

College credits earned in high school come in a variety of forms: **Advanced Standing, Advanced Placement, and Transcribed**. Here's the story on each and what you need to do to get college credit.

**Advanced Standing** credits can be applied ONLY to a Wisconsin technical college, e.g. MATC, Blackhawk Tech, etc... Advanced standing credit means that the high school has an agreement to teach the same course standards in a specific class. The class shows up on the high school transcript, the tech college sees this waives the college class (providing the student has earned a B or higher grade). No grade shows up on the college transcript, but it states that the course was taken and passed. Examples of advanced standing classes include: Written Communications, Oral Communications, Econ, Shop Math, Intro to Psychology, and Contemporary Society. There are others and these can be found in the program of studies and on our high school website.

**Advanced Placement** credits are earned by taking an advanced placement exam. College credit earned varies depending on the exam score. Technical and 4-year colleges accept AP credits. Typically, a student needs to earn a 3, 4, or 5 on the exam (5 is the highest). Every college has a link on their website which explains how AP credits are used at their college and scores required. In order for the college to award credits, students must have the college board send a score report. The score report does not come from the high school. AP testers received a student pack with instructions (and were told to save this). Examples of AP classes include: AP Calculus AB, AP English Lit and Composition, etc...

**Transcribed** credits can be applied to both 4-year and technical colleges. Transcribed credit means that the high school teaches an identical curriculum to that of the technical college. A letter grade will appear on a college transcript - in our case, the college is Blackhawk Technical College. In order to receive college credit at a different college, students must request that Blackhawk Technical College send a college transcript to their college of choice. This request cannot be done by the high school. The easiest way to do this is to log onto the following website and click on the 'transcripts plus' link. It will ask for dates of attendance. Students should enter the dates they were enrolled in the class. All transcribed credit classes will appear on the college transcript. You do not need a student ID and should use your social security number when placing your order. You should know the address of where your transcript is to be sent, and plan for a small fee (have a credit or debit card ready). Examples of transcribed credits classes include: Anatomy and Physiology, Physics, and Chemistry.

<http://www.blackhawk.edu/RegistrationRecordsOffice/Transcripts.aspx>

WAIT UNTIL THE GRADES HAVE BEEN POSTED PRIOR TO MAKING YOUR REQUEST.

Additional college credits can be earned through **Project Lead the Way** classes. Intro to Engineering Design and Principles of Engineering offer transcribed credits through Milwaukee School of Engineering. These credits can be applied to various UW colleges and universities. Transcripts must be requested from Milwaukee School of Engineering, not the high school.

College credits can also be earned off site, on a college campus. For example, **Youth Apprenticeship and Porter Scholar** students take classes on a college campus. Students must request that a college transcript be sent from those colleges to their college of choice.

**What difference will these college credits make?** 1) You will save both money and time. If you don't want to advance a level, then ask to have the credits count as elective credits. 2) You will be able to register early for classes; trust me, this matters. 3) If your college has an on campus housing requirement, you may be able to live off campus earlier and save some money. 4) If your college prohibits freshmen from having cars on campus, you may be able to have your car by second semester of your frosh year. 5) You may earn your degree sooner!!

If you have questions regarding credits earned while in high school, please send me an email or contact me at the high school. Email works best during the summer months as I don't have regular office hours.

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