

Early College
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What are we?

A small learning community that strives to create a **family-like environment** where students are developed to be **self-advocates, independent learners, cooperative group members, and college level thinkers** who effectively communicate with their peers and instructors all while striving to earn 30-60+ college credits.



Why EC?

- x Two Main Reasons
 - x Small learning community and family-like atmosphere
 - x Opportunity to earn 30-60 hours of dual credit



1 Small Learning Community

- Each grade level has approximately 140-150 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?

Small Learning Community is Uniquely EC

- EC STaRs
 - EC leadership ambassador STaR
- Two counselors
 - Freshman
 - 10-12
- Learning Coaches
 - Math/English (dual-credit classes)
- Our Community
 - Programming Events (beginning of year kickoff; senior signing day; EC senior celebration, etc.)
 - Holiday Helpers
 - Classrooms near each other
 - Team of teachers



#2 College Credits Earned

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

Indiana College Core (ICC)/Core 30 (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 ICC.
- This can be equivalent to their freshman year of college.
 - Speech, English Comp, World Language, History, Sociology, Psychology, Fine Arts, Science, Math

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 or Business

Perspective: Graduating class of 2025

- 47 ICC
- 108 Associates Degree
- ALL students earned between 15-60+ college credits

Benefits:

- Graduate Early
- Add on minors/majors
- Smaller course load
- Military advancement

How do students earn the credit?

- EC@CG partners with Vincennes University to offer these college classes at the high school.
- These classes are taught by our teachers or a VU professor online.
- These courses are offered at a reduced rate compared to colleges/universities.
 - \$25-\$75 per credit hour (\$75-\$225 per course)
 - \$0 for free/reduced families
- Most dual credit courses begin students junior and senior year.
- 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 prerequisite grade requirement and over cumulative GPA requirement.
- Students must earn a “C” or better in the course.
- The grade is a part of the high school transcript and only the college transcript if the student attends the issuing institution.

Where do the credits transfer?

- Classes are transferable to public institutions in and out of Indiana.
 - IU, Ball State, IUPUI, Purdue, USI, UIndy, UK, Connecticut, South Carolina, 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 learning coaches.
- Learning coaches are housed at CG and work 30 hours a week.
- Most courses aren't taken until Junior/Senior year.

EC Grads: Future Plans

- 97% of the EC graduating class of 2024 went on to a 4 year school
 - 85 In-State 4 yr Public
 - 19 In-State 4 yr Private
 - 15 Out of State 4 yr Public
 - 11 Out of State 4 yr Private
 - 1 In-State 2 year Public
 - 1 Apprenticeship
 - 2 Workforce

++Majoring in...

- nursing (direct admits into nursing);
- Business/Finance (DA to Kelly);
- biology, engineering, education, psychology, informatics, etc.

Items for consideration:

EC students:

- Classes are with similar students throughout the 4 years.
- Core courses are located in the same area throughout the 4 years.
- Can only take honors science and honors math—English and history courses are EC.
- Must be willing to work with others.

If you...

- Want the highest GPA possible
- Want to take as many honors class as possible
- Want to attend Ivy league schools
- Want to be in the top 20
- Want to select dual credit courses a la carte (verses specific pathway)

Then EC may not be the right fit for you. Reminder: Multiple ways to earn dual credit (AP/VU)

Sample freshman EC track

1. EC English
2. EC Biology / EC Honors Bio*/ H Chem*/Physics*
3. EC Geography
4. EC math / honors math*
5. VU Keystone**/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 ILearn
- X NWEA

* 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 webpage and EC webpage or
 - [Click here for EC Application](#)
 - **Closes 1/31 at midnight**
 - **2/14 decisions emailed**
- Application Criteria includes:
 - PSAT 8/9 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?

Let's hear from our students.

- x Describe your EC classes.
- x Describe the EC community.
- x Amount of work?
- x What activities are you involved in and how do you manage it with your school work?
- x Future plans and how EC has helped?

