

University of Cincinnati

College Credit Plus Program Overview

Background, Purpose, and Eligibility:

The College Credit Plus (CCP) program has been established to enhance students' college and career readiness and postsecondary success by enabling college-ready, 7-12 grade students who qualify for college admission to take college-level courses for which they earn both high school and transcribed college credit upon successful completion of coursework.

Program Costs:

The CCP program is offered at no cost to Ohio students in grades 7-12, enrolled through public schools. Students are permitted to take up to 30 credit hours per year, starting with summer semester. They may take up to 120 credits over the span of their involvement with the CCP program.

Non-public, non-chartered/nonpublic, and homeschooled students are also eligible to participate. They are required to fill out an application for CCP funding each spring and submit it to the Ohio Department of Education. Funding availability may vary from year to year.

Program Benefits:

- College Credit Plus provides more options for you to pursue rigorous academic coursework beyond the high school classroom.
- Allows students to complete general education college requirements. These are transferable according to Transfer Assurance Guide (TAG) and Ohio Transfer Module (OTM) guidelines.
- May lower the overall cost of post-secondary education.
- May shorten the time to complete a college degree and allows increased flexibility in student scheduling.

Program Risks:

- Although TAG/OTM courses are guaranteed transfer to Ohio Public Institutions of Higher Education with a grade of D- or better, how they transfer may differ depending on the major. Students should check with institutions of interest regarding transfer prior to CCP enrollment.
- Credits are not guaranteed for transfer toward private or out-of-state institutions. Students should check with institutions of interest regarding transfer prior to CCP enrollment.
- Grades received through CCP are reflected twice; on the high school and college transcript. On both transcripts, grades will affect respective GPAs. Non-passing grades may also negatively impact potential college admissions and financial aid opportunities.
- There may be financial repercussions for non-passing grades.

Application and Enrollment Process:

Students must refer to the application process, requirements, and deadlines as outlined on the CCP website for the UC campus they plan to participate through. Each UC campus follows different orientation, advising and enrollment procedures. Refer to your admissions materials and website of the appropriate campus.

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Items to Consider before applying to the College Credit Plus program at UC:

Time management and motivation are key components to success in college as well as strong communication skills and the maturity to participate in a college level course. We urge students and parents to consider whether College Credit Plus is the right fit for the student. The risks and benefits should be discussed as well as the items below. Thoughtful consideration of these points is key to ensuring that students have the best opportunity for success in the program.

The College Credit Plus (CCP) program is an opportunity for high school students to take challenging courses and to accelerate education opportunities. Students should understand, however, that CCP courses are college courses and the amount of work necessary to succeed in a college course may be much greater than that of a high school course. In addition, CCP courses become a part of a student's permanent college transcript and are calculated into the student's permanent University of Cincinnati Grade Point Average (GPA). Poor performance as a CCP student can ultimately impact one's postsecondary career, including acceptance to a college/university or professional school, as well as academic standing and financial aid eligibility.

Admission to the University is contingent upon successful completion of all previous and current coursework. Students should consider that poor academic performance while enrolled in CCP, such as a cumulative GPA of less than a 2.0, could result in a rescinding of their offer of admission to the Main Campus. Students who have been offered admission to competitive programs should anticipate achieving a GPA equal to or higher than that of the required GPA for transfer into their respective programs of study.

Time Management	Studying	<p>2 for 1 Rule:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For every one credit hour of class, students need to plan for at least 2 hours of studying per week. Ex. A 3 credit hour class requires 6 hours of study outside of the classroom. • Difficult classes may require more study time. The weeks when students have tests, papers and projects will require more hours allotted toward preparing and studying for class.
	Attendance	<p>Attendance is paramount.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan to attend every class. Do not schedule appointments and activities during class time. • Note that the college calendar is different than the high school calendar. Spring break is rarely the same time as your high school calendar. • Be sure to read the professor's syllabus and make note of the attendance policy • If absence is unavoidable, communicate with your professor to find out your options. Let a CCP staff member know if you need assistance.
	Class Assignments	<p>Stay Organized.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use a planner to coordinate when major tests, papers, and projects are due. • All assignments should be submitted on time.
Motivation	Communication	<p>Communication is key.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCP students are considered college students once they enroll. Professors and staff may only communicate with the student due to FERPA regulations. • Therefore, students must be comfortable with emailing professors from their official UC email, stopping by during office hours to discuss problems and communicating questions or concerns with their, professors, counselors, CCP staff, and parents.
	Awareness and Maturity	<p>Each class is different and each professor is different.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students should be sensitive to how classes are conducted. For example, some professors encourage discussion during class time while others prefer that involved questions to be asked after class or during office hours. • Some courses address subject matter that requires adult levels of maturity. Professors and classmates will not alter subject matter and discussion because there is a minor enrolled in the class.

University of Cincinnati College Credit Plus (CCP) Program Authorization Form

This form must be completed, signed, and submitted along with the online College Credit Plus admission application by the posted deadline. Failure to submit a completed form with all required signatures could result in a delay or the inability to process a student's application.

TO BE SIGNED BY STUDENT APPLICANT:

I have read the CCP Program Overview and understand the benefits and risks associated with the CCP program at the University of Cincinnati (UC). I understand that as a CCP participant, I am enrolled at UC as a non-matriculated high school student and that the grades I earn will become part of a permanent academic record at both my high school and the University of Cincinnati.

Print Full Name: _____

Email: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

TO BE SIGNED BY PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN:

I have read the CCP Program Overview and I understand the benefits and risks associated with allowing my child to participate in the CCP Program at the University of Cincinnati. I also understand that should my child enroll in CCP and subsequently withdraw from or fail a course(s), I may be required to reimburse my child's school district for all of the costs associated with the course(s). By signing this document, I have reviewed and considered carefully the "items to consider" with my student. I attest that my child has both the academic and emotional maturity necessary to complete college course work successfully.

Print Full Name: _____

Email: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

TO BE SIGNED BY SCHOOL COUNSELOR OR PRINCIPAL:

By signing this document, I confirm that this student has received counseling regarding the College Credit Plus program and have verified that the student has submitted the Intent to Participate in College Credit Plus form by the April 1 deadline or has been approved by the school/district as an exception.

Print Full Name: _____

Email: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

