

Dual Enrollment for all Rhode Island Students—Tuition Free!

What to Know About Taking College Classes While You Are Still in High School

Are You Ready to Take a College Class?

- ◇ URI, RIC, and CCRI have established criteria for high school students to find out if they are ready to take college courses. If you meet these criteria, you may be on your way to taking a college class!
- ◇ Don't forget to explore other college-level opportunities offered at your school, like Advanced Placement (AP) classes and dual enrollment with private colleges

What is Dual and Concurrent Enrollment?

Concurrent enrollment courses are college classes that are taught by high school instructors. This means that you can take a college class and earn college credit without leaving your high school.

Dual enrollment means you receive the approval of your school counselor or administrator to take a college class that is taught by a professor on the college campus and receive high school credit at the same time.

Did You Know?

Participating in college level classes while you're still in high school can help you:

- Potentially save thousands of dollars on the cost of your college education
- Help you earn a college degree faster

Research shows that if you participate in college courses while you're still in high school you will be:

- Less likely to be placed in remedial college coursework
- More likely to enroll and persist in college
- More likely to complete college on time

Is There a Cost?

- ◇ Governor Raimondo's 2016-17 Prepare RI Dual Enrollment Fund will provide funding for all qualified students to participate in concurrent and dual enrollment courses with URI, RIC and CCRI as part of their high school requirements at **NO COST** to students and families.

Steps You Can Take

- 1) Meet with school counselor or school administrator to review the opportunities available
- 2) Determine which college courses you are interested that will also count toward your high school graduation requirements
- 3) Check the eligibility criteria for each college to see if you are ready to take a college classes
- 4) Obtain recommendations from your school administrator or teacher
- 5) Review the necessary registration processes and complete any necessary forms
- 6) Familiarize yourself with the college or university's academic calendar for important information about course registration, withdrawal and drop deadlines

Your Responsibilities as a College Student

- Following the course syllabus and meeting the course expectations and requirements.
- Knowing the withdrawal and add/drop deadlines from the institution that is offering the course.
- **Understanding your grade will be on an official college transcript.** Dropping the course after the deadline or receiving a failing grade may impact your financial aid and/or college GPA.

If you're thinking of dropping a course for any reason, talk with your school counselor as soon as possible. The course you've chosen counts toward your high school requirements and dropping or failing the class may impact the credit you need for high school graduation.

URI	RIC	CCRI
Student Eligibility Criteria		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GPA of 3.0 • Junior or Senior level status • Exceptions to the above must have the recommendation of school counselor, administrator or teacher 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GPA of 3.0 • Junior or Senior level status • Exceptions to the above must have the recommendation of school counselor, administrator or teacher 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Junior or senior status and guidance counselor recommendation depending on the program • Exceptions to grade level must have the approval of the school counselor and/or school administrator and the CCRI department chairperson for the course(s). • Accuplacer assessment standards vary by course and are specified in the catalog for concurrent enrollment • Check the RIDE website for more details
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