

Getting College Credit While in High School

Options:

1. Take Advanced Placement (AP) courses, and obtain a score of 3 out of 5, or higher on the corresponding AP exam. AP exams cost approximately \$95, and this does not include textbooks and other support material. Tests are typically about 3 to 4 hours in length, and require written responses, as well as a multiple choice portion. AP courses are offered in language arts, math, science, social studies, world languages, psychology, visual arts, and more.
www.collegeboard.org
2. Take classes online or on site at Victor Valley Community College (VVC). Courses are only \$1.00 per unit; however, high school students have low priority and may not be able to secure the classes that they are eligible to take. A placement exam is used to determine eligibility for college course work. Students must earn at least a C to earn college credit, and it is advised that they earn at least a B, since this is a permanent college record.
www.vvc.edu
3. Take college level courses as a part of your regular class schedule, and pass the corresponding final exam with a B or higher. These classes are taught by teachers with a Master's degree or higher, and adhere to the college's strict academic standards and guidelines. These credits and grades are a permanent college record, and transfer to most colleges. Students should determine what colleges will accept the course work, prior to enrolling in any of these classes.
www.vvcs.org
4. Study for and take the corresponding College Level Education Program (CLEP) test. Exams are approximately \$85 each, and this fee does not include study material or the testing site lab fee. CLEP exams are taken on a computer, at a predetermined lab/site. Scores are on a 20-80 point scale, and a 50 or higher is required to earn passing credit. Some colleges require higher scores, and some will give additional credit for high scores. The five major subject categories are: composition/literature, science/math, world language, history/social studies, and business. The tests are typically about 90 minutes in length, and may or may not require an essay portion. Failure to pass a test results in loss of investment, but students can pay for and try to pass the exam again in 3 months.
www.clep.collegeboard.org