



# College Credit Plus

2026 - 2027 SCHOOL YEAR

## YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY

### WHAT IS COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS?


College Credit Plus (CCP) is a dual-enrollment program for college-ready students in 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades. You can earn both high school and college credit by taking courses at your high school (if offered), on YSU's campus, or online.




#### **Courses at your school:**

- o Some high schools provide CCP classes during the regular school day. Ask your school counselor for your school's specific offerings.
- o These classes have the same expectations as on-campus offerings, and high school CCP instructors have the same qualifications as YSU faculty.

#### **Courses Online:**

- o Most online classes are asynchronous, meaning you will not have a set time you will need to be online. There are a few exceptions (like foreign languages and science classes with a lab component). These are regular YSU classes taught by YSU faculty.
- o Your school may provide you with computer access and time during the school day to complete your work.
- o  Classes follow the YSU academic calendar, which is different from your high school calendar, and snow days are very rare.

#### **Courses on campus:**

- o These are in-person college classes with a set schedule.
- o You will be in class with YSU students and will benefit from in-class interaction.
- o You must have reliable transportation to campus, and if you are under the age of 14, a parent/guardian must accompany you on campus.
- o  If you meet specific requirements, you are eligible to participate in the CCP in Honors program and can earn Honors credit for classes you complete on campus or online.

 Applies to both campus and online classes.



# This seems like a **big** decision.

## **What else do I need to know?**

As a 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade student, you should think carefully about the decision of whether to apply. Discuss the opportunity with your parents and school counselor so you understand your responsibilities as a college student.

## **HERE ARE SOME THINGS TO CONSIDER.**



### **How does CCP benefit me?**

Your CCP classes give you high school and college credit at the same time. By taking college classes, you have more time for a double major, a minor, study abroad, or just interesting electives. Needing to take fewer classes can lower the cost of your college education and shorten the time needed to complete your degree. For example, if both your high school and your college general education requirements include two social studies classes, you can satisfy both requirements by taking those classes through CCP. Once you get to college, you may not need to take any additional social studies classes not required for your major. Keep in mind that your participation in CCP will affect both your high school and college GPAs.



### **CCP IN HONORS PROGRAM:**

If you have a 3.5 cumulative high school GPA and a 26 or higher ACT composite score, you are eligible to apply to the CCP in Honors program. The Honors College fosters interdisciplinary interaction, self-expression, experimentation, leadership, and academic excellence. You will be able to register for special Honors classes and earn Honors credit. Contact the CCP Office for more information.

### **How will the grades I earn affect my high school GPA?**

- Grades from your CCP classes will be factored in to your high school GPA.
- Any CCP classes you take while in middle school will be included on your high school transcript and will affect your GPA.
- The college grade carries the same weight as Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate or honors courses.
- End-of-course exams for high school English II, Algebra, and Geometry are still required for high school graduation even if you take the equivalent college course.
- If you do not pass a college course, it will show on your high school transcript and might have consequences for your high school graduation.



### **How will the grades I earn affect my YSU transcript?**

The CCP courses you take are official college courses and will be part of your YSU transcript. Whether you continue your college career at YSU or not, the credit and the grades will remain on your YSU transcript.

- Your college transcript will follow you through graduate school. If you do not do well in your college courses, it may impact future college admission decisions.
- If you continue college at YSU after high school, (or transfer back to YSU later), your CCP GPA will be your starting GPA.
- College financial aid decisions are affected by GPA and the number of college credits you complete.
- If you decide not to attend YSU, you can transfer your credits to University System of Ohio Schools. Credits might not transfer directly to private or out-of-state colleges. Check with your college's Admissions Office for details.

### **How do the college classes integrate into my high school schedule?**

- Your high school classes are typically only available for a single class period during your school day, and students on the same track typically all have the same classes at the same time every day. College courses have a lot more flexibility.
- Campus and online classes are available during the summer, in the evenings, and on weekends, allowing flexibility for other activities.
- Most online classes don't have a set meeting schedule at all, so you can log in at any time, as long as you turn in your work on time and keep up with the material.
- Course availability varies. A course you want to take might be full or might not be available at a time that works for you.
- The YSU academic calendar will be different from your high school calendar, with different start dates, end dates, breaks, and holidays. Watch your **YSU** email for announcements.
- Some courses, including many summer classes, are offered in a 7- or 8-week term but require the same amount of work as a 16-week class. Check term specifics carefully!
- Courses offered at your high school follow your high school's academic calendar. You might not see a grade on your report card until the course is complete.



