1 PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Downey High School's Early College Program is designed for students who want to get a head start for college.
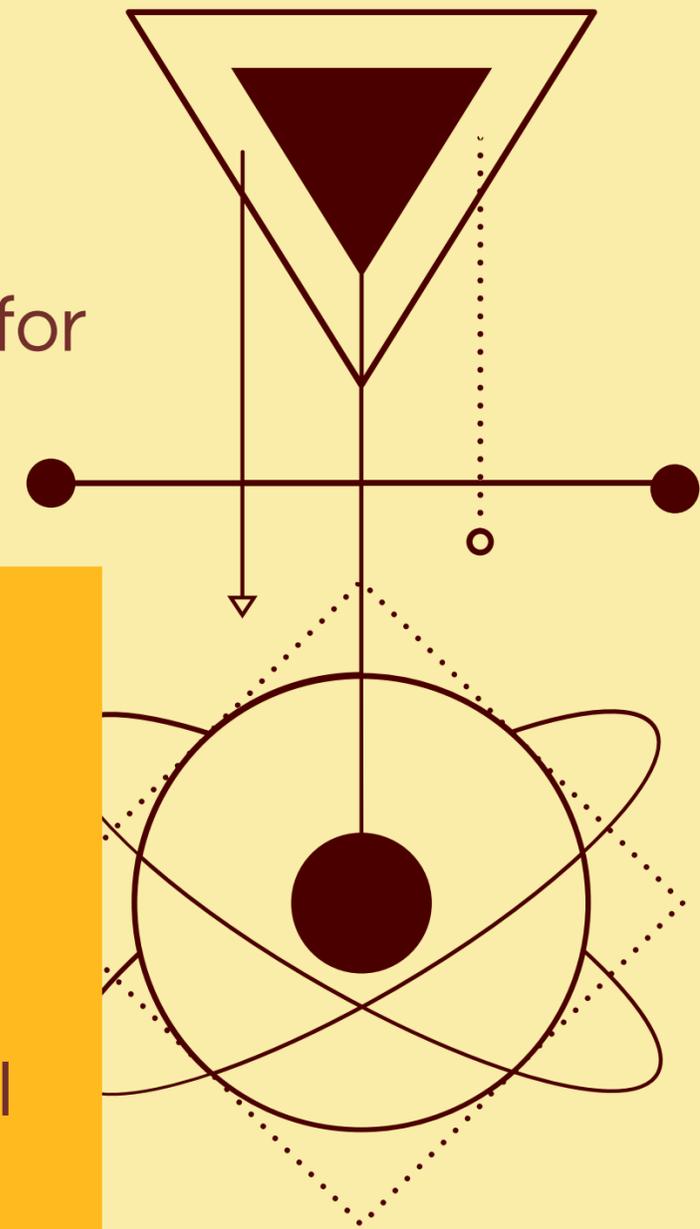
College Courses:

Students will take Cerritos College classes at Downey High School and will complete up to 43.5 transferable units to a CSU or UC.

High School Graduation Requirements:

Students will complete their graduation requirements.

May begin taking courses in the summer:

