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**UCLA Early Academic Outreach Program**

**Overview and Guide to Community College  
Concurrent Enrollment**

Concurrent Enrollment provides middle and high school students the opportunity to take college/university level classes. Classes taken at community colleges cost significantly lower than those at a four-year institution. Such college-level courses help high school students become competitively eligible in the university admission process. Students and parents should learn the concurrent enrollment policy at their high schools.

**Concurrent Enrollment Benefits:**

- First, it allows students to complete university courses at a community college, prior to high school graduation, which transfer to most four- year colleges and universities.
- Second, the cost of community college courses is significantly lower than at major public or private universities. For example, a five-unit community college chemistry course with laboratory will cost about \$100, while an equivalent course at a major independent college could cost approximately \$3,000.
- Third, concurrent enrollment is a means by which students can rapidly increase their chances of meeting and exceeding the freshman admission requirements of universities.
- Fourth, concurrent enrollment allows students to acquire the college experience and to challenge themselves with a rigorous curriculum before they become university students. This can raise self-esteem, confidence, and perception with respect to their abilities and future potential.

Concurrent enrollment classes can be taken in the fall, winter, spring, summer and, at year-round schools, during inter-sessions. Additionally, the classes can be taken at a campus or via television.

Note: In general, it is recommended that students should only take community college courses during the academic year if they are in 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade. All other students should focus on taking classes during the summer term and school inter-sessions.

For further information on community college courses, refer to ASSIST at [www.assist.org/web-assist/welcome.html](http://www.assist.org/web-assist/welcome.html) ASSIST is an online system that shows how course credits earn at one public California college or university can be applied when transferred to another. ASSIST is the official repository of articulation for California's public colleges and universities and provides the most accurate and up-to-date information about student transfer in California.