# COSTS

## How will I pay for CCP classes?

*That depends. There are two options for covering your YSU expenses.  
Most students will qualify for Option B.*

**Option B:** No cost to you. Your public high school covers tuition and textbook expenses, and YSU waives course fees. You automatically earn both high school and college credit, and grades will be factored into both GPAs.

All public school students who are Ohio residents qualify for this option, unless you exceed your allowed number of high school and college credits (30 per year or 120 total).

**Option A:** You pay for tuition, books, and materials. This option allows you to choose whether to receive only college credit or both college and high school credit. You'll need to take extra steps to add your college courses to your high school transcript. Your counselor or our office can assist you, but you must let us know at the beginning of the semester if you want those courses on your high school transcript.

- This is the only option for out-of-state students.
- **All non-public and homeschool students will use Option A. Ohio residents can apply for state funding to help defray your costs. You are not guaranteed to receive sufficient funding to cover your desired course load.**
- Funding from the state is applied on a course-by-course basis. For example, if you receive funding for 4 credit hours but you want to take two classes with a total of 6 credit hours, the state funding will only cover one class. Unless there is a 2-credit-hour class you would like to take, you will not be able to use the rest of your funding award.
- If you have state funding for a course, then your school will cover your textbook. If you are a homeschool student, you will pay for your textbooks whether you have state funding or not.



### Other cost considerations

**Certain circumstances might add expenses, regardless of which option you qualify for.**

- If you take classes on campus, transportation and parking expenses are your responsibility.
- If you register for more than 30 credit hours per academic year, you are responsible for the entire cost of the course that puts you over the 30-hour limit.
- If you fail a class or withdraw late, your school district (or the state, if you attend a non-public school or are homeschooled) can make you repay any expenses (tuition and books) paid on your behalf.
- While your school might provide technology you can use to access online classes, **be aware that a Chromebook from your school might not work well.** Purchase of a computer or tablet is your responsibility. If that might be a problem for your family, please contact us—we have some suggestions.
- **If you receive state funding as a non-public or homeschool student, you are responsible for the entire cost of the course that takes you over the limit of your state funding.**

## What about academic support?

**College classes can be a challenge, no doubt. We want you to succeed, and YSU offers the following academic resources.**

- **CCP New Student Orientation and Continuing Student Update Sessions**—These sessions with your advisor will provide an overview of the program, list deadlines, and explain any recent changes.
- **An academic advisor**—Your advisor will guide your course selection and help you register. If you have a major in mind or high school requirements you need to fulfill, let them know! They'll contact you via your **YSU email address**.
- **Resch Academic Success Center**—Tutors and academic coaching are available if you need a little extra help.
- **Accessibility Services Office**—If you have an IEP or 504 plan for your high school, it will not transfer automatically. You'll need to go through YSU's evaluation process through this office.
- **Maag Library**—All your research needs in one place, the Maag Library provides access to journals, books, and more both at the library and online.
- **Mathematics Achievement Center (The MAC)**—Get tutoring and sample tests.
- **Writing Center**—Improve your writing skills with a consultation with a staff person as you make the transition to college-level writing. Online appointments are available.
- **CCP Website** (<https://www.ysu.edu/ccp>)—Find more information about the CCP experience, as well as links to other resources, here.

**You can access these resources no matter where you take your classes, including at your high school.**

## STEPS to Success!

### STEP 1 LETTER OF INTENT

**Where do I sign up?**



Submit your letter of intent by **April 1, 2026**, to start in summer or fall term or **November 1, 2026**, for spring.. **The letter of intent is not a commitment; it's just the entry point into the application process.** Other deadlines might come before this one. Refer to the relevant timeline at the end of this booklet to see the whole process at a glance.

