



# HUNTINGDON AREA HIGH SCHOOL

## COLLEGE COURSE GUIDELINES

2023-2024

## College Course Options at HASD

Huntingdon Area High School students are afforded a unique opportunity to take college classes for high school credit. Students 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 student can schedule during his or her high school career. The high school reserves the right to deny a student 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 student chooses to take for high school GPA credit. In all other cases, students 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 student 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. Students 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.

## **Student Eligibility**

- 1) The student is a high school junior or senior.
- 2) The student 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 student has scored at least "proficient" on the Keystone exams in Literature, Biology and Algebra 1.
- 4) The student 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 students can take. Students can take no more than four courses during their junior and senior high school years, regardless of credit value.

Students may not schedule more than 2 college courses per semester.

There is no guarantee that students will be admitted to the college course(s) chosen because of seat limits, prerequisites and/or conflicts with HAHS schedule.

Students 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 [Visiting Student Form](#)

Juniata College will confirm that the student 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 students 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 Mr. Heaton) to send your high school transcript and a letter of permission to enroll.

**Before beginning any college course, all students 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 the student’s school counselor.**

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Once registered, colleges will contact students 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 the student qualifies for a reduced rate.

The current cost for PHCC is currently \$312/credit (not including books). This is subject to change.

## **JUNIATA COLLEGE COURSES**

To view course offerings for Summer Session or Fall Semester 2023, visit:

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

The Spring schedule is available for viewing/planning ONLY.

It is subject to change at any time. Registration will not open until October 2023.

## **PENN HIGHLANDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE COURSES**

To view course offerings at Penn Highlands, visit:

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