

## College in High School

## Student Frequently Asked Questions

**Q. Why take college classes while I'm still in high school?**

**A.** By taking college classes while in high school, you can get a jump on your future education because your earned credits usually transfer to colleges and universities across the country. You will gain confidence by experiencing college-level course work. You also will save money; CHS courses cost approximately 10 percent of regular in-state tuition.

**Q. Where can I take a CHS course?**

**A.** You can take a CHS course, taught by a high school teacher, at your own high school during the regular school day. Because College in High School courses vary by high school, please consult your guidance counselor or teachers for CHS courses available at your school.

**Q. What courses are offered through CHS?**

**A.** For a complete list of available CHS courses, visit [asundergrad.pitt.edu/chs/courses](http://asundergrad.pitt.edu/chs/courses). Not all courses are offered at every high school.

**Q. How do I sign up for CHS courses?**

**A.** In the first few weeks of class, your high school teacher will give you instructions to register online. You must submit your application by your teacher's deadline. Teachers will be asked to submit all applications no later than October 1 for fall term and full-year registration and March 1 for spring term registration.

**Q. How much do CHS courses cost?**

**A.** CHS courses cost a fraction of regular in-state tuition. In the 2016-17 academic year, most CHS courses cost just \$235. (The one-credit Right Start to College class is just \$75; General Chemistry I costs \$310, which includes a lab fee.) If you can demonstrate financial need, you may qualify for tuition assistance and should contact the CHS office.

**Q. Do I need to take other classes before I can take CHS courses?**

**A.** You must have fulfilled prerequisites in order to participate in CHS. Please see your high school teacher for more information.

**Q. How are CHS courses graded?**

**A.** CHS teachers determine your grades based on your performance on University-approved exams and assignments. Since the standards for grading in a high school course might be slightly different from the University of Pittsburgh, a student who registers for a CHS course could receive two course grades: one for the high school and one for the University. However, in most cases the grades are the same. These grading standards are explained at the beginning of each course. Grades earned in CHS courses appear on an official University of Pittsburgh transcript, and credits may be eligible for transfer to the college or university of your choice. **If you decide to attend Pitt, the CHS course grade will count toward your grade point average at the University.**

**Q. What if my school offers the Advanced Placement course as well?**

**A.** High schools can sometimes offer Advanced Placement (AP) alongside CHS in the same class, and in that case students can do both programs. Students then are responsible for sending their results to their college or university. If students attend any University of Pittsburgh campus, the CHS grade and credit supersedes any AP credit.

**Q. How can I transfer my CHS credits to a college or university?**

**A.** To transfer credits, you must request your official transcript from the University of Pittsburgh Office of the University Registrar. Online instructions are available at [asundergrad.pitt.edu/chs/transfer](http://asundergrad.pitt.edu/chs/transfer), or transcripts can be obtained in person at G-3 Thackeray Hall, 139 University Place. Many CHS courses transfer; however, as with any college course, there is no guarantee. Whether or not the credits transfer depends on the receiving school's policies and your chosen major. In very rare cases, some colleges and universities will also transfer grades. Check with the college or university you will be attending to find out if credits and grades from CHS will transfer. If you attend any of the University of Pittsburgh campuses, you do not need to request a transcript because your CHS courses will already be on record at the University.

**Q. What are the University of Pittsburgh's guidelines for CHS students?**

**A.** Upon enrolling in a CHS course, participants become part-time non-matriculated students in the Kenneth P. Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences at the University of Pittsburgh. University and school policies and procedures apply to CHS students and teachers. To review CHS policies, such as repeating a course, withdrawing from a course, academic integrity guidelines, and important deadlines, please visit [asundergrad.pitt.edu/chs/academicpolicy](http://asundergrad.pitt.edu/chs/academicpolicy)