- Public school students will submit this to your school. See your school counselor for the process.
- Non-public and homeschool students submit this to the STATE **after applying and being accepted** to the program. Visit <https://education.ohio.gov/topics/ohio-education-options/college-credit-plus> for more information.





# STEP 2 DETERMINE YOUR ELIGIBILITY FOR ADMISSION

Students are eligible for admission to YSU’s CCP program if they meet the requirements of any one of the three options below. All three options include both an overall and a core HS GPA. A high school GPA must include a full semester of a complete high-school course load. Your overall GPA is calculated using the grades for all your classes. Your core GPA is calculated using only your grades in math, English, science, social studies, and foreign language classes. GPAs are not rounded.

■ **TEST OPTIONAL** – Unweighted, overall high school GPA of 3.0 and core HS GPA of 2.0. If you have ACT or SAT scores already, they can be used for course placement. You might also need to take a course placement test later, depending on what classes you want to register for.

■ **TEST REQUIRED** – Unweighted high school core and overall GPAs of 2.0 and one of the following college readiness benchmarks:

- An ACT English score of 18 or higher
- An ACT Math score of 22 or higher
- An ACT Reading score of 22 or higher
- An SAT Evidence Based Reading & Writing score of 480 or higher
- An SAT Math score of 530 or higher
- A YSU Accuplacer Reading score of 250 or higher

Middle school applicants will also need to meet one of these benchmarks, no matter their GPAs or if they have taken high school classes. Most take the Accuplacer exam.

## ACT/SAT TIMING

DESIRED START TERM	LAST ACT/SAT TEST DATES FOR CONSIDERATION
Summer 2026	ACT: February / SAT: December
Fall 2026	ACT: April / SAT: March
Spring 2027	ACT / SAT: October

## ACCUPLACER DEADLINES

DESIRED START TERM	SIGN-UP DEADLINE	COMPLETION DEADLINE
Summer, All students	March 1	March 12
Fall/Spring, Non-public & Homeschool	March 13	March 20
Fall, Public school	April 1	April 15
Spring, Non-public & Homeschool	October 1	October 15
Spring, Public school	October 15	October 30

## Please NOTE:

The Accuplacer exam (also known as the YSU Admission Test) completion deadline is the same date as the application deadline. We strongly encourage doing your testing as early as possible.



## ■ CCP TRANSFER

Students who have taken College Credit Plus through another college/university can be admitted to YSU’s CCP Program by having both of the following:

- Unweighted, overall HS GPA of 2.75 and a core HS GPA of 2.0
- Overall college GPA of 2.0

Students who do not meet these GPA requirements will need to follow the Test Required path.

If you do not meet the eligibility and admission requirements for one of these pathways, you cannot participate in YSU College Credit Plus.

## IF YOU ARE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY

Talk to your school counselor about courses available at your school, your graduation requirements, and your potential college major.

Non-public and homeschool students, your parents should sign up for an OHID account (if they don’t already have one). It can take a few days for a new account to be activated. You also have an earlier YSU CCP application deadline than everyone else, because you will need your acceptance letter from us to apply for funding from the state. **The state funding application deadline are 5:00 p.m., April 1 for full-year funding or November 1 for spring term only.**

Visit <https://education.ohio.gov/topics/ohio-education-options/college-credit-plus> and click on College Credit Plus then Students and Families for more information.







### STEP 3 APPLY

The CCP application is available on the YSU CCP website (<https://www.ysu.edu/ccp>). Your high school may schedule time for CCP applications during the school day, where a YSU staff member will walk you through the process.

If not, you can access the application to apply on your own, following the Student Application Guide. You may also schedule time with to meet with YSU staff to complete the application. The application opens in January 2026.

**You will need to submit (with assistance from your school counselor):**

- Official high school transcript
- Qualifying test scores (ACT, SAT, or YSU Eligibility Test) if necessary
- Campus Education Plan for students taking classes online or on the YSU campus
- Parent Consent/Financial Responsibility Form
- Official college transcript, if you have completed coursework at another college or university. You will need to order your official transcript be sent directly to YSU. We cannot accept it from you or your high school.

