



**Early College
Experiences:
The AP[®] Program
UConn ECE
NCC H.S. Partnership**

at Brien McMahon High School

The Basics

Advanced Placement Program® (AP®) **courses** are college-level courses offered in high school. AP courses reflect what is taught in top introductory college courses.

At the end of the course, students take **AP Exams**—standardized exams that measure how well students have mastered college-level course work.

Students who do well on AP Exams can earn credit and/or placement into advanced courses in college.

What Are AP Courses Like?

AP courses typically demand more of students than regular or honors courses.

- Classes tend to be fast-paced and cover more material than typical high school classes.
- More time, inside and outside of the classroom, is required to complete lessons, assignments and homework.
- AP teachers expect their students to think critically, analyze and synthesize facts and data, weigh competing perspectives, and write clearly and persuasively.

The Benefits of AP Courses

AP courses can be challenging, but it's work that pays off.

- Students develop confidence, and learn the study habits and time management skills essential for success in college.
- AP teachers are among the most prepared, dedicated, and inspiring teachers at their schools.
- AP courses are often the most interesting and fulfilling courses a student takes in high school.



AP Courses Offered by Our School:

- Art History
- Calculus AB & BC
- Chemistry
- Computer Science A
- English Language and Composition
- English Literature and Composition
- French Language and Culture
- Italian Language and Culture
- Latin
- Physics 1 & 2
- Psychology
- Spanish Language
- 5. Statistics
- Studio Art
- US Government and Politics
- US History

Why Take AP Exams?

Most colleges and universities in the US offer credit or advanced placement for qualifying AP Exam scores.

- **Credit:** Students earn credit toward their college degrees.

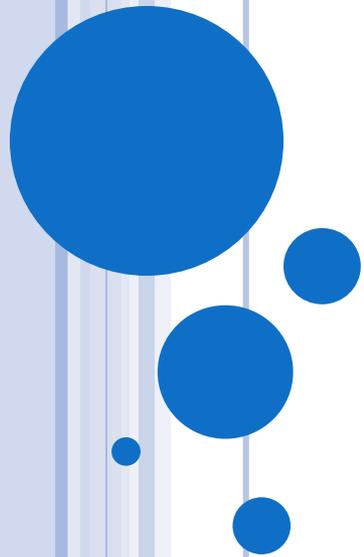
Information about AP credit and placement policies at many colleges and universities is available at www.collegeboard.org/apcreditpolicy.

- **Advanced placement:** Students can skip introductory courses and move directly into higher-level classes, and/or fulfill general education requirements.

More Reasons Why You Should Take AP Exams

- Colleges rank “Grades in college prep courses” and “Strength of curriculum” as the **top two factors** in the admission decision.*
- 85% of selective colleges and universities report that a student’s AP experience **favorably impacts** admission decisions.*
- College credit earned through AP Exams allows students to move into upper-level college courses sooner, pursue a double major, and gain time to study and travel abroad.
- Students who take AP courses and exams are much more likely than their peers to complete a college degree on time.
- A study* showed that students who earned a 3, 4, or 5 on the AP Exam had **higher first-year college grade point averages** and were **more likely to return for the second year of college** than non-AP students of similar ability.
- **31%** of colleges and universities consider a student’s AP experience when making decisions about which students will receive scholarships.*

UConn ECE COURSES



About UConn ECE

- Established in 1955, UConn ECE is the nation's longest running concurrent enrollment program and is nationally accredited ([The National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships](#)).
- Motivated high school students can take UConn courses at their high schools for both high school and college credit.
- Every UConn ECE course is equivalent to the same course at the University of Connecticut.
- Teachers are high school instructors who have been certified through UConn and serve as adjunct faculty members.

UConn EARLY COLLEGE EXPERIENCE 

ECE Courses at BMHS

- Biology
- Biotechnology
- Chemistry
- Medical Terminology
- Physics
- French
- Italian
- Spanish Language
- U.S. History

Why Take ECE Courses?

- Join the University of Connecticut and have access to all of its resources.
 - What if I'm not going to UConn?
- Start your academic transition in a familiar setting.
- Get ahead in college credits, which can bring various benefits:
 - Save money: \$50 per credit, 5 courses = 1 semester
 - Advanced standing - course selection, housing choice, car on campus
 - Advanced placement - prerequisites/introductory courses
 - Save time; gain flexibility to study abroad, volunteer, intern, student teach, add a major or minor, etc. while still graduating in four years.
- Show colleges you are ready for their demands and level of academic rigor.
- Gain confidence in your ability to succeed in college.

Cost of taking a 3-credit college course as a high school student in 2019-2020:

Fairfield University:

\$2310

University of New Haven:

\$2095

Sacred Heart University:

\$1990

University of Connecticut:

\$1975

Southern CT State University:

\$1849

Western CT State University:



How To Take ECE Courses

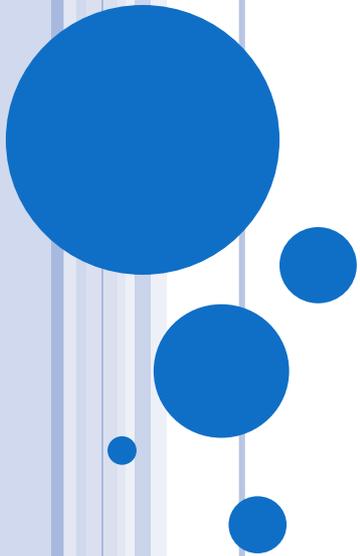
- Students register to participate in UConn Early College Experience through their high schools.
- Talk with your counselor and/or current teacher.
- Sign up at McMahon during course selection

AND

- Sign up with UConn during its registration period (Deadline 6/1).

UConn **EARLY** **COLLEGE** **EXPERIENCE** 

**THE HIGH SCHOOL
PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM WITH
NORWALK COMMUNITY COLLEGE**



Norwalk Community College: The High School Partnership Program

Who is it for?

Highly motivated, academically qualified students.

What are the qualifications?

- High School Junior or Senior
- Minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA
- Eligibility for EN101 Composition through the Accuplacer placement test or SAT or ACT scores



Norwalk Community College:

The High School Partnership Program

What is the application process?

- NCC New Student Application
- Placement test
 - The English part of the test is required unless waived with SAT or ACT scores.
 - The math part of the test must be taken if the student wishes to take a math course or courses with math prerequisites, such as some science and computer courses.
- High school transcript through the latest quarter
- Recommendation from a high school counselor
- Interview/registration appointment at NCC with the program coordinator



Norwalk Community College:

The High School Partnership Program

What classes may be taken?

- Any class that any other freshman is eligible for with respect to the results of the placement test and course prerequisites
- One course per semester in the fall and/or spring
- Summer classes are not available through the HSP but may be taken at the student's expense.
- Outside of scheduled high school hours

What credit is awarded?

- College credit that may be used toward a degree or certificate at NCC or transferred to another college
- Credit may not apply toward a Brien McMahon diploma.

Cost to the student?

- HSP covers the cost of tuition and registration fees.
- The student must purchase books and supplies and/or pay applicable lab or studio fees.



More Information...

<https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/home>

<http://ece.uconn.edu>

ECE Google Classroom code: qqy8ms5

<https://norwalk.edu/admissions/high-school-partnership-program>

