



*Huntingdon Area
School District
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**COLLEGE COURSE
GUIDELINES
2021-2022**

College Course Options at HASD

Huntingdon Area High School learners are afforded a unique opportunity to take college classes for high school credit. Learners can take college courses through agreements with Juniata College, Penn Highlands Community College (PHCC), or other approved institutions. The colleges reserve the right to limit the number of classes a high school learner can schedule during his or her high school career. The high school reserves the right to deny a learner the opportunity to take college classes based on high school grade point average and current progress towards meeting high school graduation requirements.

College courses that will receive a letter grade on the high school transcript (and will affect the high school GPA) include: any college course taken in place of a required high school course and/or any college course a learner chooses to take for high school GPA credit. In all other cases, learners will earn high school credit, but will receive a Pass or Fail grade on the high school transcript (which does not affect the high school GPA). High school credits earned for college courses are as follows:

- 1 college credit course = 0.5 high school credit
- 3 or more college credit course = 1.0 high school credit

A college course will receive weight if the same collegiate weighted course is available at HAHS. For example, a learner can take Calculus I at Juniata College for a 1.4 GPA weight if HAHS offers AP Calculus.

NOTE: There is no guarantee that college course credits will transfer to the post-secondary institution you plan to attend. Learners can contact any post-secondary institution's admissions office by phone/email OR check each institution's webpage in order to review their list of approved transfer courses/credits.

Learner Eligibility

- 1) The learner is a high school junior or senior.
- 2) The learner is making satisfactory progress toward fulfilling high school graduation requirements as determined by the Huntingdon Area School District. The Huntingdon Area School District will determine satisfactory progress based on the following:
 - GPA of 3.0 or higher
 - Attendance and Discipline will be reviewed by administration
 - Principal's approval
- 3) The learner has scored at least "proficient" on the Keystone exams in Literature, Biology and Algebra 1.
- 4) The learner has fulfilled any prerequisites, as determined by the post-secondary institution in which he/she is enrolling.

Limitations to Enrollment

- Juniata College limits the number of courses high school learners can take. Learners can take no more than four courses during their junior and senior high school years, regardless of credit value.
- Learners may not schedule more than 2 college courses per semester.
- There is no guarantee that learners will be admitted to the college course(s) chosen because of seat limits, prerequisites and/or conflicts with HAHS schedule.
- Learners are not permitted to take a graduation requirement course during the spring semester of their senior year (example: American Government).
- Make sure to check the course descriptions of classes for any prerequisite limitations.

Registration Procedures

To register at Juniata College, complete the form available at:

<https://services2.juniata.edu/registrar/forms/reg-form.html>

Juniata College will confirm that the learner is in good academic standing with HAHS counseling staff. Once learners are approved, Juniata College will be in contact with learners regarding orientation, payment, etc.

To register at Penn Highlands, fill out the “Early College Option” application at:

<https://www.pennhighlands.edu/admissions/apply/>

PHCC requires a letter of recommendation/approval from the school counselor and current transcripts. If learners have not had three English or math courses (including Algebra 2), they must also take a placement exam. Ask your school counselor (Mrs. Snare or Ms. Neild) to send your high school transcript and a letter of permission to enroll.

Before beginning any college course, all learners must complete a Concurrent Enrollment Agreement. Signatures from a parent/guardian is required. Form is available at:

[Concurrent Enrollment Agreement](#). Completed form should be sent to learner’s school counselor.

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Once registered, colleges will contact learners directly regarding enrollment status, expectations, billing, etc. They also will contact school counselors with course information.

Payment for College Courses

Parents and students are fully responsible for all tuition and fees associated with college courses.

The current cost for Juniata College is \$100 per credit (not including books). Contact your school counselor to see if learner qualifies for a reduced rate.

The current cost for PHCC is currently \$279/credit (not including books). This is subject to change in the fall.

JUNIATA COLLEGE COURSES

To view course offerings for Summer Session or Fall Semester 2021, visit:

<http://services2.juniata.edu/registrar/jcsa/index.php>.

(The Spring Semester 2022 schedule is not yet available)

PENN HIGHLANDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE COURSES

To view course offerings at Penn Highlands, visit:

<https://www.pennhighlands.edu/admissions/registration/courses/>