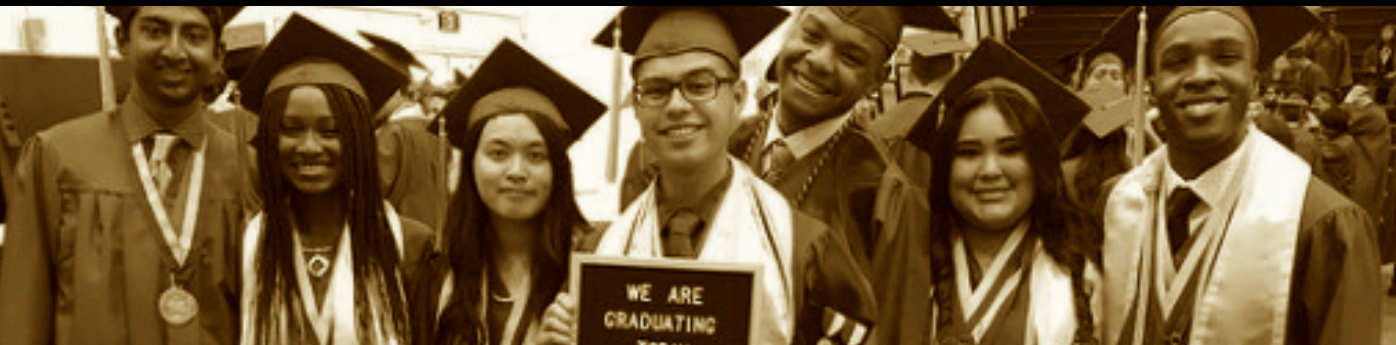


ADMISSIONS PROCESS



Any current 8th grade student may apply for admission into the academy.

Students need to complete a brief application at the beginning of the Spring semester. Interviews will be held with those applicants who demonstrate academic ability, perseverance, and commitment to this academy.

Students will be notified of their acceptance in the Spring. Students will take their first course (COUNS 101A) during the first week of school in August. This course is a one-week introduction to the program that students must take prior to starting their Early College Academy journey.

HOW DO CERRITOS COLLEGE COURSES DIFFER FROM HIGH SCHOOL COURSES?

College courses are faster-paced and more intensive than traditional high school courses. College instructors expect students to study independently and exercise critical thinking.

For every hour you spend in the classroom for a semester college class, you should expect an additional 2 to 3 hours of study time outside of class. That ratio increases if you are taking a college class in a shortened time frame like summer school.

If you need help, you must talk to your instructor.

All required course materials, coursework, projects, and tests are listed in the course syllabi you receive on the first day of class. Be sure to keep track of due dates and exam dates on your personal calendar.

Your final grade is usually based on a few large projects/assignments and exams, not necessarily on everyday homework. One low grade on an exam or assignment can seriously affect your final grade.

In college you will take responsibility for your own learning. This means reviewing course materials outside of class and often completing a research paper.

WHAT IS EARLY COLLEGE?

The Early College Academy is a partnership between Bellflower Unified School District and Cerritos Community College. The academy gives Bellflower High School students the opportunity to take Cerritos College courses that meet high school graduation requirements and earn college credit.

WHY EARLY COLLEGE?

EARN COLLEGE CREDITS

Students enrolled in the Early College Academy may earn up to **43.5** college units during their four-year high school career and meet the general education requirements to transfer to a four-year university.

FREE TUITION AND BOOKS

There is no additional cost to families. Tuition and books are free. Students will also have access to all of the services provided to Cerritos College students including the library, health services, and more.



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