

Horizon Science Academy
COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS
INFORMATION GUIDE



Why wait for your future?



With College Credit Plus, you can earn college and high school credits at the same time...

And if you take courses from a public college, it's free!







The College Credit PLUS Program (CC+) allows Ohio students to earn college and high school credits at the same time by taking college courses from colleges and/or universities. The purpose of this program is to promote rigorous academic pursuits and to provide a wide variety of options to college-ready students. Taking a College Credit Plus course from a public college or university is free, which means no cost for tuition, books, or fees.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?










If you are a student in grades 7-12 you can apply for College Credit Plus admission to a public or participating private college. The college will admit you based on your college-readiness in one or more subject areas. Your school counselor can help you understand your options, deadlines, and how to proceed. You may not participate in the College Credit Plus program beyond your anticipated high school graduation date.

WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES OF THE PROGRAM?

Students who meet college readiness standards can pursue the following benefits:

-  Earn transcribed college credit and high school credit upon successful completion of the course at no cost to the student
-  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
-  Allows student to experience college-level work prior to making a final college selection

WHAT ARE THE POTENTIAL RISKS OF THE PROGRAM?

-  Possible inability to complete the public school's graduation requirements
-  Obligation of the student's family to reimburse the school for the amount of funds paid to the college for any incomplete or failed course
-  Possible effect on GPA and class standing
-  Increased independence and accountability for learning--parents may not receive communication from college regarding poor progress or attendance
-  Reduced opportunities for participating in high school activities
-  No guarantee that the college courses will be scheduled at the desired time— HSA schedule will not be changed mid-semester to accommodate CCP+
-  College courses taken may not transfer to another post-secondary institution
-  Social discomfort may be experienced
-  Increase travel time and study time. Travel during the winter months

HOW WILL COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS COURSES IMPACT MY GPA?

Per HB 487, courses successfully completed under College Credit Plus will satisfy or exceed the graduation requirements and subject area requirement of the school district. Courses successfully completed under College Credit Plus must be listed by course title on the high school transcript.

Additionally, all College Credit Plus courses become part of a student's permanent transcript (high school and college) and will be computed into the student's high school grade-point average using the same scale as Advanced Placement and Honors courses in the student's school district. Therefore, as per Horizon Science Academy's Education Policy College Credit Plus courses are weighted the same as Advanced Placement courses.

HOW ARE COLLEGE CREDITS CONVERTED TO HIGH SCHOOL CREDITS?

College Credit Plus allows students to earn college credit and apply that credit towards his/her high school graduation requirements. Successful completion of a 3-credit or more credit class will result in 1.0 Carnegie unit being earned at the student's high school. 2-credit or less courses will result in a 2/3 or 1/3 credit.

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 DOES MY CHILD GET INVOLVED IN COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS?

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

Step 1: Complete the College Credit Plus Intent to Participate Form. Return the completed form, signed by student and parent, to HSA College Guidance Department by April 1st.

Step 2: Students must demonstrate college readiness by submitting ACT/SAT scores to OSU. Students must meet academic standards that are equal to students currently enrolled at OSU.

Step 3: Students must apply to The Ohio State University Academy Program by May 1st.

COLUMBUS STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE (CSCC):

Step 1: Complete the College Credit Plus Intent to Participate Form. Return the completed form, signed by student and parent, to HSA College Guidance Department by April 1st.

All students interested in participating must then apply online to Columbus State Community College at <http://www.csc.edu/admissions/apply.shtml> (click on College Credit Plus (Dual Credit)) and receive a cougar ID. Students will need to know their **social security number** when applying and there is no cost to apply.

COLUMBUS STATE APPLICATION, TESTING, AND REGISTRATION DEADLINES

Event	Date
Summer Semester 2017	
Summer 2017 *Priority* Application Deadline	April 15, 2017
Summer 2017 Regular Application and Testing Deadline	May 22, 2017
Summer 2017 Registration Deadline	May 24, 2017
Autumn Semester 2017	
Autumn 2017 *Priority* Application Deadline	April 15, 2017
Autumn 2017 Regular Application and Testing Deadline	May 22, 2017
Autumn 2017 Registration Deadline	August 23, 2017
Spring Semester 2018	
Spring 2018 Regular Application Deadline	November 6, 2017
Spring 2018 Testing Deadline	November 13, 2017
Spring 2018 Registration Deadline	January 10, 2018

[Please see attached CCP Enrollment Checklist for Columbus State](#)

OTHER COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

Contact the college you wish to attend and inquire about their CCP admission process. Keep your guidance counselor informed along the way!

