

Early College
Info

Our Mission Statement

Our mission is to accelerate **college readiness**, **success**, and **completion** through challenging college-credit coursework in a **personalized environment** with a network of staff, family, and community supports.





Why EC?

- x Small learning community and family-like atmosphere
- x Opportunity to earn 30-60 hours of dual credit
 - x Lighter college load
 - x Earlier graduation from college
 - x Double major
 - x Save money
- x Students leave CGHS ready for the rigor and experience of college courses.



Small Learning Community

- Each grade level has approximately 125 students.
- Family-like atmosphere
- Similar to teaming in middle school, EC students are with the same cohort over their high school courses--having several core classes together.
- Many classes have a cross curricular emphasis.
- The majority of these core courses are in the EC area, so students maintain close relationships with all their core teachers.

So what does that mean?

What is EC?

Uniquely EC

- EC STaRs
- One counselor (freshman/10-12)
- Tutors
- LGMS
 - Tips on writing college scholarships/essays
 - What to know before you take the SAT/ACT
 - PSAT writing and study tips
- Our Community
 - Beginning of year kick off
 - Holiday Helpers
 - LGMs



College Credits... What do I need to know?

- EC@CG partners with Vincennes University to offer college classes at the high school.
- These classes are taught by our teachers, or a VU professor online.
- These courses are \$25-\$75 per credit hour, compared to \$200-\$400 offered at local colleges and universities.
 - Last year our students saved over \$900, 000.
- Most dual credit courses begin students junior and senior year (similar to AP).
- Most dual credit courses are weighted.



College Credits...What do I need to know?

How does my child earn the credit?

- Students must first qualify for the course by meeting the Accuplacer test score.
- Students must earn a "C" or better in the course.
- The grade is a part of the high school transcript.

Where do the credits transfer?

- Classes are transferable to public institutions in and out of Indiana.
 - IU, Ball State, IUPUI, Purdue, USI, UIndy, UK, etc.
- We have also had success with small, private schools
 - Liberty, FC, Anderson, Lipscomb, Hanover, etc.

What if my child needs extra support for these college courses?

- VU provides a math and English tutor.
- Tutors are housed at CG and work 20 hours a week.
- Most courses aren't taken until Junior/Senior year.
- Teachers have office hours.

What are the possible pathways my student can pursue if in EC?

Core 30/STGEC (30 hours of college credit)

- Students take specific courses over four years to complete the 30 hour block.
- If students earn all 30 hours with a "C" or better, they complete the Core 30.
- This can be equivalent to their freshman year of college.
 - Speech, English Comp, World Language, History, Sociology, Psychology, Fine Arts

Associate's Degree (60 hours of college credit)

1. General Studies (emphasis on English and history courses)
2. General studies with an emphasis on Information Technology

Perspective: Graduating class of 2019

- 50 STGEC
- 51 Associate's Degree
- 17 Dual credit recipients

Sample freshman EC track

1. EC English
2. EC Biology / EC Honors Bio* / H Chem*
3. EC Geography
4. EC math / honors math*
5. VU Keystone**/Comp 110**/PE
6. World Language
7. Elective
8. Study Hall

Students will be recommended for honors math and science courses based on the following:

- X Lexile
- X Current Success (grades)
- X ISTEP/ILearn
- X NWEA
- X CoGat

* Indicates Weighted Course

**Indicates dual credit



++ As EC students work to prepare for college courses, their Eng 9 course is accelerated (compared to non-EC English).

Application Process:

- Apply online through the high school's EC webpage
- Application Criteria includes:
 - NWEA scores
 - ILearn scores
 - Grades
 - Citizenship & Attendance
 - Application information
- Students need to be at or above grade-level academically to be successful in the EC program.

How does my child "get into" the Early College program?