

UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE
EARLY COLLEGE CREDIT PROGRAM





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What is the Early College Credit Program?

Through the Early College Credit Program, academically qualified high school juniors and seniors from participating Delaware high schools experience the variety of academic subjects the University of Delaware has to offer by taking introductory courses in the arts, social sciences and science free of charge, simultaneously earning high school and college credits.

How are the classes conducted?

The ECC courses are taught asynchronously online to high school and UD undergraduate students through Canvas (UD's learning management system). All ECC courses are designed and taught by UD faculty. Asynchronous online courses allow students to log in and complete coursework at a time that is convenient for them each week, without live or real-time video components. Even though students have flexibility when they access the courses, there are required assignments and assessments with deadlines that the professors will list on the course syllabi.

Is it really free?

Yes, there is no cost to schools or the students for courses, textbooks and materials.

What are the benefits for students?

Students experience college-level courses and the opportunity to interact virtually with UD undergraduates. Upon successful completion of courses, they are awarded college credit. These free academic credits are highly valuable both as educational experiences and as real progress toward an undergraduate degree. This is a truly unique program in the value it offers to students attending Delaware high schools.

If students are admitted to UD, how will these courses be recognized?

The courses fulfill University of Delaware general education requirements and may be utilized toward completion of a UD undergraduate degree. As a result, these credits will decrease the time to completion and cost of a UD bachelor's degree.

What if students enroll at another college?

Students can also apply UD credit toward degrees at other universities and colleges, pending approval by the receiving institutions.

What do students need to do to be successful?

Our faculty want students to be: curious, ready to engage with their online community, mindful of time management and open to thinking differently. Students who put work into their classes regularly (watching videos, responding to discussions, asking questions in student hours), reflect on their own learning, and stay on top of deadlines will be set up for success.

