

# Oregon City Schools

## College Credit Plus Information Guide

### 2016-2017

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#### **Can I Participate?**

- If you are a student currently in grades 6-11, you can apply for College Credit Plus admission to a public or participating private college for the following school year.
- The college will admit you based on your college-readiness in one or more subject areas.
- You may *not* participate in the College Credit Plus program beyond your anticipated high school graduation date.

#### **Enrollment**

- **By April 1<sup>st</sup> of each year:**
- Parents must attend the CCP parent informational meeting held at CHS each year OR get in contact with Mrs. Birr to go through an individual informational session.
- Students and parents must complete and submit the Intent to Participate Form to Mrs. Birr, which signifies the student's intent to participate in the program for the following school year.
- Failure to meet this deadline shall exclude the student from the program for the following school year.
- Signing and submitting the Intent to Participate form by April 1 does not bind the student to the CCP program for the following school year.

#### **Who Pays for College Admission, Textbooks, Fees, and Transportation?**

- Students attending a public college will not be charged for tuition or books. Students attending a private college *may* be charged based on the particular private college in accordance with law.
- Students *may* be charged for fees such as parking passes and student ID badges. Students will also be responsible for their own transportation.

## **Financial Arrangements**

- If a student fails a course, drops or adds a course after CCP deadlines, receives a withdraw fail or receives an incomplete, the student is responsible for payment of all fees incurred.
- **Private** post-secondary institutions may charge the student a fee per credit hour for courses taken, which the student is responsible for paying.
- Remedial and religious courses do not qualify.

## **How Do College Courses Earn High School Credit?**

- College Credit Plus allows high school students to earn college credit and apply that credit toward their high school graduation requirements.

### **Credit Conversion Chart**

- 5 semester hr. college credit = 1 h.s. credit
- 4 semester hr. college credit = 1 h.s. credit
- 3 semester hr. college credit = 1 h.s. credit
- 2 semester hr. college credit =  $\frac{2}{3}$  h.s. credit
- 1 semester hr. college credit =  $\frac{1}{3}$  h.s. credit

## **What Courses Are Available through College Credit Plus?**

- 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.
- The CCP advisor at the college will help students select college courses.

## **What If I Fail a Class?**

- Classes **failed or withdrawn from subsequent to the 14<sup>th</sup> calendar day after the particular course began** will receive an "F" on both the high school and college transcripts and will be computed into the high school and college GPA.
- If you do not receive a passing grade, the district will seek reimbursement for the amount of state funds paid to the college on your behalf for the college course and the textbook.

- OCS will withhold final transcripts and diploma until reimbursement has been made.
- If you sign up for CCP classes at the college, you must attend class. If you no longer plan to attend CCP classes after signing up, you **must notify the college** or you will be charged for the class and any books/fees.

### **Potential Pros of CCP:**

- Count credits for both high school and college;
- Complete college degree in fewer terms/Reduce overall costs of a college education;
- Take courses that may not be available at high school
- Experience more diversity from exposure to students of different backgrounds, ages and beliefs on a college campus
- Ability to take online courses means more flexibility (this can be a con as well!)

### **Potential Cons/Consequences of CCP:**

- Students who attend classes on a college campus are removed from the high school environment:
  - **It is the students' responsibility to keep themselves informed of important information at their school. CCP students are encouraged to utilize the district website or contact their counselor to keep up-to-date on important happenings.**
- Students taking on-campus classes must provide their own transportation and be prepared for increased time for travel (high school 2hr delays and high school cancellations do not apply to CCP classes);
- Students must abide by college yearly calendar (start/end dates) which may be different than the OCS calendar;
- There may be reduced opportunities for students to participate in high school extra-curricular activities;
- Students will likely have to make scheduling sacrifices due to class availability;
- There could be increased student responsibility for learning because of less instructional guidance from college professors;

- Students will be exposed to course-work geared toward adult learners; students may be exposed to mature topics and discussions that could cause concern;
- Student's loan and scholarship eligibility *could be* limited depending on how many hours they've completed (this will be determined by the college of attendance after high school graduation);
- OCS will seek financial restitution for the cost of the course AND the cost of the textbook/fees if a student fails or withdraws from a course after the deadline.

### **I'm interested. Now what?**

- By **April 1**, notify Mrs. Birr if you intend to participate in College Credit Plus the next year by **returning your Intent To Participate Form**.
- You and your family should contact colleges for information, application forms, criteria for acceptance, and deadlines. **All application materials can be found on the college's website.**
- Once you have applied, see your OCS counselor so further paperwork (including your transcript) can be sent.
- The college/university to which you applied will notify you of acceptance/denial into the CCP program.
- Once you have been admitted to a college/university, attend an orientation session (more details will be sent by the college).
- Schedule an appointment to meet with your college academic advisor to create a college schedule.
- Bring your college schedule to your OCS counselor so any necessary adjustments can be made to your current OCS schedule.

### **Which colleges/universities partner with Oregon City Schools?**

- Owens Community College
  - <https://www.owens.edu/collegedcreditplus/index.html>
- University of Toledo
  - <http://www.utoledo.edu/admission/dualcredit/>

## Sample Pathways

- The CCP program requires each college/university to establish 15- and 30-credit hour pathways for high schools to offer their students ensuring they are taking general education courses that are transferable and fulfill general elective requirements at any Ohio public college or university.

## Owens CCP Pathway Examples

15 Hours			
Fall	CR HR	Spring	CR HR
ENG 111	3	ENG 112	3
SOC 101	3	PSY 101	3
		MTH 213	3
			<b>15</b>

30 Hours			
Fall	CR HR	Spring	CR HR
ENG 111	3	ENG 112	3
SOC 101	3	PSY 101	3
MTH 173	3	MTH 213	3
ART 101	3	ECO 111	3
AST 101	3	ENG 200	3
			<b>30</b>

## U.T. CCP Pathway Examples

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### 15-HOUR PATHWAY

#### Fall Semester

ENGL 1110, English Composition 1

MATH 1320, College Algebra

## **Spring Semester**

BIOL 1120, Survey of Biology

THR 1100, Introduction to Theatre

SOC 1010, Introduction to Sociology

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## **U.T. 30-HOUR PATHWAY**

### **Fall Semester**

ENGL 1110, English Composition 1

PSC 1200, American National Government

MATH 1320, College Algebra

COMM 2600, Public Presentations

ANTH, 2800, Cultural Anthropology

### **Spring Semester**

BIOL 1120, Survey of Biology

THR 1100, Introduction to Theatre

SOC 1010, Introduction to Sociology

MATH 2600, Intro to Statistics

ENGL 1310, English Composition 2