

3 WAYS TO EARN COLLEGE CREDIT NOW

Save money and achieve your goals early!

Your local community college has built partnership opportunities with your school to provide you with easy access to college credit. If you are a current high school student or enrolled in a GED or high school equivalency program, you may be eligible to participate. The San Diego and Imperial County Community Colleges are committed to providing early access to college courses so that you can get a jump-start on your college and career goals.

- 1 Dual Enrollment** - Want your first college exposure in a familiar setting? Earn college credit through college-level courses taken at your school, taught by a college instructor, with your classmates.
- 2 Concurrent Enrollment** - Ready for the college experience? Enroll in selected college courses and take them on the college campus or online with other college students.
- 3 Articulation Credit by Exam** - Interested in earning college credit through a course at your school taught by your school instructors? Some career-focused courses may be eligible for college credit through successful completion of the course and a final assessment that meets college requirements.

Why earn credit now?

By participating in early college credit opportunities, you can save time and money on your post-secondary education goals and career plans.

What courses are offered?

Courses eligible for early college credit vary by school and term. Meet with your counselor to find out what courses are available at your school.

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Do online courses count?

Yes! Online and hybrid courses can be taken for early college credit.

How do I find out more?

For more information about courses and requirements at your school, visit your counselor.

Am I eligible to participate in early college credit opportunities?

Students eligible for dual and concurrent enrollment are expected to meet specific GPA requirements set by your school or college. Articulated credit by exam courses generally do not have GPA requirements, though this may vary depending on your school's policies.

** Each early college credit opportunity may require the completion of unique forms, applications, or requirements. Speak to your counselor about the specific courses available to you.*

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What's the difference?

	Dual Enrollment	Concurrent Enrollment	Articulation Credit by Exam
Location	Your school	College campus (online or onsite)	Your school
Eligibility (varies across colleges, see your counselor)	GPA or pre-assessment for some courses	GPA or pre-assessment for some courses	Enrollment in career-related class that is articulated with college course
Type of courses offered	Mostly college-level academic classes for transfer	Everything at the college except P.E.	Classes in a career pathway or career-related program
Tuition fees	None if enrolled in under 15 units	None if enrolled in under 11 units	None
Other costs	None - books and materials provided by your school	Student fees, books, and materials	None
How credits are earned	Course grade becomes part of your permanent college record and will appear on your college transcript	Course grade becomes part of your permanent college record and will appear on your college transcript	College credit only appears on your college transcript after meeting all requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Course grade meets college requirement, • Final exam meets college requirement, and • Student petitions for college credit

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