2 cohorts of 30 8th grade students will be selected to participate in the program starting Fall 2026
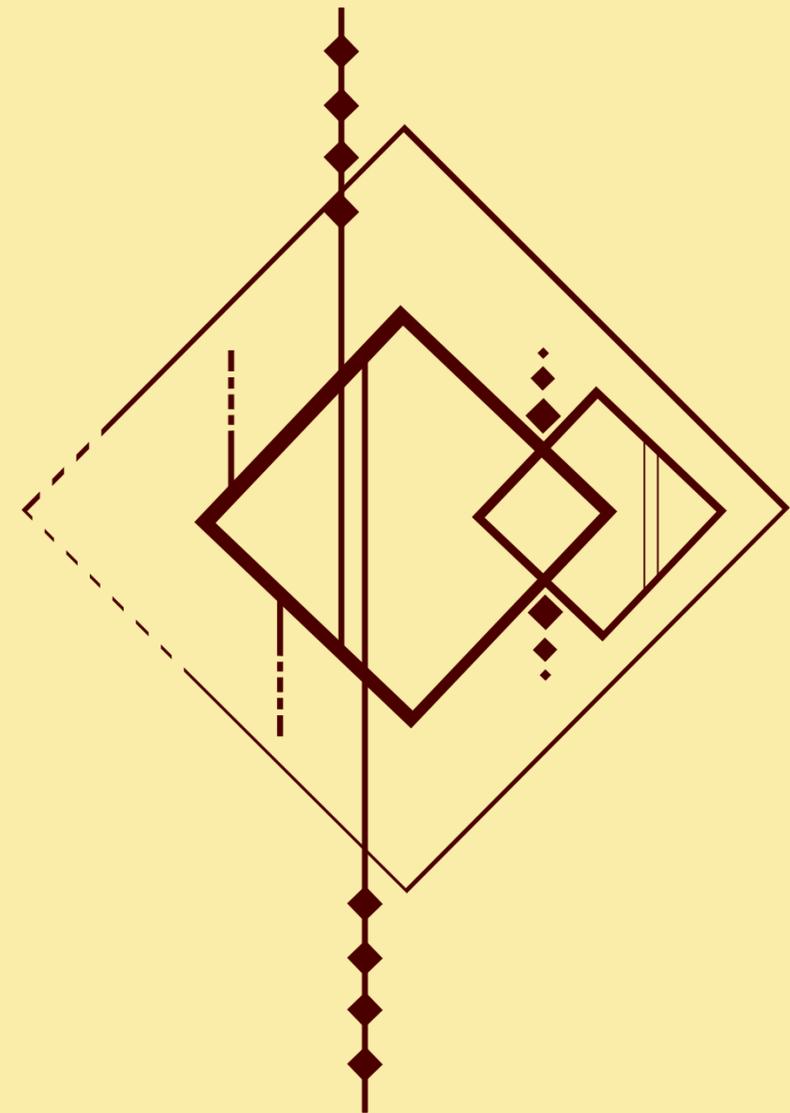
2 STUDENT BENEFITS

SAVE MONEY:

Free tuition and books

SAVE TIME:

Opportunity to earn their certificate of completion for general education as long as the students pass their college courses with a C or better

COLLEGE SERVICES:
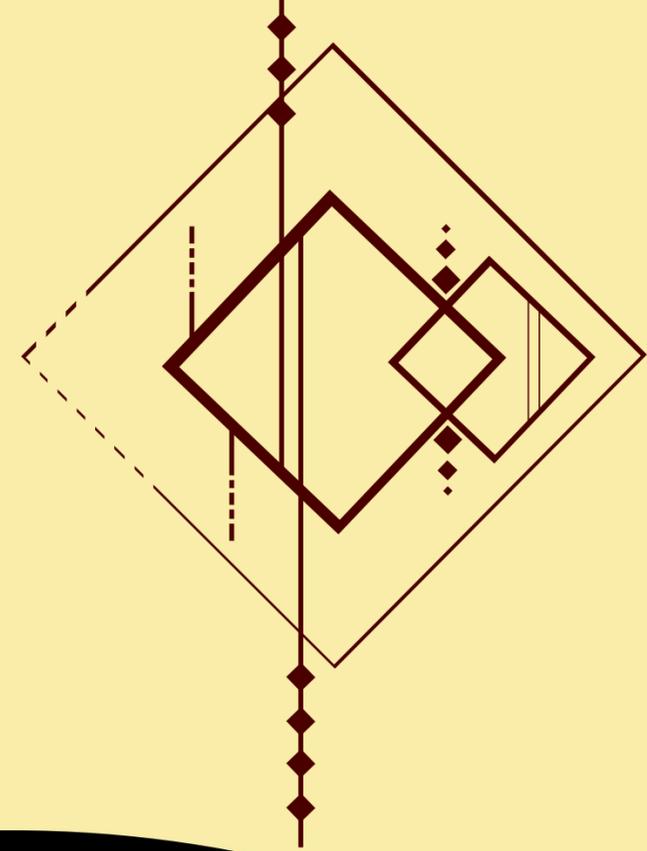
Students will have access to several Cerritos College services, i.e. dual enrollment counseling

