

# Early College Experience Online

COLLEGE CREDIT

IN HIGH SCHOOL



## Online Courses for High School Students

### Benefits to students

- Reduce time and cost of obtaining a college degree
- Add flexibility to student's schedule
- Learn skills to be successful in an Online environment

### Benefits to schools

- There is no minimum enrollment
- Courses are taught by NWACC faculty
- More course options for scheduling flexibility



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Early College Experience strives to provide access to higher education in a variety of formats. In addition to courses taught in high school and through Compressed Interactive Video (CIV), ECE offers online courses to eligible high school students.

### Course Schedule

#### Fall semester

- Art Appreciation
- Public Speaking
- English Composition I
- History of the American People to 1877
- Intro to Hospitality
- Medical Terminology
- Personal Health and Safety

#### Spring semester

- American Government
- General Psychology
- English Composition II
- History of the American People since 1877
- Intro to (OSHA)
- Medical Terminology
- Personal Health and Safety

**Who is eligible:** Students in 11th - 12th grades

**What is required:** A High School GPA of 3.0 and appropriate placement test scores

**Cost to students:** Reduced residency-based tuition plus \$43 distance learning fee per course.

**How to register:** Contact your high school counselor for registration and scheduling

#### Registration deadlines for high school students:

Fall semester                      April 1 – July 1  
Spring semester                    November 1 – December 20

Students will be enrolled as completed applications including transcripts and test scores are received. Maximum enrollment is 22 students per class.

#### Required minimum placement test scores

ACT Reading	19
COMPASS Reading	83
SAT Critical Thinking	480
PSAT Critical Thinking	48
PLAN Reading	15
EXPLORE Reading	14

**English Composition I** also requires a minimum score of 19 ACT English (80 COMPASS Writing)

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### Facilities and Scheduling

Classes are offered in a computer lab at the participating high school. A High School facilitator assists to ensure that students are on track to be successful.

The classroom facilitator monitors academic progress by accessing students electronic gradebook at regular intervals throughout the semester. If students are not on target, the facilitator and high school counselor discuss possible improvement strategies.

Training for classroom facilitators is provided by NWACC in April/May of each year.

### Student Support

Before classes begin, students are required to participate in an Orientation which provides instruction on Blackboard, including information on how to interact and actively participate in an online environment, note-taking and time management strategies.

The ECE office collects student performance reports from faculty four weeks into the semester, and communicates with high school counselors. If students are not on track to be successful, early interventions and strategies for improvement are implemented.

### Testing

Students will have proctored exams for the online courses. If the high school is unable to provide proctors, they would contact the ECE office to schedule someone to proctor exams for their online students.

### Cost

Students pay a reduced tuition based on the high school district where they live, plus a \$43 distance learning fee per course.

### Transferable College Credit

ECE Online courses are transferable to most college and universities in the State of Arkansas, and to many other postsecondary institutions outside of the State. Students are advised to inquire about credit transfer policies at the college or university they are planning to attend.



## Course Descriptions

**American Government** - The organization, functions, institution, and problems of the federal government will be studied including the United States Constitution, Congress, the presidency, and federal bureaucracy, and the judicial system. *3 college credits*

**Art Appreciation** - A general introduction to the visual arts. Lectures on art theory and an introduction to art history, films, slides and field trips. *3 college credits*

**English Composition** - Guiding the student through the process of writing with regular practice and analysis of effective writing, this first course of the composition sequence emphasizes the writing of clear, concise, developed academic prose. *3 college credits*

**General Psychology** – An investigation in to basic principles and theories of behavior in the areas of learning, memory, perception, development, biological basis of behavior, motivation and emotion, personality, stress, abnormal behavior and social and interpersonal relationships. *3 college credits*

**History of the American People to 1877** – Exploration of aspects in American history beginning with European backgrounds; discovery and settlement concluding with the Civil War and Reconstruction. This survey encompasses the constitutional, political, social, and economic development of the United States prior to 1877. *3 college credits*

**Hospitality Marketing** - This course is designed to provide student with basic knowledge and practical experience which will enable them to develop strategic marketing plans for hotel, motel, restaurants and private club properties. *3 college credits*

**Intro to Hospitality** – This course provides a global look at hospitality with career opportunities in food service, hotels, clubs and related businesses such as hospitals, schools, casinos and the military. The course pays special attention to what training is needed to obtain careers in the industry and how students can prepare for industry careers. *3 college credits*

**Medical Terminology** – A presentation of how medical terms are formed from root words, prefixes, suffixes, and combining forms; exploration of pronunciation rules and spelling, use of drawings, diagrams and definitions that relate to human anatomy of medical terminology. *3 college credits*

**Intro to Occupational Safety and Health** - This introductory course explores concepts, theories, and practical applications of occupational safety and health issues. This course is designed to give students a broad overview of the knowledge important to workplace safety and health in a variety of occupations, with an introduction to federal regulations. *3 college credits*

**Personal Health and Safety** - Discussion of health and safety problems with emphasis on promotion of individual health and safety concepts. *3 college credits*

**Public Speech** – This introductory course in human communication surveys basic communication theories of communication models, interpersonal communication, small group communication, and public communication. Students will deliver a variety of speeches and participate in course related interaction. *3 college credits*