

Hey 10th, 11th, and 12th graders...



Want to Earn College Credit in High School?

As a student in Rhode Island, you have **free and low-cost options** to take college classes before you even graduate high school. By earning credits, you can reduce the number of classes you need to take in college. **In other words, you can save time and money while preparing to do well in college classes.**

Three Ways to Earn College Credit in High School:

Advanced Placement/ AP Courses:

Take a class at your high school or online that covers college content. Take an exam to show that you have learned the content. Scoring well on the exam can earn you college credits.

Concurrent Enrollment:

Take a college class at your school with a high school teacher. Pass the class to earn college credits.

Dual Enrollment:

Take a college class on a college campus with a professor. Pass the class to earn college credits.

What's a Credit? Colleges (and many high schools) use credits to measure the number of classes you need to earn your degree. If you earn college credits in high school, you may be able to take fewer classes in college.

Advanced Placement (AP)

An Advanced Placement (AP) course is a high school class that covers college content. There are AP classes in most academic subjects. CCRI, RIC, URI, and many private colleges in Rhode Island offer college credits to students who get at least a 3 out of 5 on their AP exam.

For example if you get a 3 on the AP Spanish Language Test, you can earn:



Why?

- Students who earn AP credits may **save time and money** by taking fewer classes in college.
- Taking APs looks good on your college application and can help you **get into a good college**.
- AP classes help you **prepare** for the expectations of college courses.

Who?

AP is for everybody. Research shows that all students, not just "advanced" learners, benefit from taking challenging AP classes.

Where & When?

You have two options for AP classes:

- **Take AP at Your High School:** Your school may offer AP classes during the school day. Before choosing your classes for next year, talk to your counselor or teachers to find out more.
- **Take AP on the ACN:** You can take some AP courses for FREE online through the All Course Network. You can register here between May 1 and 30.

How Much?

AP classes at your high school or on the ACN are FREE! If you take the course through the ACN, you can also take the test for free. There is a cost to take the AP test in school, but the CollegeBoard or schools will waive fee for some students.

Dual & Concurrent Enrollment

ride.ri.gov/DualEnrollment

Dual & Concurrent classes both allow you to take a college-level course while you are still in high school. **Concurrent Enrollment** courses are taught at your school by an approved high school teacher while **Dual Enrollment** courses are taught on a college campus by a professor.

Dual/Concurrent Enrollment is for everyone. Rhode Island data suggest that students who take either type of course are more likely to graduate, enroll in college and skip remedial classes in college.

How do I take Dual or Concurrent courses?

You have 3 different options:

- **At Your High School:** Ask your counselor or teacher about which *Concurrent* options are offered at your high school.
- **On A College Campus:** You can sign-up to take *Dual Enrollment* directly through one of Rhode Islands Colleges or Universities with help from your counselor (See below).
- **On the ACN:** RIDE's [All Course Network](#) offers *Dual Enrollment* options. You can register [here](#) between May 1 and 30.

Rhode Island Students can take Dual/Concurrent Classes for FREE through our public colleges and universities:

Click on the underlined text to learn more

Community College of Rhode Island (CCRI)

- **Concurrent Enrollment:** [STEM Connect](#)
- **Dual Enrollment:** [High School Enrichment](#)
- **Full-Time Dual Enrollment:** [Running Start](#)



2021 Registration:
Spring: Dec 3- Jan 27
Fall: April 17 -Sept 8

Rhode Island College (RIC)

- **Concurrent Enrollment:** [Early Enrollment Program](#)
- **Dual Enrollment** [RIC Dual Enrollment](#)



2021 Registration:
Spring: Jan 11- 25
Fall: Dec 1- Feb 18

University of Rhode Island (URI)

- **Concurrent Enrollment:** [URI Concurrent Enrollment](#)
- **Dual Enrollment** [URI Dual Enrollment](#)



2021 Registration:
Spring: Dec 1, 2020- Feb 18
Fall: May 2-Sept 18