Enrollment in the Academy program/Post-Secondary Enrollment Options Program (PSEOP)

There are two options for enrollment.

Option A

Students enroll in courses to receive college credit, and the student’s family is responsible for all costs. This option is available all semesters.

Option B

Students enroll in courses to receive both college credit and high school credit, and the local school district is responsible for the cost of tuition and books. This option is available autumn and spring semesters.

Note: Funding for the Post-Secondary Enrollment Options Program (PSEOP)—Option B is determined by the Ohio Department of Education (ODE). Ohio State follows the guidelines set by ODE to determine who will receive this funding.

Important!

Information on funding

When applying for Option B, be aware that:

- Students who attend a public high school must submit an “intent to participate” form with their high school no later than March 30 of the year prior to participating in PSEOP. See your high school counselor or principal for more information.
- Students who attend a non-public high school must apply to the ODE for funding once they have been admitted to a PSEOP program. This funding is available on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, see your high school counselor or principal. Students who are not funded by ODE may still enroll under Option A.
- Students who are home schooled and are not enrolled in a school that is recognized by the ODE are not eligible to participate in PSEOP—Option B, but will be able to participate in Option A.

Students may enroll in the Academy at any Ohio State campus.

Admission requirements may vary for regional campuses. Please contact regional campuses directly for more information about beginning as an Academy student at Lima, Mansfield, Marion, Newark, or ATI–Wooster.

- Columbus – (614) 292-3980 or osu.edu
- Lima – (419) 995-8391 or lima.osu.edu
- Mansfield – (419) 755-4011 or mansfield.osu.edu
- Marion – (740) 389-6786 or osumarion.osu.edu
- Newark – (740) 366-9333 or newark.osu.edu
- Agricultural Technical Institute (ATI) – (330) 264-3911, (800) 647-8283 (in Ohio only), or ati.osu.edu/admission

What are the benefits of enrollment in the Academy?

- Students gain experience in a college classroom. They learn how college courses can be different from high school classes and learn the expectations of college faculty members.
- Students earn official Ohio State credit and have a college transcript and grade point average.

What are the risks of enrollment in the Academy?

- College courses may be very challenging and require additional time commitments.
- Academy students may have less time to be involved in extra-curricular activities or in after-school jobs.
- Students who enroll under Option B may be asked to repay the local school district if they drop or fail a course during the quarter.

Who can participate in the Academy program?

The Ohio State Academy is limited to students who have achieved at the highest academic levels while in high school. Admission is based on class rank, grade point average, and standardized test scores. Additional requirements for participation:

- Students must be residents of Ohio.
- Students must reside in the home of their parent or guardian, which must be within commuting distance of the Ohio State campus of enrollment. (On-campus housing is not available.)

The majority of students who enroll in the Academy are in the 11th and 12th grades. Exceptional students in the 9th and 10th grades may apply for the program but must meet the same admission requirements as older students.
Applying to the Academy program

Students who wish to participate in the Academy program should first meet with a high school counselor or principal to discuss the opportunities and risks offered by the Post-Secondary Enrollment Options Program.

Competitive admission

The Ohio State Academy program has a selective admission process in which students are considered for admission based on their academic performance. See below for a profile of admitted students.

Factors considered in the application process:
- Performance in high school as shown by class rank or grade point average. Students admitted to the academy generally rank at the top of their high school classes with strong grade point averages.
- Performance on standardized tests. Students applying to the Academy must submit scores from any of the following exams: ACT, SAT, PSAT or PLAN. Students admitted to the academy generally have scored well above the national average on these exams.
- Recommendation from high school counselor or principal
- 300-word essay on application form

Admission criteria, Columbus campus

Students applying for admission to Academy, Columbus campus, should meet the following criteria:

High school class rank: top 15%
Grade point average: (GPA): 3.7 on a 4.0 scale
Test scores:
- ACT composite score: 26 or higher
- SAT Critical Reading and Math score: 1180 or higher
- PLAN composite score: 26 or higher
- PSAT Critical Reading and Math Score: 118 or higher

To apply

To be considered for admission to the Academy program, students must submit the following materials by the deadline:
1. Completed application form, signed by student and parent/guardian
2. Completed High School Information form, signed by high school counselor or principal
3. $60 nonrefundable application fee
4. Official transcript of high school course work
5. Standardized test scores (ACT, SAT, PSAT, or PLAN)

Application deadlines
- Autumn semester – May 1
- Spring semester – November 1

After applying

Once Ohio State receives the application an e-mail acknowledgement will be sent to the student with instructions for monitoring the status of the his or her application.

Types of courses available to Academy students

The Academy program is a supplement to—not a substitute for—a student’s high school education. Therefore, students should take advantage of the high school offerings first, then take courses through the Academy to expand and broaden their academic experiences. Students who have completed the college preparatory requirements in a subject area will be eligible to take classes in that area through the Academy.

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<td>Visual or Performing Arts</td>
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One unit = Carnegie Unit/year-long course in high school

Students also need to meet course prerequisites, such as math placement scores for a math or science course.

Students are not guaranteed enrollment in a specific course.

Students may not be able to enroll in courses for a variety of reasons:
- A course may not be offered every semester.
- A course does not fit into a student’s schedule.
- The class may be full.
- The class may be restricted to students in a particular major.

