

Early College

Through a partnership with Chicago Public Schools (CPS) and City Colleges of Chicago (CCC), high school students can take courses for both high school graduation credit and college credit, free of charge.

Participating high schools offer CCC college courses that are General Education requirements for most degrees. Students at these high schools typically have access to courses such as Biology, Business, Chemistry, Computer Science, Criminal Justice, English, Foreign Languages, Humanities, Mathematics, Physics and Social Sciences. Courses are weighted as advanced placement courses and can enhance the G.P.A. of the students.

The goal of these courses is to provide rigor that will prepare students for the college experience. CCC works with each high school to ensure the courses meet the same standards as courses taken at a CCC campus. Early College courses are taught by CCC-qualified instructors who require high school students to work at the college level and complete the same coursework as students at our college campuses.

The Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI) is a statewide transfer agreement, which is transferable among more than 100 participating colleges and universities in Illinois.

Students who take these courses may find that colleges are very interested in students who have already proven their readiness for college by passing such courses prior to high school graduation. Students can then walk into college with several General Education classes completed, thus decreasing the time to college graduation and money needed for tuition!