SAMPLE COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS 15-HOUR AND 30-HOUR PATHWAYS AT COLUMBUS STATE

15 Credit Pathway-General Liberal Arts (AA/BA path)

AUTUMN SEMESTER	HOURS	SPRING SEMESTER	HOURS
ENGL 1100-Composition I	3	ENGL 2367-Composition II	3
POLS 1100-Introduction to American Government	3	SOC 1101-Introduction to Sociology	3
MATH 1116 – Math for Liberal Arts	3		

30 Credit Pathway-General Liberal Arts (AA/BA path)

AUTUMN SEMESTER	HOURS	SPRING SEMESTER	HOURS
ENGL 1100-Composition I	3	ENGL 2367-Composition II	3
POLS 1100 - Introduction to American Government	3	SOC 1101 - Introduction to Sociology	3
COLS 1100 – First Year Experience Seminar (required for CSCC AA/AS degree, but not a transfer course)	1	MATH 1116 – Math for Liberal Arts	3
HIST 1151 – American History to 1877	3	HIST 1152 – American History since 1877	3
SPAN 1101-Beginning Spanish	4	SPAN 1102 – Beg Spanish II	4

15 Credit Pathway - STEM Focused (AS/BS path)

AUTUMN SEMESTER	HOURS	SPRING SEMESTER	HOURS
ENGL 1100-Composition I	3	ENGL 2767 –Comp II Writing about Science & Technology	3
MATH 1150 – Pre-Calculus	6	POLS 1100 - Introduction to American Government	3

30 Credit Pathway – STEM Focused (AS/BS path)

AUTUMN SEMESTER	HOURS	SPRING SEMESTER	HOURS
ENGL 1100-Composition I	3	ENGL 2767 –Comp II Writing about Science & Technology	3
MATH 1150 – Pre-Calculus	6	MATH 1151 – Calculus I	3
PHIL 1130 - Ethics	3	ECON 2200 – Principles of Microeconomics	
POLS 1100-Introduction to American Government	3	HIST 1151 – American History to 1877	3
COLS 1100 – First Year Experience Seminar (required for CSCC AA/AS degree, but not a transfer course)	1	Science based on intended major suggested (BIO, CHEM, or PHYS)	









Please find Columbus State Course Descriptions & Schedules here:



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 NOTICE TO PARENTS AND STUDENTS:

-  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.
-  An academic advisor from the participating institution is required to meet with each student within the first two weeks of class. This may be done in a group setting.
-  While in college courses, students are introduced to a learning environment that promotes an open exchange of ideas. Course content is presented on an adult level and class discussions require a mature understanding of divergent viewpoints and the ability to think critically on controversial issues.
-  Student should understand that these courses are college-level courses, and the amount of work, pace, and rigor of content in college courses may be much greater than high school courses. In addition, college course grades become a part of a student's permanent college transcript and are calculated into the college grade point average. Poor performance in college courses may affect future university admissions 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.
-  These courses and the grades associated with them will be reported on both the student's high school transcript as well as the college transcript.
-  College transcripts can be requested by visiting the respective college or university website associated with the courses taken. Horizon Science Academy does not have access to college transcripts.
-  Once you are admitted to a college for College Credit Plus, you may take any course in the college's course catalogue that is not remedial or religious, and that applies toward a degree or professional certificate, in a subject area in which you are college-ready. You need to check with the college/university for funded courses.
-  Students are limited to the equivalent of 30 credits per academic year paid for by Horizon Science Academy. Students wishing to earn more than 30 credits per academic year will be responsible for all cost of attendance for each credit above the 30 credit limit. High school academic classes are equivalent to 3 college credits for purposes of this calculation, so a student with an academic course in each of 8 high school class periods already uses 24 credits ($8 \times 3 = 24$). In this scenario, the student would be eligible for 6 CCP credits ($30 - 24 = 6$) at no cost.



**HORIZON SCIENCE ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL - COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS
INTENT TO PARTICIPATE FORM 2016 - 2017**

Student Name: _____ 2016-2017 Grade: _____

Student Cell #: _____ Email: _____

Parent Cell #: _____ Email: _____

I would like to declare my intent to participate in College Credit Plus. I understand that signing this form does not obligate me to participate during the coming school year and I may decide not to participate without consequence. I also understand that it is my responsibility to notify my school when I gain admission to my selected institution of higher education and that I will be told how many college semester hours I am eligible to take during the coming school year, including summer term. I also understand that it is my responsibility to notify my school if I am not going to participate in College Credit Plus for any reason.

In addition, I certify that I have received counseling about the College Credit Plus program concerning the rules and regulations for both my school and the college, graduation requirements, Consequences of failing, and that I understand my responsibilities, the benefits and possible risks of participating in College Credit Plus.

Student Printed Name

Student Signature

Parent Signature

Date

School Counselor Signature

Date

Please submit this form to the HSA College Guidance Department no later than April 1, 2017