To learn more about courses that are available at Ohio State, explore the course catalog and schedule of classes at buckeyelink.osu.edu.

Popular classes for students in the Academy

- Foreign languages (including Spanish, Arabic, Japanese, Chinese and many more)
- Math (for students who have already completed Advanced Placement Calculus)
- Psychology
- Computer Science and Engineering
- Philosophy
- Political Science
- Anthropology
Typical course loads for Academy students

College classes are very different from high school classes. Beginning in autumn 2012, Ohio State will be on a semester system, so classes will occur in 14 week terms. A full-time load for an Ohio State student is 12–15 hours, which translates to 4–5 classes a semester. Full-time students will generally take 9 classes in an academic year.

Most Academy students are not full time at Ohio State, but are taking a mixture of classes between high school and Ohio State. The Academy Advisor at each campus will work with students to set up an appropriate schedule.

Answers to common questions

Are there any fees that Option B students pay?
Yes. Students enrolled in Option B pay the following fees:
- Application Fee: $60
- Parking Permit (Columbus campus only)

Are books covered through Option B?
You will receive your books free of charge. We do require that you return the books at the end of the semester.

Can I live on campus as an Academy Student?
No. Academy students must commute from the home of a parent or legal guardian.

Can I get football tickets?
Can I participate in clubs or intramural sports?
You are not eligible to purchase football tickets. You also are not eligible to pledge a fraternity or sorority. You can participate in other on-campus activities.

Can I use special services at Ohio State?
You can use the services that are available to students at Ohio State, including the following:
- Counseling and Consultation: ccs.osu.edu
- Office of Disability Services: ods.edu.edu

Can I use the recreation facilities at Ohio State?
The recreation facilities at Ohio State charge a fee for use. You will need to pay the recreation fee before you can use the facilities.

Transferring Ohio State credits to another university

Transferability of credits is always determined by the college or university that you will be attending. Courses transfer easily between schools in the University System of Ohio. Private colleges and out of state colleges may have different policies about transfer credit.

For additional information about the Academy, visit undergrad.osu.edu/academy or contact the Academy advisor at the Ohio State campus nearest you.
Summer Academy programs
(separate application required for all programs)

Engineering Summer Academy
The Engineering Summer Academy is a three-week program consisting of 56 hours of classroom and laboratory instruction (Monday through Friday). Students are expected to devote their study hours to the mental discipline of a concentrated academic experience.

The academic experience includes problem solving and introduction to computer systems, primarily CAD. The course, Engineering 1182.02, includes methods of problem solving, design documentation, three-dimensional orthographic and pictorial visualization and presentation, and experience in conducting experiments in three engineering laboratories.

To be selected for this program, students must have completed their junior year in high school. Additionally, it is recommended that students rank in the top 10 percent of their high school classes and show strength in mathematics as demonstrated by the PSAT.

For more information and an application, please contact Frank Croft, 240 Hitchcock Hall, 2070 Neil Avenue, Columbus, OH 43210-1275; (614) 292-6230.

Deadline: June 8, 2012. Preference will be given to early applicants.

Stone Laboratory Summer Program
This selective program typically consists of up to six different intensive one-week courses offered at Stone Laboratory, Ohio State’s biological field station on Lake Erie.

Located on Gibraltar Island in the harbor of Put-in-Bay, Ohio, Stone Lab offers the following courses:
Introduction to Local Flora, Introductory Aquatic Biology, Introductory Insect Biology, Field-Based Introduction to Oceanography, Ecology and Conservation of Birds, and Lake Erie Sport Fishing.

Students will receive two semester hours for each course taken. Each course meets daily from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and may also meet in the evenings. By combining laboratory, lectures, and field experiences on research boats and in a variety of habitats around the Lake Erie islands, the program emphasizes a hands-on approach to learning.

To be considered for selection, students must be at least 15 years of age by July 1 and have completed their sophomore year in high school and one year of high school biology by June of that year.

For more information, an application, and a list of current course offerings, contact Arleen Pineda, pineda.2@osu.edu, Stone Lab, The Ohio State University, 100 Research Center, 1314 Kinnear Road, Columbus, OH 43212-1156; (614) 292-8949, or visit stonelab.osu.edu.

Priority deadline: March 19, 2012. Applications received after this deadline will be considered on a space-available basis.

Ross Math Program
This prestigious summer program is an intensive six-week residential honors course for students age 14 to 18 with a special interest in mathematics. First-year participants investigate topics in number theory through daily problem sets emphasizing experimentation, conjecture, and proof. Find application materials at math.osu.edu/ross.

For more information, contact the Ross Program, Department of Mathematics, 231 West 18th Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43210; (614) 292-5101; ross@math.ohio-state.edu.

Summer Programs East Asian Concentration (SPEAC)
SPEAC offers intensive summer language courses in Chinese and Japanese through the Department of East Asian Languages and Literatures. SPEAC Chinese is offered at beginning and intermediate levels, and SPEAC Japanese is offered at beginning, intermediate, and advanced levels. Beginning level classes are designed to take a student with limited or no ability in the chosen language to a level of basic communicative competence while providing an introduction to the reading and writing systems. Intermediate and advanced level classes offer students with a proven command of the language a chance to move toward greater fluency.

For more information and an application, visit the SPEAC web page at deall.osu.edu/programs/summerPrgm/speac.cfm or contact the SPEAC program at speac@osu.edu.