

Oak Grove Opportunities for students to earn College Credit

Many high school students around the country are earning college credit during their junior and senior year of high school. At Oak Grove we are adding one more way for students to earn college credit.

One opportunity for earning college credit is for Oak Grove students to take classes at Concordia College. Students who are residents of North Dakota pay for their books, while Minnesota students pay nothing. The second opportunity is for students to earn AP (Advanced Placement) credit by taking an AP course and paying a fee (\$92) at the end of the course for the AP test. Each college determines what AP test scores they will accept and what general education or elective criteria each AP course may be applied to.

Oak Grove offers the following AP course options: AP Psychology, AP Chemistry (new), AP Calculus, and AP Music Theory.

Dual Credit College Courses Offered at Oak Grove

This year, 2016-17, Oak Grove students will have a third option of taking dual credit courses offered through Valley City State University and taught on the Oak Grove campus by our Master's Level teachers. Students may choose from the following courses:

English 110 College Composition I (3 college credits/.5 high school credit) Offered Semester 1, period 3

English 220 Intro to Literature (3 college credits/.5 high school credit) Offered Semester 2, period 3

BIOL 150 College Bio (4 college credits/.5 high school credit) Offered Semester 1, period 8

BIOL 151 College Bio (4 college credits/.5 high school credit) Offered Semester 2, period 8

Spanish 201 (3 college credits/.5 high school credit) Offered Semester 2 of Spanish 3, period 4

Spanish 202 (3 college credits/.5 high school credit) Offered Semester 2 of Spanish 4, period 7

Credit Requirements (VCSU policies)

GPA – Students must have a cumulative GPA of 3.25 or higher to be eligible for VCSU credit

ACT – ACT English score must be 18 or higher to be eligible for VCSU **English**

credit (there is no ACT requirement for other dual credit courses)

*Note: Students who do not meet the VCSU requirements, may still enroll in one of the VCSU/Oak Grove courses, without earning college credit.

Application

Qualified students must apply to VCSU online to be accepted to the university.

VCSU.edu, Click Apply Now, Create an Account with User Name and Password.

Then go back to Apply button and log in.

There is a \$35 application fee.

Registration

Students must register for VCSU courses online with VCSU AND on paper with Mrs. Peterson. Students may register for all dual credit courses at the same time.

A student may take English 110 and 220, BIO 150 and 151, and SPAN 201 and 202 without applying for VCSU credit. However, credit cannot be retroactively given. You need to decide NOW if you're taking this for college credit or not.

Cost

Each credit has a reduced rate for dual credit/early entry students of \$70.74 per credit versus the on-campus rate of \$218 per credit. (one 3-credit VCSU class offered at OG = \$212.22) This is the responsibility of the student and his/her family and will be billed through VCSU.

Dates

August 31 – last day to add courses at VCSU

August 31 – last day to drop a VCSU course *without* a W (withdrawn) on your official college transcript (W can affect financial aid)

November 15 – last day to drop VCSU course with a W. Any drop after this point for semester one results in an F on your official college transcript.

August 22-December 16 – VCSU semester one

January 9 – May 12 -- VCSU semester two

Finals Exemptions

No students may be exempt from the VCSU course final exams, papers or projects, regardless of quarter grades.

Finals Schedule

A final exam for VCSU may take place during regular class periods. During Oak Grove's final exam schedule, dual credit courses will still meet during the final exam time slot.

College Transcripts

The grade earned will be reflected on both the high school and college transcript. The VCSU grade is the beginning of your official college transcript, which follows you for life. Be aware of

your schedule and your level of commitment and maturity in order to make a well-informed decision.

Credit Transfer

VCSU is part of the North Dakota University System (NDUS) which includes the following schools:

- ∞ Bismarck State College (Community College)
- ∞ Dakota College at Bottineau (Community College)
- ∞ Lake Region State College (Community College)
- ∞ North Dakota State College of Science (Community College)
- ∞ Williston State College (Community College)
- ∞ Dickenson State University (Regional University)
- ∞ Mayville State University (Regional University)
- ∞ Valley City State University (Regional University)
- ∞ Minot State University (Regional University)
- ∞ North Dakota State University (Research University)
- ∞ University of North Dakota (Research University)

Dual credits taken through VCSU/OG have an equivalent transfer to these colleges and universities. Colleges and universities outside of this system may or may not transfer these credits equally. Credit is usually granted, but it may be granted for an elective or other general education area. This is common, not just a dual credit stipulation. Please contact the institutions you are considering attending to ask about their credit transfer policy.

Questions

A representative from VCSU will be on the Oak Grove campus on August 24 from 6 to 7 pm between the Grover Grill Out and Back to School night to answer questions and assist students in the application/registration process.