACT for Fall, Spring

#### NO

If you have NOT taken the ACT or SAT, or do NOT have qualifying scores listed under the Yes column, then you may take YSU's CCP Eligibility and Admission Test. This is the only free Eligibility and Admission Test offered by YSU.

Please call 330-941-2447 to sign up for the test. You may also be able to take the test at your high school. Check with your school counselor. Be sure to complete the online CCP application. Just taking the Eligibility and Admission Test does not admit you to the program.

To qualify under this option, students need an unweighted HS GPA of 2.0\*, a core HS GPA of 2.0\*, and one of the following eligibility test scores:

- Writing 263
- Reading 250
- Math 263

Students admitted to the YSU CCP program through the YSU CCP Eligibility and Admission Test need to complete course placement testing and receive a qualifying score to register for certain English, Math, Communication, and Science courses.

The CCP Eligibility and Admission Test is available October 1, 2022 through March 28, 2023. The deadline to sign up for the test is March 21, 2023.

**\*Your cumulative GPA calculates the grades for all of your classes. A core GPA is calculated using ONLY your grades in Math, English, Science, Social Studies, and any foreign language classes you have taken. If you do not have a C or better in your core classes, please contact our office, or discuss with your school counselor, before you apply. Note: We do not round up for either GPA. We use middle school grades, and any classes taken for HS credit, to determine GPAs for middle school students.**

**If you are not able to answer yes to any of the options above, (in either column), you are not eligible for College Credit Plus.**



# STEP 2

## I am eligible, how do I complete my YSU application?

- Submit your CCP Letter of Intent to your school CCP coordinator (or the state if you are a non-public or home school student) by **April 1**.
- Meet with your school counselor to discuss course choices, ensuring that you are staying on track to meet high school graduation requirements.
- Decide where you would like to take classes: at your high school, online, on campus, or a mix of the three.
- Complete the YSU CCP application online. Many schools will schedule time for YSU CCP applications during the school day.
  - New students complete the CCP New Student Application, returning students complete the Continuing Student Application.
  - If your school schedules an application day, you can wait until that day to complete it.
  - If your school does not, then visit the YSU CCP website ([www.ysu.edu/ccp](http://www.ysu.edu/ccp)) to either apply on your own or schedule a time to meet with YSU staff to complete the application.
- The application for the 2023-2024 year will open in January 2023.

### Application deadlines are:

Your YSU CCP application is not complete without the following documents sent to our office:

- Official high school transcript
- Eligibility, ACT and or SAT scores
- Campus Education Plan for students interested in taking classes on campus or online
- Parent Consent/Financial Responsibility Form
- Home school students only - please refer to our website for additional requirements.
- **Have you completed coursework at another college/university?**

If yes, please have your official college transcript sent to YSU. Contact our office if you need help with this process.

DESIRED START TERM	LAST ACT/SAT TEST DATES FOR CONSIDERATION	CCP APPLICATION DEADLINE
Non-Public and Home-school Students (all terms)	ACT – February for Summer; April for Fall or Spring	March 28, 2023
	SAT – March	
<b>Public School Deadlines</b>		
Summer 2023	ACT - February	April 7, 2023
	SAT – March	
Fall 2023	ACT – April	April 7, 2023
	SAT – March	
Spring 2024	ACT – April	April 7, 2023
	SAT – March	

### Non-Public and Home School Students (additional steps):

1. Sign up for a OH|ID account. It can take up to five business days for your account to be activated. **(Parents)**
2. Apply to the CCP program **(Students)**
3. Submit letter of intent and apply for CCP funding (it is one online form for both) beginning in February and **no later than 5pm on April 1 (Parents)**
  - You will need the student's CCP acceptance letter in order to apply for funding.
4. Look to receive funding award notifications from the Ohio Department of Education before **May 15**

Visit

<https://higher.ed.ohio.gov> and click on **College Credit Plus** then click on **Students and Families** for more information.



## STEP 3

### I applied, now what?

Once we receive your completed application, we review it and send a decision letter to your home address. We cannot review your application or send the decision letter until we receive all of the application materials.

If you are accepted, you will receive an Enrollment Checklist with your acceptance letter to guide you through the remaining steps of becoming a YSU student. This includes activating your YSU email account, completing course placement testing, orientation, advisement and registering for courses.

**After you receive your acceptance letter, we send all communication regarding your next steps ONLY to your YSU email account.**

**IMPORTANT!** The two biggest reasons why student's do NOT end up enrolling in classes are

1. They did not activate their YSU email account **AND**
2. They did not complete course placement testing.

- **Activate your YSU account and email as soon as you are accepted and get in the habit of checking your YSU email regularly!**
- We will email you if you need to do course placement testing to qualify for your CCP courses. Information on how to complete course placement testing is sent to **your YSU email account.**

#### Priority Course Placement Testing Deadlines are:

- **Summer 2023 classes: April 17, 2023**
- **Fall 2023 classes: June 30, 2023**
- **Spring 2024 classes: October 31, 2023**

There is no guarantee that course placement testing completed after the priority deadline for each term is scored in time to register for classes. Students are encouraged to have all course placement testing completed as early as possible.

## STEP 4

### Advisement and Registration

*If you have not taken CCP classes with YSU before, then you will attend CCP New Student Orientation to register for classes after you meet with your YSU advisor.*

- If you want to take classes on campus or online, our office will contact you to schedule an advising appointment. During your appointment you will schedule a day/time to attend CCP New Student Orientation and Registration Day.
  - When our office contacts you depends on when you plan to start classes. Appointments are made in March/April for summer, May/June/July for fall, and October/November for spring.
  - New Student Orientations are held in April for summer, June/July for fall, and November for spring. You will register for your classes during orientation for that term.
  - You only attend orientation once, but you will meet with your advisor for each term you want to take campus or online classes.
- If you want to only take classes at your high school, you will meet your advisor during orientation, held either at your high school or virtually. Our office will register you for any courses offered at the high school that you qualify for.

*If you have completed a course with YSU previously, then as a Continuing CCP student, you will meet with YSU staff after you apply to review program updates.*

- If you want to take an online or campus class, you are required to meet with your YSU academic advisor each term before registering for classes. Your advisor is housed in the CCP office and will reach out to you regarding setting up an appointment.
- If you only want to take classes at your high school, our office will register you for those you qualify for.

