



# CWU College in the High School

## FAQ

### *Why CWU's College in the High School program?*

Central Washington University is currently the largest dual credit provider in the state of Washington. **We partner with 194 different high schools and have around 500 certified teachers in classrooms across the state. CWU College in the High School (CiHS) served over 12,000 high school students in 2023-24** and students save incalculable dollars in annual tuition costs while providing a pathway to college success. Central Washington University's College in the High School program is a cooperative partnership between local school districts and CWU.

The program allows high school students to take CWU courses from their approved high school instructors without leaving their campus. Students benefit from the academic challenges of college coursework and find that the experience helps to clarify their educational goals. The CiHS program can also help ease with the transition from high school to college, and provide students with a unique opportunity to take on more academic responsibility.

Courses are led by high school teachers who have been approved as adjunct instructors by CWU Academic Departments. High school teachers will work closely with CWU faculty liaisons to ensure that the materials taught in the high school are equivalent to a course taught on the University campus. CWU faculty liaisons mentor high school teachers through syllabus, curriculum and the classroom support to help assure that students have a smooth transition from high school to college rigor.

### *No cost for public high school students*

On May 4, 2023, Gov. Jay Inslee signed SB 5048, eliminating CiHS course fees for all public school students. For the 2024-25 academic year all eligible public high school students can engage with CWU CiHS and earn CWU credit at no cost. Private high school students may enroll and their school will manage the billing. No students will be billed by CWU CiHS.

### *Which students are eligible?*

Students who are in the 9th through 12th grades are eligible to participate. Additionally, students are allowed to take 15 credits per grading term. Students are required to meet the prerequisites for certain classes which vary between successfully passing previous coursework or placement testing. Registration for the program will take place once students meet these requirements.



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## *How is CWU CiHS Different?*

CWU CiHS has many unique features that can make the program more favorable and effective than other similar programs, such as AP and Running Start On-Campus. For example, AP classes base the potential for earning college credit on a final comprehensive exam, whereas CiHS classes base their grades on the entire course, not on one single exam. Though Running Start On-Campus and CiHS are both dual enrollment programs, the CiHS program combines the rigorous challenges and rewards of a university sponsored program within the high school classroom and does not require any travel, college fees or extra text books.

## *What are the benefits of the program?*

- Students can accelerate their academic studies by earning college credit while attending high school without giving up their high school experience.
- Allows students the opportunity to experience college level work in a familiar environment.
- Completing rigorous high school coursework and earning college credit can strengthen the student's application as well as help meet basic college and university requirements.
- College in the High School is free for public high school students, and only \$60 per credit for private high school students.
- Students applying to CWU prior to high school graduation will be given a \$500 award toward CWU tuition, provided they have earned a 3.00 cumulative GPA or higher in their CWU courses.
- The undergraduate CWU application fee will be waived for students who participated in the CWU CiHS program. (Certain restrictions apply, please ask for additional details.)

## *What resources are available to students through the program?*

Upon registering for the CWU CiHS program, students will receive access to numerous resources, which include:

- Brooks Library – The Brooks Library provides access to a variety of academic resources and technological support through their website. Additionally, their online support staff can help students with their studies wherever the student may live.
- MyCWU – Students will be given a MyCWU account, which allows students to access their student email, check grades/charges and receive updates on current happenings on the Ellensburg campus and the CWU Centers. They will also be able to receive a CWU student connection card.
- The Learning Commons – The Learning Commons welcomes all students to engage in academic excellence by working with us to develop skills and habits that accelerate learning through our peer-to-peer collaboration model.

## *What are the next steps?*

If you are interested in bringing the CWU CiHS program to your high school, please contact our office. Our staff will be happy to talk to you in more detail about the program or set up a site visit, where members of our staff will come to your high school and present about the CWU CiHS program to your high school teachers and administration. We look forward to hearing from you!

