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Early College Academy

What is Early College Academy (ECA)?

The Early College Academy is a program for high school students to participate in college courses on campus and online at Southern. Students who participate in ECA have the opportunity to graduate from Southern with an Associate of Arts and/or Associate in Science along with their high school diploma. The student is required to complete all designated courses, meet credit requirements, and take additional courses (if needed) to complete their degrees. The Grow Your Own (GYO) is a separate program for high school students to participate in college courses on campus and online to become future educators in West Virginia.



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for our
interest form.

Who is eligible to participate?

Students who participate, must have a cumulative high school GPA of 3.0 or higher and have no disciplinary issues. Students must be enrolled at a high school that is within a participating district. Students who are interested in participating should attend the informational meeting, fill out the interest survey during the meeting, and see their counselor at the high school for more information on registering.

What will my schedule look like?

Classes are held on a Southern campus or through Zoom. Classes are held Monday through Friday from 8:00 am until noon. The rest of the day is spent at the high school or vocational center. Additional time is needed throughout the week for students to work on tutoring, coursework, online courses, or engage with their professors to ensure success.



What if I have AP courses or dual-credit hours?

The ECA program is structured in a way that satisfies graduation requirements for the high school and college. Students who have successfully completed an AP course and passed the AP exam or have successfully completed dual-credit courses will receive credits for those courses.

What are the benefits of ECA?

- The ability to earn 60 college credit hours in conjunction with their high school diploma.
- The tuition for college credit hours is highly discounted compared to average rates and are paid by the local school district.
- Students will take college courses that are transferable to a university or prepare them for a career two years earlier than their peers.
- Transferable credits shorten the amount of time required to obtain a post-secondary degree by up to two years.
- Courses offered in the ECA program are counted simultaneously as both their high school graduation credits and as college credits, reducing the need for students to take dual-credit or AP courses..
- Students enrolled in ECA show significant higher test scores on their PSAT, SAT, and ACT.

PROGRAM TRACK

SPRING - SOPHOMORE

- Orientation

FALL - JUNIOR

- Science (Biology, Physical Science, and Anatomy/Physiology)
- English Comp 1
- College Math for General Education
- Speech Fundamentals
- Computer Science - Intro to Applications
- 1306 Introduction to Education and the Classroom (GYO)

SPRING - JUNIOR

- Science (Biology, Physical Science, and Anatomy/Physiology)
- English Comp 2
- Intermediate Algebra
- Electives (1) - History, Sociology, Psychology, Economics, Political Science, or Religion
- Art, Music, or Theatre
- 1307 Introduction to Child Development (GYO)

FALL - SENIOR

- Science (Biology, Physical Science, and Anatomy/Physiology)
- College Algebra
- English Literature Before 1800
- Electives (1) – History, Sociology, Psychology, Economics, Political Science, or Religion
- 1308 Introduction to Educational Psychology (GYO)

SPRING - SENIOR

- Science (Biology, Physical Science, and Anatomy/Physiology)
- American Literature Before 1865
- Trigonometry
- Electives (1) - History, Sociology, Psychology, Economics, Political Science, or Religion
- 1309 Introduction to Social Emotional and Behavioral Wellness (GYO)