



College Credit Opportunities

Kirkwood Regional Center
and
West High Guidance



College Credit Opportunities: Three main options

Kirkwood Academies	Courses at West	PSEO
Groups of college coursework (approx. 12 credits each)	Dual-Enrollment with Kirkwood	Dual-Enrollment courses at the University of Iowa
Housed at Kirkwood Regional Center, Oakdale Blvd (Coralville)	PLTW (Project Lead The Way)	Must meet robust criteria
Free of charge	AP (Advanced Placement)	Free of charge

College credits earned is limited to 23 credit hours per year, per institution (Kirkwood or University of Iowa)

There is no limit in the amount of AP credits earned



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WHAT IS AN ACADEMY?

- Year long commitment
- Semester length classes
- Minimum of **12** credit hours



WHY PARTICIPATE IN AN ACADEMY?

- Get a jump start on college
- Explore subjects and careers you're interested in
- Work with expert instructors
- Take courses that will transfer to other colleges for other programs
- Gain entry level job skills and opportunities for immediate employment
- Gain a competitive edge for scholarships, apprenticeships, internships and more

Kirkwood offers opportunities for you to earn college credit while you're in high school. These courses are the perfect opportunity for you to get hands-on experience while getting a better sense of the career you should pursue after graduation. The classes you take at Kirkwood are "dual credit," which means you get credit toward your high school diploma and your future college degree.

COLLEGE LINGO

- Semester
- Credit Hour
- FERPA (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act)
- Alternative Concurrent
- On-site courses





STUDENT ACCOMMODATIONS

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- **Students with IEPs/504s**
 - Accommodations available at Kirkwood that you would receive in high school
 - Provided in accordance with policies and procedures for ADA accommodation services

www.kirkwood.edu/learningservices



SELECT FOR SUCCESS – THE RIGHT FIT

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- Is This Experience The Right Fit?
 - Consider:
 - Academic record
 - Attendance
 - Assignment completion
 - Maturity and responsibility level
 - Time and other commitments
- Other Options
 - Alternative Concurrent



ACADEMY TIMELINE

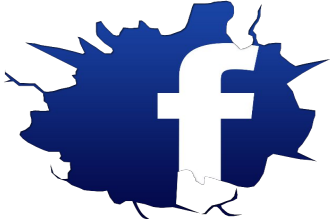
- May 1st
 - All academy changes must be made prior to this date
 - *Complete a change form and talk to your high school counselor!*
 - *Possible waitlists*
- Summer
 - Receive confirmation of academy placement and course schedule
 - Dependent upon students submitting all prerequisite information and academy forms
- August 24th – Classes begin

NEXT STEPS

- Apply to Kirkwood!
 - www.Kirkwood.edu/HSCreditApply
- Take required placement tests and submit your scores
Transportation Auto Tech and Collision, Energy, Electrical and Automation, and Liberal Arts Transfer (composition and math courses)
- Submit orientation Academy Agreement paperwork by April 30th

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Thank you!



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Courses at West: Kirkwood Dual Enrollment

Completely separate from Kirkwood Academies, but may be taken in conjunction with Academies

How is credit earned?

Automatic credit: the grade earned in the course at West High will be included on both the student's West High transcript and college transcript.

- **IMPORTANT NOTE:** This begins the student's official college transcript with letter grades; impacts the student's college cumulative GPA
- **Composition 1 and 2:** This is commonly added to career-specific Kirkwood Academies
- **Personal Finance:** This is a new ICCSD graduation requirement, in addition to college elective credit
- **All Project Lead the Way courses:** Principles of Engineering, Introduction to Engineering Design, Civil Engineering and Architecture, Computer Integrated Manufacturing, Computer Science Principles, Environmental Sustainability



Courses at West: Dual Enrollment

Completely separate from Kirkwood Academies, but may be taken in conjunction with Academies

How is credit earned?

Credit based upon end-of-year exam: the grade earned in the course at West High is independent of the score on an end-of-year exam. The score on the exam determines whether/not college credit is earned.

- Entrepreneurship
- Earth/Space Science (STEM Innovator, UofI)



Courses at West: AP (Advanced Placement)

- College level coursework taught at the high school
 - 25 different course options
- National curriculum that is approved by CollegeBoard
- College credit is based upon a cumulative, end of year exam in May
 - College credit is NOT tied to the student's grade throughout the year
 - Students must typically earn a 4 or 5 on the exam to be awarded college credit (scale of 1-5)
 - Each college has their own unique AP credit policies
- Grades for West High GPA are on a weighted 4.0 scale
 - A = 5pts, B=4pts, etc.



PSEO (Post Secondary Enrollment Option)

Dual Enrollment with the University of Iowa

- Designed for students who have exhausted ICCSD's curriculum within a given subject area and wish to continue studying that subject area
 - Common Examples:
 - Completed AP Calculus BC, wish to continue a mathematics curriculum
 - Completed AP level of science, wish to continue the same science curriculum
 - Completed AP Computer Science, wish to continue the Computer Science curriculum
 - Can also be for subjects ICCSD does not offer; most commonly World Languages (Korean, Chinese, German, etc)



PSEO Eligibility Requirements

- Juniors and Seniors, or ELP identified freshman and sophomores
- Must have minimum high school cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher to apply to UI
- Must ultimately earn college credit based on AP score (if pursuing curriculum our district offers)

Miscellaneous

- Requires meeting with UI Advisor
- Begins college transcript; recorded on West High transcript but *not* included in GPA
- Limited to 23 credit hours/academic year
- Must provide own transportation



Interested in PSEO?

Student informational meeting and registration form distribution:

Wednesday, January 29th

Start of 2nd OR 6th periods

Cafeteria



Looking for more information?

- **Work with your school counselor!**
 - Paul Breitbach (A-D)
 - Kelly Bergmann (E-J)
 - Greg Yoder (K-Q)
 - Kay DiLeo (R-Z)
- **A full breakdown of all college credit opportunities can be found [here](#).**



Questions?