

The Accelerated Learning Center and Dual Credit



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High School Experience vs. College Experience

Differences in Educational Culture
and Expectations

High School Culture and Expectations

- Most students know each other.
- Students are typically the same age or relatively close in age to their classmates.
- Teachers provide frequent reminders about homework and due dates. Teachers fully explain content, including assigned reading.
- Time is often provided in class to complete work.
- Revision opportunities or test retakes are common.
- Parents are notified when progress declines.



College Culture and Expectations

- Most students do not know each other before class starts.
- Mixed age, diverse classrooms
- There is an assumption that students manage their own time and workload.
- Instruction is fast-paced: critical thinking and strong reading skills required
- The relationship is between professors and student; Parents do not have direct access to the professor.



The Accelerated Learning Center

Delivery Model, Logistics, and Calendars

The ALC Calendar: Courses are Semesterised

The ALC follows the CSCC semester start and stop dates:

<https://www.csc.edu/academics/calendar/>

ALC/CSCC Semester 1: (M) August 28, 2023 - (F) December 15, 2023

(SWCSD first semester begins August 21, 2023 and ends January 12, 2024)

- September 10 - Last day to drop without financial penalty
- September 18 - Last day to drop without a “W” on transcript
- November 2 - Last day to drop with a “W” on transcript

The ALC Calendar: Courses are Semesterised

ALC/CSCC Semester 2: (M) January 15, 2024 - (F) May 10, 2024

(SWCSD is back from Holiday Break January 8, 2024 and the school year ends May 30, 2024.)

The ALC follows the SWCSD calendar for all other purposes (holidays, Professional Days, Late Starts, etc)

The ALC Delivery Model and Logistics

- The ALC is located in Pod C (second floor) at Central Crossing High School.
- The ALC programs are half-day programs that run in the morning or afternoon (See the ALC class schedule for details.)

The ALC Delivery Model and Logistics

Parking at CCHS (for those who will drive to The ALC if/when the courses are offered in-person)

- You will need to obtain a parking permit from home high school.
- Park in the student parking lot, which is next to the tennis courts.
- DO NOT park in spaces that are directly in front of the building.

Attendance Process (when the courses are offered in-person)

- Attendance will be taken in the main office entrance.
- Students will sign in and out by signing the roster at the front desk.
- CCHS students who attend the ALC have to follow the sign in process, but they do not have to sign out.

ALC Course Grading Information

- ALC courses are weighted equal to Advanced Placement courses (except for college elective courses which carry the Honors weight).
- ALC college courses and semester grades will appear on the SWCSD report card as it appears on the CSCC transcript.
- The ALC course grades will also appear on the official college transcript, which means students will begin their college GPA's when they first begin taking CCP courses at the ALC (or at their home high schools).

ALC Course Grading Information

- ALC course grades are given at the end of the course at semester; There are no quarter grades (no term “in-progress” grades); Athletes will be provided term progress grades for eligibility purposes.
- **Students who earn “F” in a course are responsible for the cost of the course and textbooks.** Students who earn a “D” may not be able to continue through the program due to prerequisite requirements. Students who earn under a 2.0 GPA will be placed on academic probation.

College Credit Plus Probation

CCP Probation

A student is placed on CCP Probation when the student:

- Has earned lower than a cumulative 2.0 GPA in college courses OR
- Withdraws from two or more courses in same term

When on CCP Probation, the student:

- May enroll in no more than one college course
- May not enroll in the college course in the same subject in which student previously earned D or F or received no credit

Student remains on probation until student has improved cumulative college GPA to 2.0 or higher (maximum of two terms)

College Credit Plus Dismissal

CCP Dismissal

- A student is placed on CCP Dismissal when the student has met the definition of CCP Probation for two consecutive college terms.
- Once a student is dismissed from the CCP program, the student may not enroll in college courses for the following college term
- After one college term on dismissal, the student may request secondary school to allow student to participate.

What is the Add/Drop Policy?

Students are not permitted to drop an ALC course and continue with the ALC program. Courses are designed to meet all college graduation requirements and are expected to be taken as designed.

If there are extenuating circumstances, and students need to replace one CCP course with another, the following information should be considered:

- Students speak to home school counselor and fill out the CSCC course drop form.
- No financial penalty for drops by **September 10**.

What is the Add/Drop Policy?

- CCP students receive a “W” indicating the withdraw from course if they drop a course or courses between **September 19 and November 2**. There is NO GPA impact on college transcript showing a “W”.
- Students who drop a course or courses after **November 2** will receive the current grade in course or courses, which will include all missed assignments for remainder of semester (likely resulting in a “F”)
 - **Students in this scenario will be responsible for cost of the course or courses, and they will be placed on academic probation.**

Expectations for ALC Students

Embrace college culture and expectations

- Follow course syllabi
- Use Blackboard, CougarWeb, and Turnitin.com
- Check CSCC email account daily
- Advocate for self and communicate needs
- Take advantage of college resources such as CSCC Online Writing Center and the CSCC website



What Do I Do Now???

- Access Columbus State Community College's Virtual Orientation:
<http://www.cscs.edu/academics/college-credit-plus/orientation.shtml>
- Check Blackboard and CSCC email daily. This link provides instructions on how to log in (you will want to be sure you are using the correct username and password)
[Blackboard | Columbus State Community College \(cscs.edu\)](#)
- Visit this page to discover your username or change your password.
<https://web.cscs.edu/pwchange/>
- Reach out to the IT Support Center at helpdesk@cscs.edu or 614.287.5050 if the problem persists.

Who do I contact?

CSCC: Dual Credit Office (614) 287-5349
collegecreditplus@csccl.edu

Office of Disability Services: (614) 287-2570
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College Advisor: Dr. Tricia Bradley (614) 287-2680
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SWCSD: Home School Counselor

