

Below are some commonly asked questions about earning college credit:

How can students earn college credit for a high school math class?

The high school course, "Pre-Calculus" is equivalent to the college course, "College Algebra". We worked with professors at University of Missouri at St Louis (UMSL) to align our Pre-Calculus curriculum to their College Algebra (MATH 1030). There is one supplement unit in this course students will be required to do outside of class.

The high school course, "Honors Algebra 2/Trig" is equivalent to the college course, "College Algebra". We worked with professors at University of Missouri at St Louis (UMSL) to align our Honors Algebra 2/Trig curriculum to their College Algebra (MATH 1030).

The high school course, "Calculus" is equivalent to the college course, "Analytic Geometry and Calculus I". We worked with professors at University of Missouri at St Louis (UMSL) to align our Calculus curriculum to their Calculus I (MATH 1800).

If interested, the high school course "AP Stat" is also available to take for college credit.

Why earn college credits in College Algebra?

At the majority of colleges and universities, College Algebra is the only math requirement for a non-STEM degree. That means you may be able to complete your college math requirement here at North, before starting college! Some universities require Statistics as an additional math requirement, especially for their Social Sciences majors. For non-STEM juniors, the option to earn additional college credits is also available by taking AP Stats at North. Please check with the university of your choice to check on their specific math requirements for graduation.

Does earning these credits cost money?

Yes, but this is also an opportunity to save money. Dual credit fees are \$70 per credit. College Algebra is a 3 credit course. That means the total cost to dual enroll is a total cost of \$210. College Algebra taken at UMSL costs approximately five times more. Calculus is a 5 credit course therefore total cost of \$350.

How do the credits transfer to the university that I will attend?

The credit hours are recorded on a college transcript and transfer just the same as if a student had attended a course on UMSL's campus. The credits also transfer to all state universities and 90% of other colleges and universities. Please check with the university of your choice to ensure that they will accept a course transferred from University of Missouri at St Louis.

Do UMSL ACP courses transfer to other colleges or universities?

If you are not sure that the college or university you are interested in accepts dual credit credits, this [database](#), provided by the University of Connecticut, is meant to guide dual credit students who plan to transfer their college credit. This database is only to be used as a guide and cannot guarantee the success of credit transfer. All information is subject to change without notice.

The general answer to this question is yes. In fact, the Missouri Department of Higher Education - Dual Credit Policy clearly states that up to five courses shall be assured in transfer to all public institutions and independent/proprietary signatory institutions. It is ultimately the student's responsibility to consult with the college/university of their choice regarding the institution's specific course transfer policies.

When can I register?

Please see your teacher for specific registration dates. Also look for more information through an additional letter sent home. Please visit www.umsl.edu/acp to register.

Will it matter what grade I earn this year?

Most students only register to receive college credit if their grade is an A or a B. Some students have chosen to earn college credit even if they have earned a C. This is a personal decision that each student will have to make after weighing all of their uniquely individual factors. Your final grade for this course is calculated by averaging your 1st and 2nd semester grades. In addition, some universities accept the transfer course without calculating the corresponding grade into your future GPA at their school, while others accept the credits with the grade attached. Please check with the university of your choice to understand their policy on transferred coursework.

What if I register and I change my mind?

Grades that students earn in ACP courses become a part of their permanent college record. Of course, the vast majority of students enrolled in ACP courses will be earning a letter grade of a C or better. But it is imperative for those students who will be earning less than a C drop the college credit portion of the course so that we can make sure that it does not become a part of their record. In college you have to earn at least a C in order for you to actually earn credit.

It is possible to drop the college credit portion but they cannot drop the high school portion of the course (anything higher than an F will earn them the high school credit). It is very important for us to be pro-active in advising any students that are not earning a C or better to drop at this time.

To drop the course, please contact your teacher.

Although UMSL has been great about reimbursing the fee if you drop, this is not guaranteed.

Who is eligible?

Seniors, Juniors, and Sophomores will be allowed to enroll in any dual credit courses as long as they have a minimum overall GPA of 2.5-2.99 (seniors and juniors), or 3.0 (sophomores), approval from the principal or guidance counselor, and parent permission. Parents will receive a confirmation email after the child has registered. Parents must confirm permission before school can approve.

Freshmen must have scored at the 90th percentile on the ACT. If that is the case and they wish to enroll we will need a copy of their test results for our records.