

Running Start Program

Key Considerations

- ☐ What is the best fit for you
- ☐ More rigorous curriculum
- ☐ Be your own self advocate
- ☐ Balancing college with high school obligations
- ☐ Grades are more heavily weighted



The Best of Both Worlds



The Community of a Liberal Arts College:

- Student to Faculty ratio of 15:1
- Student-centered academic support
- Know your professors and your classmates

The Prestige of a World Class University:

- One of the top 200 universities in the US
- Nationally and internationally recognized faculty
- Preparation for research and internships
- Classes that transfer all across Washington

Undergraduate Degree Programs

Arts & Sciences

- Digital Technology and Culture
- English
- History
- Humanities/Social Sciences
- Psychology
- Sciences
 - Biology (Pre-Health)
 - Environmental & Ecosystem Sciences
 - Math & Physical Sciences

Business

- Business Administration
- Hospitality Business Management
 - Wine Business Management

Education

- Elementary Education

Engineering & Applied Sciences

- Civil
- Computer Science
- Electrical
- Mechanical

Integrated Plant Science (Wine Science)

- Viticulture & Enology

Nursing

Sample Semester Schedule

1 semester = 16 weeks

Classes are held MWF or TuTh

RS students can take a maximum of 15 credits per semester

Fall Semester 1			
Course	HS Credit	UCORE	Additional Info
ENGL 101	Senior Writing	WRTG	Writing Placement Exam
			Major Writing Requirement
HIST 110	US History	HUM	Must take HIST 110 & HIST 111 for HS credit
			Major US History Requirement
UNIV 100	University Prep		
ECONS 101	Consumer Ec/CWP	SSCI	Major Social Sciences Requirement

Sample schedule for a student fulfilling their UCORE

Financial Considerations



- Credits taken beyond 15 credits (\$527 per credit hour)
- Course fees
- Books (Chancellor's Book Loan available to those who qualify)
- Miscellaneous Expenditures - transportation, food, school supplies

Admission

Automatic Admission above a 3.5 GPA

3.30-3.49 GPA are reviewed on individual basis:

- Personal Statement
- Recommendation Letter
- PSAT, ACT, PLAN
 - PSAT scores below 75th percentile are rarely accepted.



Admission Process

3.5 Cumulative High School GPA or Higher

- ☐ Complete online application for admission
- ☐ Submit signed FERPA/Parent Permission form
- ☐ Send unofficial high school transcripts

3.3 – 3.49 Cumulative High School GPA & Homeschool Students (in addition to above criteria)

- ☐ Write a personal statement
- ☐ Letter of Recommendation
- ☐ Submit standardized test scores (PSAT*, SAT, ACT, PLAN*)

*PSAT and PLAN scores are for Running Start admissions only.

Placement Test Results

Writing Placement	Course	Title
1	English 101	College Composition
2	English 101 & 102	College Composition with writing tutorial

ALEKS Score	Course	Title
40%	Math 103	Algebra Methods
45%	Math 105	Exploring Mathematics Intro to Statistics
	Stats 212	
70%	Math 106	College Algebra
83%	Math 171	Calculus I

Next Steps...

- ☐ Follow us on social media
- ☐ Apply for Priority Admission by April 1st
- ☐ Placement Exams taken by April 30th
- ☐ Meet with your HS Counselor
- ☐ Schedule an appointment with WSU Tri-Cities RS Advisor
- ☐ Registration begins June 1st
- ☐ Attend RS Orientation in August



Helpful Links

Tour WSU TC Campus: <https://tricity.wsu.edu/admissions/visit-campus/>

Apply for Admission: <https://tricity.wsu.edu/running-start/rs/>

Math Placement (ALEKS): tricity.wsu.edu/academic-resources/math-placement

Writing Placement: tricity.wsu.edu/academic-resources/writing-placement/



Questions?



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