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CLASS INFORMATION

A GPA bump for certain Cerritos College classes may be available

College classes will be offered on DHS campus *some may be online/asynchronous

Cerritos College classes will be offered within the DHS school day
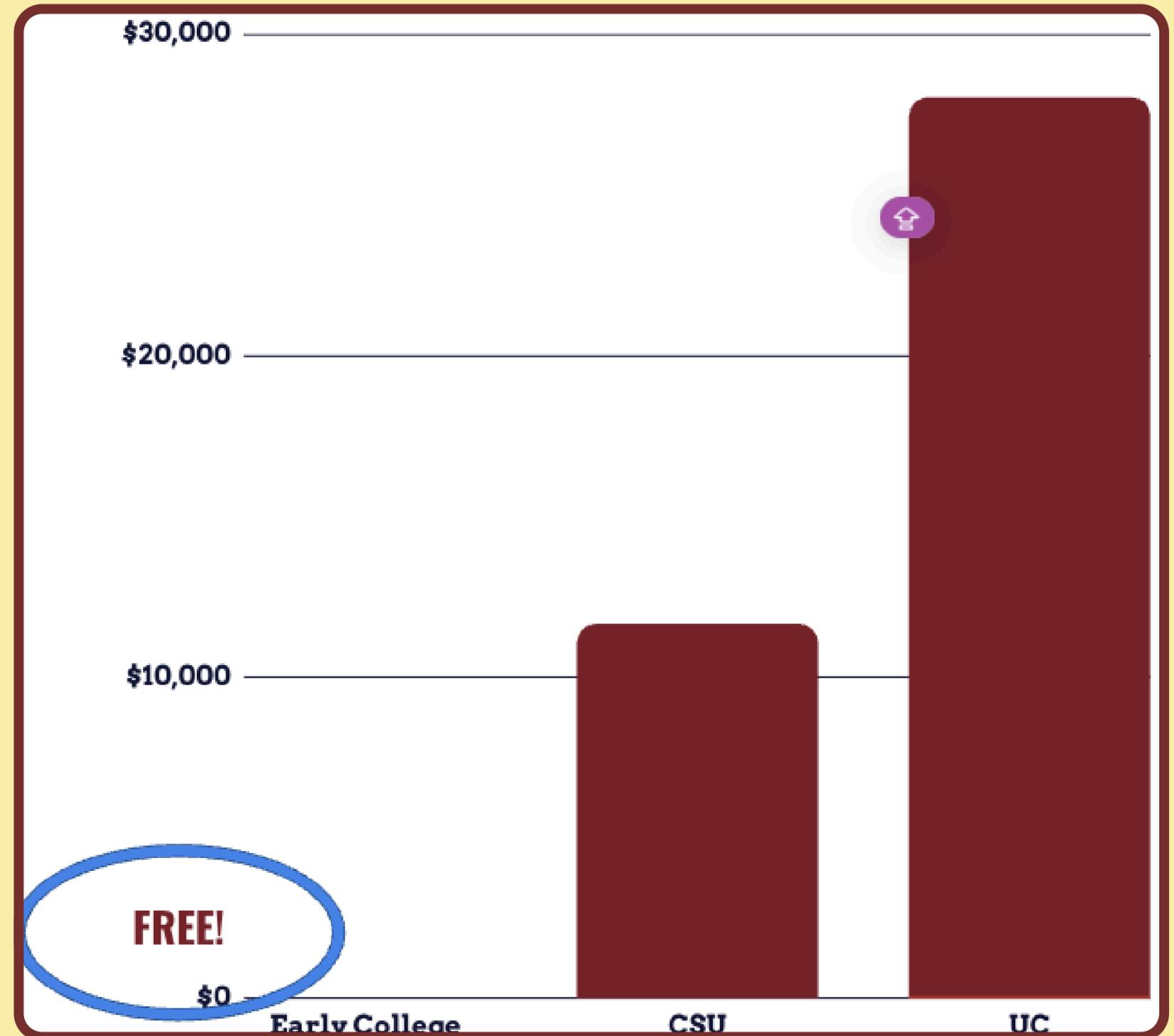
All classes will be taught by Cerritos College faculty

