Early Enrollment Opportunities

Youngstown State University offers programs that provide additional academic opportunities to 7th - 12th-grade students who have demonstrated college readiness. The programs allow students to experience college-level coursework, supplement their high school curriculum, enjoy special interests, and accumulate college credit. Course work may be applied toward a program at Youngstown State University or may be transferable. Students who plan to continue at YSU after graduation from high school must reapply to YSU and provide a final high school transcript to the Office of Admissions. These programs include:

College Credit Plus

The YSU College Credit Plus program (CCP) offers credit-bearing college courses to 7th - 12th-grade students. Students earn college credit on an official YSU transcript, transferable to any state-funded college or university in Ohio and some private and out-of-state schools. CCP students who plan to continue at YSU after graduating high school must reapply to YSU and provide their final high school transcript. In addition:

- Students can enroll in any class for which they are qualified. Classes are offered on campus, online, or at the high school (course offerings vary). See the College Credit Plus (https://ysu.edu/ocat/college-credit-plus/) website for eligibility and information about course offerings in each school district.
- There are two payment options in the CCP program. Students can either be self-pay (Option A) or state-funded (Option B). See the Student Cost: Option A vs. Option B (https://ysu.edu/ocat/college-credit-plus/student-cost-option-vs-option-b/) webpage for more information.

College Tech Prep

Ohio College Tech Prep blends high-level academics with advanced career technical education. Focused on student success and workforce development, this educational initiative requires collaboration among secondary and post-secondary partners to support students through a smoothly structured transition from high school to college to careers.

Students who successfully complete the high school portion of College Tech Prep and continue their career pathway at YSU may earn articulated college credit or Career-Technical Credit (also known as CTAGs).

College Tech Prep is coordinated in Ohio through six regional centers. Ohio College Tech Prep is jointly managed by the Ohio Department of Higher Education and the Ohio Department of Education's Office of Career-Technical Education. For more information, contact the Division of Workforce Education & Innovation or email workforce@ysu.edu.

Youngstown Rayen Early College (YREC)

YREC, the first school of its kind at a public university in Ohio, helps Youngstown city school district students succeed in high school and make a successful transition to higher education. From YREC's home base in the Rayen Building, just south of the YSU campus, students take a combination of high school and university classes, graduating from high school with up to 64 hours of college credit. Youngstown Rayen Early College was developed with the assistance of the KnowledgeWorks Foundation and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. For more information, contact the Office of College Access and Transition (ocat@ysu.edu).

College-Prep Programs

Academic Achievers

Academic Achievers serves 9th - 12th-grade students at Warren G. Harding High School, Warren, Ohio.

Since 2002, Academic Achievers prepares students for college through academic, cultural, and social experiences throughout the school year and over the summer. The program assists students with their studies, promotes service to the community, and prepares them to have successful high school and college careers. For more information, visit the Academic Achievers (https://ysu.edu/upward-bound/academic-achievers/) website.

Upward Bound

Upward Bound serves 9th - 12th-grade students in Youngstown City Schools, Youngstown, Ohio.

Located on the campus of YSU since 1999, Upward Bound provides fundamental support to Youngstown City high school students in their preparation for college entrance. The program provides opportunities for students to succeed in their pre-college performance and ultimately in their higher education pursuits. Upward Bound serves students from low-income families and high school students from families in which neither parent holds a bachelor’s degree. The goal of Upward Bound is to increase the rate at which participants complete secondary education and enroll in and graduate from institutions of postsecondary education.

Upward Bound is funded by the US Department of Education, Office of Postsecondary Education TRIO Programs. For more information, visit the Upward Bound (https://ysu.edu/upward-bound/) website.