



EARLY COLLEGE

Get ahead by earning college credit for free through City Colleges.

What is Early College?

Join the Early College program and you can enroll in college-level courses while still in high school, reducing both the time and the money needed to earn a college degree. The CCC Early College program offers two ways for you to earn college credit: dual credit and dual enrollment.

The Early College program is for high school juniors and seniors who are at least 16 years old. If you are younger than 16 but still want to participate in Early College, you must get approval from the college president or vice president of your desired City Colleges location.

What Are the Benefits?

- You can earn college credit while still in high school, without paying college tuition. This means you save both time and money on the cost of a college degree.
- You can start training for a high-demand career, helping you get a job right out of college.
- You get access to the same great teachers and quality resources that other City Colleges students enjoy.
- You'll receive personalized advising help, allowing you to take charge of your education.
- You can develop important time management and study skills that will serve you well in college and the workplace.

Dual Credit

If you're a junior or senior at a participating high school, you can take college credit classes at your school through the dual credit program with City Colleges. You'll get both college and high school credit without having to adjust your weekly schedule.

Dual Enrollment

As a high school junior or senior, you can enroll at one of the City Colleges of Chicago and attend classes on campus. Classes cover subjects like English, math, foreign languages, and science. Students can also register for career pathway courses, which are designed to prepare them for work in a high-demand industry. Career pathway areas of study include automotive technology, business, early childhood development, logistics, and IT.