COST COMPARISON FOR GENERAL ED. CLASSES

SAMPLE COLLEGE COST
SAVINGS FOR EARLY COLLEGE
PROGRAM

2 years of cost savings of up to $28,000 (UC) and $11,600 (CSU) by completing General Education classes.

$30,000

$20,000

$10,000

FREE!

$0

Early College   CSU   UC

How is College Different from High School

Passing Classes

Students will need to pass college classes with a grade of C or better.

Communication

Students will be communicating with their college instructors.

Time Management

Students will have to learn time management to balance high school work and college work.

Students

Students are treated as college students.

FERPA

The Family Educational Right & Privacy Act (FERPA): Cerritos College cannot release personal information of the student's education record without prior written consent from the student.

6 CALIFORNIA GENERAL EDUCATION TRANSFER CURRICULUM (CAL-GETC)

Cal-GETC is a standardized general education pathway for students planning to transfer to a University of California (UC) or California State University (CSU) campus.

Through the Early College Program, students:

- Complete approved Cal-GETC general education courses
- Earn up to 43.5 UC/CSU-transferable college units
- May qualify for Cal-GETC certification upon completion of all courses with a C or better

Cal-GETC certification may satisfy lower-division general education requirements at participating UC and CSU campuses. Additional coursework may be required based on campus and major.
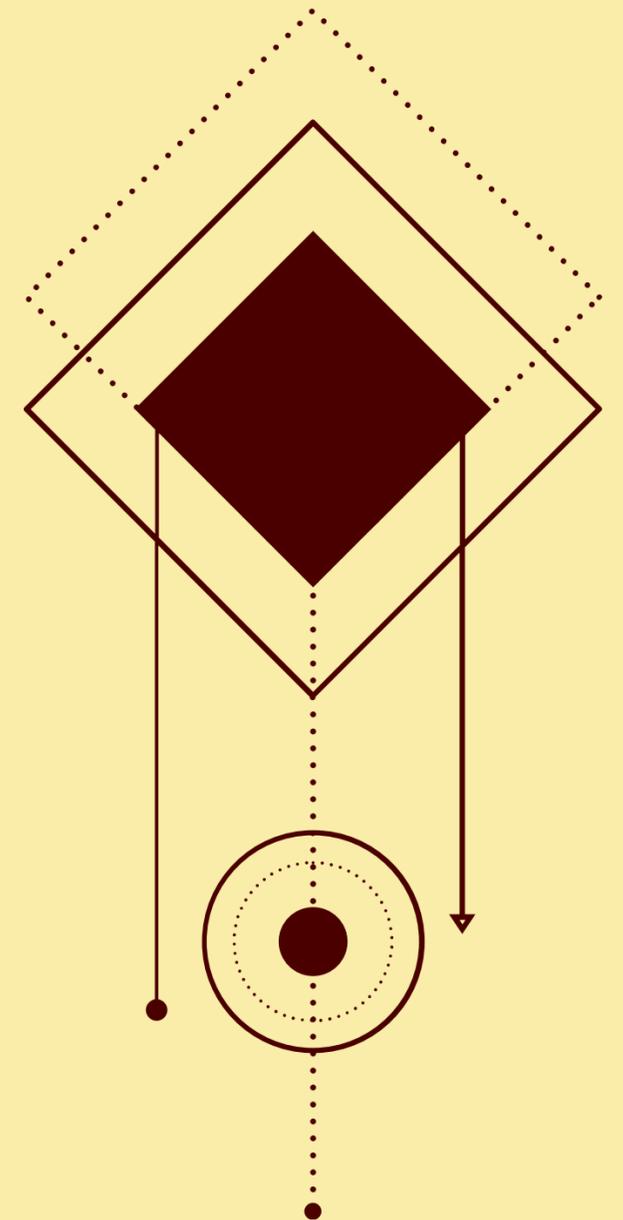
CALIFORNIA GENERAL EDUCATION TRANSFER CURRICULUM (CAL-GETC) Cont.