Non-public and homeschool students, please refer to our website for additional requirements. Once you have your acceptance letter, you may use your OHID account to submit your letter of intent and application for funding (both are one form). The State of Ohio is planning two funding deadlines for the 2026-2027 school year: April 1 and November 1. You may only apply one time. The November funding round is only available to those who did not apply by the April 1 deadline, and the award is only applicable to spring semester classes.

#### APPLICATION DEADLINES

DESIRED START TERM AND HIGH SCHOOL TYPE	APPLICATION DEADLINE
Summer start, all students	March 12, 2026
Fall/spring start, non-public & homeschool students	March 20, 2026
Fall start, public school students	April 15, 2026
Spring start, non-public & homeschool students	October 15, 2026
Spring start, public school students	October 30, 2026

### STEP 4 ACCEPTANCE

Once we receive your application, we will review it and send a decision letter to your home address. If you are accepted, you will receive an Enrollment Checklist with your acceptance letter to guide you through the remaining steps of becoming a YSU student.

If you don't receive your acceptance packet within 4 weeks after the application deadline for your desired start term, please contact the CCP office.

If you are accepted, **activate your YSU email** address. We will send all communication ONLY to your **YSU email** account. **Check it regularly.**

Follow the instructions in your acceptance packet to let us know you received it.

If you do not activate your **YSU email** address, your progress will stop here.

### STEP 5 ADVISEMENT & REGISTRATION

This stage will vary depending on your school and whether you will be taking classes at your high school, on campus or online, or a combination. The steps for registration are the same for everyone:

Discuss course selection and scheduling with your YSU advisor.  
Attend an orientation session, either at your school or virtually.  
Complete course placement testing if needed.  
Register or be registered for classes, based on your preferences and advice received during your advising sessions.

Admission to the program is different from course placement. Just because you are admitted does not mean you are eligible for every class. If you want to take an English, math, or certain science classes and your ACT/Eligibility Exam scores don't meet the necessary threshold (varies by class), your advisor will let you know and help you schedule the necessary placement exams (the ALEKS math assessment or the WritePlacer English placement test). **Watch for an email in your YSU email account.**

Your course selection should be guided by your intended major or desired career and your test scores. You can find information on course levels, pathways, and YSU academic programs on the CCP website.

We cannot guarantee that course placement testing completed after the priority deadline will be scored in time to register for classes. The longer you wait, the more likely it will be that the classes you want or need will be full. We recommend meeting the deadlines listed in the chart to the right.

COURSE TERM	PRIORITY TESTING DEADLINE
Summer	April 15
Fall, on campus or online	June 17
Fall, YSU classes at your high school	July 22
Spring	October 22

The subject matter of a course enrolled in under the College Credit Plus program may include mature subject matter or materials, including those of a graphic, explicit, violent, or sexual nature, that will **NOT** be modified based upon College Credit Plus enrollee participation regardless of where course instruction occurs (including at the high school).

Students should read through the course syllabus and review the course textbook and materials before the 100% refund date of the term to make an informed decision on whether to stay registered for the course before tuition is charged. Withdrawing from a course after the 100% refund date because of the course content will not result in a refund of the tuition charges.

### STEP 6 GO TO CLASS

**Congratulations!**  
**You're now a YSU student.**

Remember—you're responsible for your own education. If you're having trouble, reach out to your instructor or the CCP staff.

