

2024-2025 Upper Arlington Schools College Credit Plus Information Guide

What is College Credit Plus?

College Credit Plus is a program that gives high school students an opportunity to be enrolled in both high school and college course work at the same time. Students can take coursework during fall semester, spring semester or summer. Students who qualify academically (criteria differ depending on school) can register for courses offered at Upper Arlington High School through Columbus State Community College (CSCC) or take classes on a college campus.

Advantages of College Credit Plus

For the student who is eligible for College Credit Plus, 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 will enjoy the following benefits:

- Students may earn (transcripted) college credit and high school credit upon successful completion of the 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
- May decrease the cost towards an Associates or Bachelor's Degree

*CCP courses are considered "gifted services" for students who have gifted identification in superior cognitive ability or the corresponding specific academic area.

Potential Risks and Consequences

- Increased responsibility for learning
- Reduced opportunities for participation in high school activities
- Affects GPA (high school and college)
- Increased time for travel
- Potential scheduling conflicts between high school and college courses
- Potential Athletic Eligibility issues-must be scheduled for five credits each semester
- Increase potential for social discomfort
- Reduced parent involvement, due to FERPA restrictions

Please Note: Students with a documented disability must register with the College's Accessibility Services in order to be allowed to use accommodations in College Credit Plus courses. Accommodations provided by an IEP or 504 plan do not apply in a College Credit Plus course.

Which colleges/universities partner with Upper Arlington Schools?

1. **Columbus State Community College (CSCC)** - College Credit Plus courses offered through CSCC at Upper Arlington High School are taught by Upper Arlington High School faculty. Students can also choose to take courses on campus at CSCC or online.
2. **The Ohio State University (OSU)** - Students who are accepted into the OSU Academy will take courses on OSU's campus.

How does my child get involved in College Credit Plus?

Each partnership (college/university) has its own set of requirements.

Columbus State Community College (CSCC):

- Step 1 - Turn in paperwork
 - Intent to Participate form – This needs to be submitted by **April 1, 2024**: [CLICK HERE](#)
- Step 2 – Apply online to CSCC: www.cscce.edu
 - Students must fill out the **College Credit Plus** application (use email that is easy to check). Students will need to know their social security number when applying and there is no cost to apply.
 - CSCC's Parent Permission form - <https://www.cscce.edu/academics/college-credit-plus/pdfs/Permission%20slip.pdf>
 - Mature Content Survey - <https://www.cscce.edu/academics/college-credit-plus/pdfs/Student%20Questionnaire.pdf>
- Step 3 - Students must qualify by using one of these options.
 - ACT/SAT scores for placement
 - Accuplacer placement test and ALEKS for math
 - under CCP revised rules, students qualify with a 3.0 unweighted GPA
- Step 4 Schedule classes
 - Fill out the registration form and return it to your School Counselor. They will sign and give it to the College Center and it will be sent to CSCC.
- Step 5 Participate in an orientation – There is usually an on-line option
- Step 6 – Once students receive their confirmation email from CSCC, they must set up a CSCC email and check CSCC email to confirm course registration. Courses will show up in Cougarweb. If the courses are not confirmed within 48 hours, please contact your advisor at Columbus State.

CSCC's Academic Advisor for Upper Arlington High School is Veronica Gaines, vgaines@cscce.edu

The Ohio State University (OSU Academy):

Students may take courses on the Columbus Campus in a traditional setting and/or participate in online courses if available.

- Step 1 - Turn in paperwork
 - Intent to Participate form – This needs to be submitted by **April 1, 2024**: [CLICK HERE](#)
- Step 2 – Apply online to OSU Academy Program:
<https://academy-ccp.osu.edu/application-process>
 - Students must apply to The Ohio State University Academy Program by Feb. 1st (for Summer) or May 1st (for Autumn).
 - Mature Content Survey -
https://live-wcm-academy-program.pantheonsite.io/sites/default/files/2021-11/purmission_slip_mature_content_osu.pdf
- Step 3- Students must demonstrate college readiness by submitting ACT/SAT scores or by their cumulative GPA. Students must meet academic standards that are equal to students currently enrolled at OSU.
- Step 4- Students must request a transcript to be sent to OSU from the College Center.
- Step 5- They must also give their School Counselor the “School Information Form.”

OSU Academy’s Academic Advisor for UAHS is Michele Brown, brown.1112@osu.edu

CCP Questions & Answers

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 many college credits can a student earn?

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:

1. Determine student's number of high school ONLY credits
2. Multiply that number by 3, and
3. Subtract the result from the number 30
4. That number is the total number of college credits that College Credit Plus students may earn that academic year.
 - Any college course taken during the summer will count towards the 30 credit limit in the following school year.

Transfer of Credits/Transcripts:

Credits earned through College Credit Plus 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 from the Institute of Higher Learning (IHL) to the university they plan to attend. Many of these courses apply towards the general education requirement or as electives at that school. Two websites are available to help students fully understand what courses will transfer:

www.collegetransfer.net or www.ohiohighered.org/transfer

How will College Credit Plus courses impact my GPA?

Per HB 487, College Credit Plus courses must receive the equivalent weight as any weighted course within a given content area. Students' final grades will be converted to the Upper Arlington Schools approved grading scale; however, the college will impose their own grading scale that is approved by the university.

Underperforming Students

Probation:

A student is placed on CCP probation when the student:

- Has earned lower than a cumulative 2.0 GPA in college courses **OR**
- Withdraws/drop 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 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

Course Eligibility

Students must complete 15 credit hours in Level 1 before progressing to Level 2.

Level 1

- Transferable courses: Part of CTAG, OTM, or TAG or equivalent at private college/university
- Course in Computer Science, Informational Technology, Anatomy, Physiology, or Foreign Language including American Sign Language
- Technical Certificate course
- 15 hour or 30 hour pathway
- Study Skills, Academic or Career Success Skills Course
- 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 course

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.

Textbooks

Students do not pay for books that are required with the CCP program. Upper Arlington Schools will pay for the books. All books must be returned to the campus bookstore within 10 days of completing the course. Upper Arlington Schools own the books and if materials are not returned, the student will be assessed a fee for the full cost of the textbook.

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.

Transportation

Students/Parents are responsible for transportation. Ohio Revised Code 3365.034, 3365.08.

FERPA (Family Educational Rights & 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.

Cost

Students are limited to 30 semester credits per academic year paid for through Upper Arlington Schools agreement with participating colleges or universities. Students wishing to earn more than 30 semester credits per academic year will be responsible for the cost of attendance for each credit above the 30 semester credit limit. The 30 credit hours include summer. Students pay for classes that are failed or withdrawn/dropped past the college's deadline. Please note, if a student has 2 credits remaining and chooses to enroll in a 3 credit hour course, they will be responsible to pay for the entire course. Colleges do not split the cost

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 will be assigned to each student. Any questions regarding curriculum should be addressed with the Academic Advisor.
- 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.
- Mature Content: Students must sign a 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 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.
- If a student fails any college course, the cost for tuition, fees, and books will be charged to the student's account at Upper Arlington. Upper Arlington Schools will not pay for any courses that a student has failed.
- If a student passes a course but wishes to retake it, the student will be responsible for paying for the course.
- 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. Upper Arlington High School does not have access to college transcripts.
- Students must meet prerequisite requirements as outlined by the University or College in which they are attending.
- Students and parents must sign a Permission Form to participate in a College Credit Plus program.