FIRST-TIME FRESHMAN

Students who complete this program apply to UC/CSU as first-time freshmen and may earn Cal-GETC certification from Cerritos College.
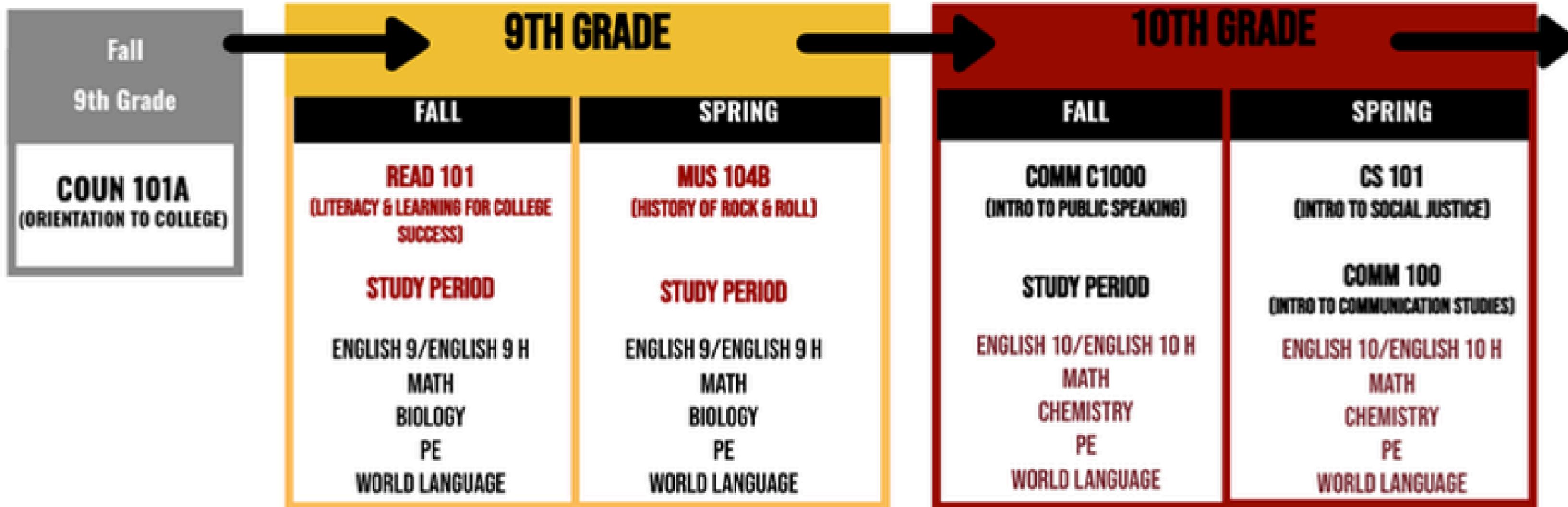Cal-GETC certification may satisfy lower-division general education requirements at participating UC and CSU campuses. Additional coursework may be required based on campus and major.

TRANSFER STUDENT

Students earn a Cal-GETC certification.
Students who wish to apply as transfer applicants must enroll in and complete coursework at a community college after high school graduation.