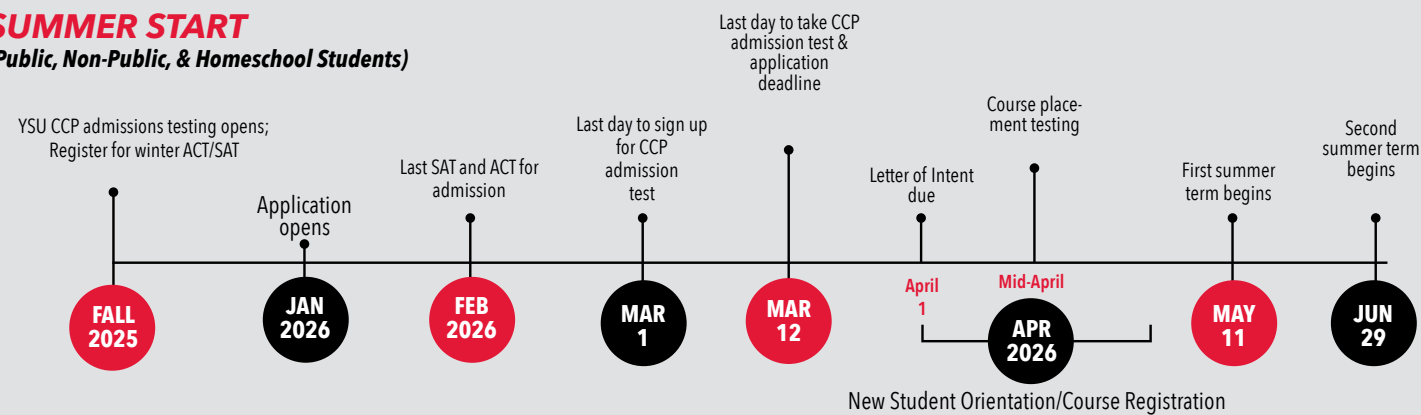
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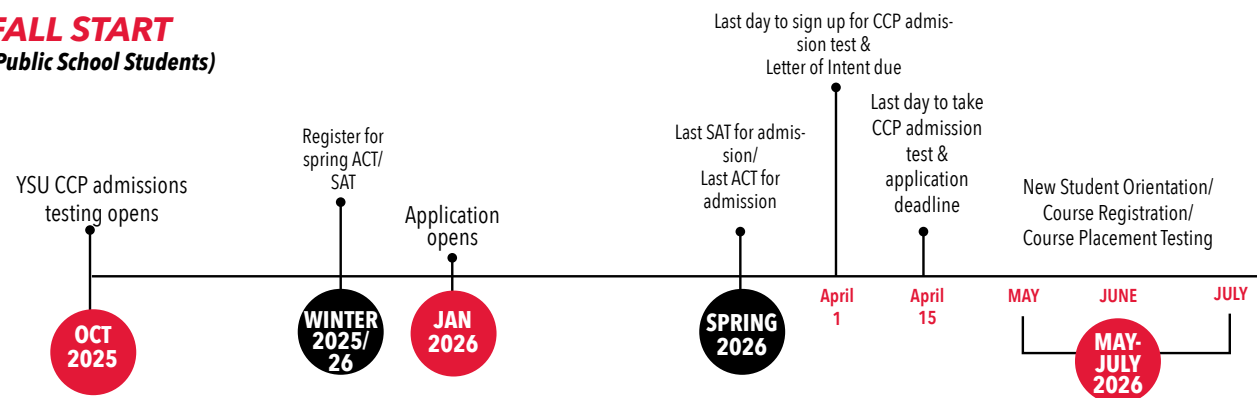


