



1. What is ACE?

The ACE Program allows qualified high school students (junior- and senior-level) to enroll in approved classes and earn university credits while completing regular high school studies.

2. How does it work?

Through ACE, qualified students can study advanced high school subject matter that may be applied to degree programs at Sacramento State or may be transferred to other universities. A standard Sac State transcript is issued for the matriculated course(s). Qualified students may also take courses at Sacramento State provided that they maintain good academic standing with both the University and their high schools.

3. What are the requirements for enrolling in the High School-based ACE program?

- a. Attend high school and have an overall GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- b. Be able to excel in a rapid learning environment such as Academic Talent Search (ATS) or an AP, IB, or Honors high school courses.
- c. Have the permission of parents/guardians to begin university work.
- d. Have the permission of a high school professional (principal, counselor, teacher, etc.) to begin ACE work.
- e. Be recommended by the ACE Director.

4. Are there any other tests I have to take before being admitted to the ACE Program?

If you are taking approved courses at your high school site, then the answer is, “No.” You must simply meet any requirements set by your high school program and approved by the hosting Sacramento State department. If you are approved to attend a class held at Sac State, additional testing requirements may exist (i.e., mathematics).

5. How much does this cost?

There is a nominal fee for each semester you enroll in ACE. There are no other additional charges to the regular costs of participating in the approved high school-based ACE class. However, if you attend class on the Sac State campus, there are the normal expenses incurred by any college student (e.g., textbooks, lab fees, parking, etc.).

6. What classes can I take?

You may enroll in any high school-based ACE course for which you qualify and permitted to take by your high school. If you are approved to participate in ACE at Sac State, decisions about classes rest with the ACE Director in consultation with the high school counselor, student, and the university academic departments.

7. How many classes can I take through ACE at my high school?

You may enroll in any high school-based ACE course permitted by your school. You may take up to 16-units of these college credits through ACE as long as you maintain the minimum GPA, conduct, and attendance requirements determined by your high school.

8. How long can I continue in ACE?

Continuation in ACE depends upon your performance. You may continue in ACE after the first semester if you maintain a "B" average or better in your high school. You must also receive at least a “B” in your designated ACE course(s). Additionally, your parents/guardians must sign permission paperwork each semester to allow you to continue in ACE. Upon graduation from high school, you must apply and be admitted to Sac State in order to continue your studies here; you cannot continue in ACE.

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9. How do I get my grades for classes I take at Sac State?

Sac State does **NOT** mail printed "report cards." Official transcripts must be requested in person or by mail. To get help on obtaining transcripts, call (916) 278-5507 or go to <http://webapps1.csus.edu/admr/content/record/transcript/>. You may view your unofficial transcripts/grades online at *My SacState* (<http://my.csus.edu/>) at the end of a term.

10. Do classes at Sac State count for high school credit?

That is up to your high school. ACE classes are in addition to the requirements for high school graduation and do not belong on the high school transcript.

11. Can I take classes at Sac State in place of high school classes?

ACE classes are in addition to a regular schedule of classes at high school. Some students make "special arrangements" at their high school for a reduced load. ACE students are responsible for meeting all high school requirements. The final decision on allowing this to occur rests with the high school.

12. If I qualify, am I guaranteed a spot in ACE?

Space in the program is limited, but so far, no one has been turned down for a high school-based class. However, getting into certain courses on the university campus is difficult as they may already be filled with matriculated Sac State students. Admissions are accepted for the fall and spring semesters. Selected students will be allowed to register for one or two lower-division courses for a nominal fee per semester (subject to change).

13. What do I need to do to apply for ACE?

Applying is a five-step-process:

- a. Fill out the ACE Student Application (available for download at <http://edweb.csus.edu/projects/ace/forms.htm> or from your high school ACE teacher). ALL information must be completed (i.e., Social Security number).
- b. High School-based course students must also fill out the online CSU application at *CSU-Mentor*. Contact your high school teacher or the ACE Office per directions on how to accomplish this task.
- c. Obtain all necessary signatures for the application.
- d. Obtain a copy (unofficial okay) of your high school transcripts.
- e. Submit your completed application form to your high school ACE instructor along with your fee by the given deadline.

HOPE TO SEE YOU IN THE ACE PROGRAM!

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