



A Guide to College Credit Plus for Students & Families


Ohio's new College Credit Plus can help you earn college and high school credits at the same time by taking college courses from community colleges 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 course from a public college or university College Credit Plus is free. That means no cost for tuition, books or fees. Transportation costs are not covered. If you choose to attend a private college or university, you may have limited costs.

To learn more about College Credit Plus, please visit the [College Credit Plus webpage](#) at Ohio Higher Education.

I'm interested. Now what? You must abide by the guidelines/timelines below:

- Talk with your school counselor. Discuss your interest in taking college courses and how it fits in with your overall academic plan and career goals.
- Prior to **March 1**, your district will provide information about the College Credit Plus program to all students in grades 7-12. An informational session will be held and all colleges and universities within a 30-mile radius will be invited to attend before **March 30**. If you cannot attend, schedule an appointment with your school counselor.
- By **April 1**, notify your school counselor if you intend to participate in College Credit Plus next year. You need to complete a [CC+ application](#) and submit to the guidance counselor. After April 1, you will need permission from the school district superintendent to participate.
- You and your family should contact colleges for information, application forms, and criteria for acceptance into College Credit Plus. Some materials are available from your high school counselor and at the college's website. You must go through the procedures established by the colleges/universities to apply to College Credit Plus and to enroll in the course(s). You may have to take a college placement test to make sure you are college-ready.
- For Belmont College's CC+ requirements follow this [link](#). For Ohio University Eastern's CC+ requirements, follow this [link](#). Each college/university requires an application to be completed as well as evidence that you are college ready. This will either be remediation-free scores on the Accuplacer (Belmont College) or the Compass (Ohio University) or the SAT or ACT. You will need to provide assessment scores before you may take any courses.
- Prior to college class attendance, your high school counselor will assist you in determining a course's equivalency to a high school course(s).

Student Athletic Eligibility

- [Guidelines for Student Athletic Eligibility](#)  - Ohio High School Athletic Association's eligibility criteria for College Credit Plus students who want to participate in sports

Textbooks

- [Guidelines for Textbook Acquisition](#)