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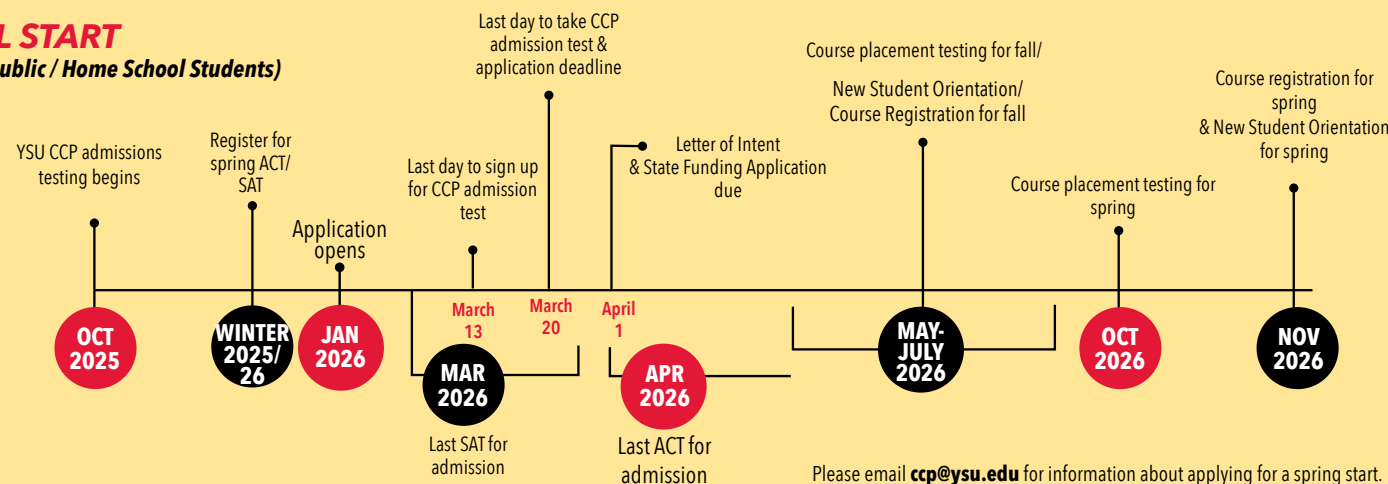
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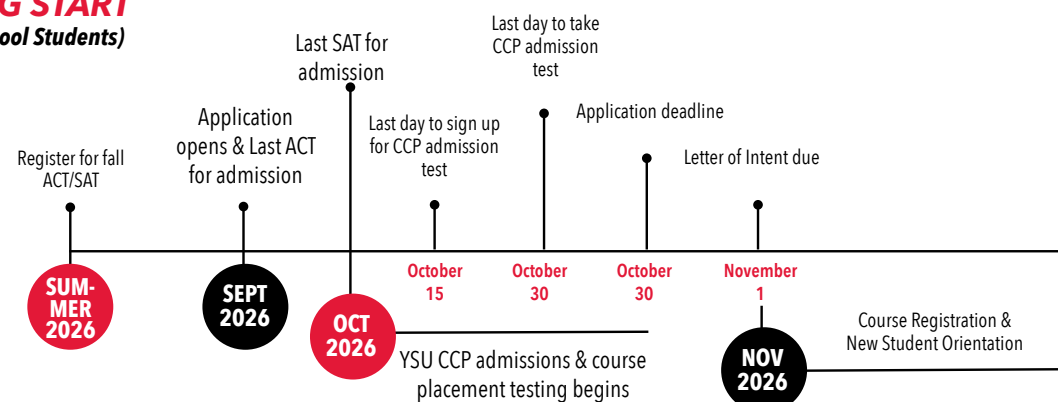
## → **FALL START** (Public School Students)



## → **FALL START** (Non-Public / Home School Students)



## → **SPRING START** (Public School Students)



## Useful Links:

The YSU College Credit Plus Website

State of Ohio CCP Information

FERPA information and release form

YSU's Student Code of Conduct

Academic Support Services

Transferring college credits within the University System of Ohio

Registering for the ACT



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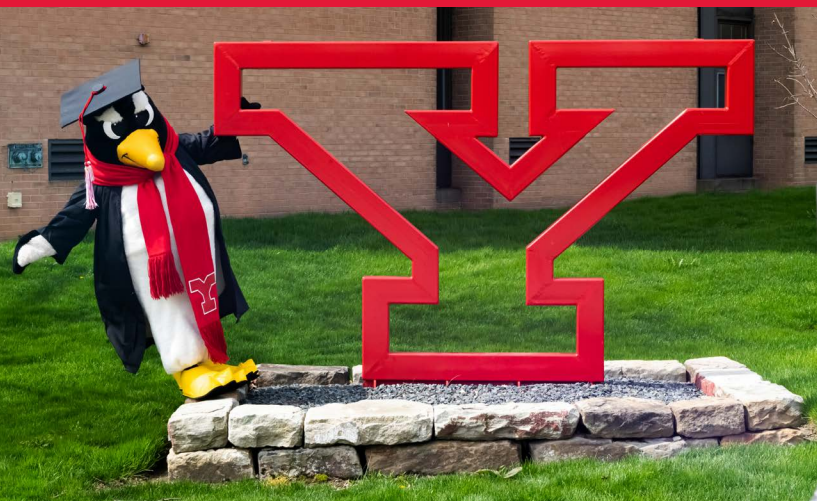


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### Questions?

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