EARLY COLLEGE SAMPLE CLASS SCHEDULE

DOWNEY HIGH SCHOOL

CERRITOS COLLEGE

Fall 9th Grade

COUN 101A
(ORIENTATION TO COLLEGE)

9TH GRADE

FALL	SPRING
READ 101 (LITERACY & LEARNING FOR COLLEGE SUCCESS)	**MUS 104B** (HISTORY OF ROCK & ROLL)
STUDY PERIOD	**STUDY PERIOD**
ENGLISH 9/ENGLISH 9 H	ENGLISH 9/ENGLISH 9 H
MATH	MATH
BIOLOGY	BIOLOGY
PE	PE
WORLD LANGUAGE	WORLD LANGUAGE

10TH GRADE

FALL	SPRING
COMM C1000 (INTRO TO PUBLIC SPEAKING)	**CS 101** (INTRO TO SOCIAL JUSTICE)
STUDY PERIOD	**COMM 100** (INTRO TO COMMUNICATION STUDIES)
ENGLISH 10/ENGLISH 10 H	ENGLISH 10/ENGLISH 10 H
MATH	MATH
CHEMISTRY	CHEMISTRY
PE	PE
WORLD LANGUAGE	WORLD LANGUAGE

EARLY COLLEGE SAMPLE CLASS SCHEDULE

11TH GRADE

FALL	SPRING
ENGL C1000 (FRESHMAN COMPOSITION)	**SOC 101** (INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY)
HIST 103 (POLITICAL/SOCIAL HISTORY OF U.S.)	**ANTHRO 115** (PHYSICAL ANTHROPOLOGY)
MATH	MATH
PHYSICS	PHYSICS
WORLD HISTORY/AP WORLD	WORLD HISTORY/AP WORLD
HISTORY	HISTORY
ELECTIVE	ELECTIVE
ELECTIVE	ELECTIVE

12TH GRADE

FALL	SPRING
ENGL C1001 (CRITICAL/ARGUMENTATIVE WRITING)	**BIOLOGICAL LAB** (TBD)
MATH 112 (ELEMENTARY STATISTICS)	**TBD** (TBD)
AP HUMAN GEOGRAPHY	AP HUMAN GEOGRAPHY
ECONOMICS	ELECTIVE
ELECTIVE	ELECTIVE
ELECTIVE	ELECTIVE
ELECTIVE	

DOWNEY HIGH SCHOOL

CERRITOS COLLEGE

10 Sample Schedule with ONLY Early College

	SCHEDULE WITH NO OTHER PROGRAMS							
GRADE	9TH		10TH		11TH		12TH	
Period	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring
1	READ 101	MUS 104B	FILM 159	CS 101 COMM C1000	ENGL C1000 HIST 103	SOC 101 ANTH 115 + LAB	ENGL C1001 STAT C1000	AREA 5B AREA 6
2	STUDENT SUCCESS LAB	STUDENT SUCCESS LAB	STUDENT SUCCESS LAB	STUDENT SUCCESS LAB	STUDENT SUCCESS LAB	STUDENT SUCCESS LAB	STUDENT SUCCESS LAB	STUDENT SUCCESS LAB
3	ENGLISH 9	ENGLISH 9	ENGLISH 10	ENGLISH 10	MATH III ALBEGRA II	MATH III ALGEBRA II	GOVERNMENT	ECONOMICS
4	MATH I ALEGBRA	MATH I ALGEBRA	MATH II GEOMETRY	MATH II GEOMETRY	LOTE III	LOTE III	PE	PE
5	LOTE I	LOTE I	LOTE II	LOTE II	WORLD HISTORY	WORLD HISTORY		
6	LIVING EARTH	LIVING EARTH	CHEMISTRY	CHEMISTRY	PE	PE		

11 Sample Schedule with 2 Additional Programs

	MULTIPLE PROGRAM SCHEDULE							
GRADE	**9TH**		**10TH**		**11TH**		**12TH**	
Period	**Fall**	**Spring**	**Fall**	**Spring**	**Fall**	**Spring**	**Fall**	**Spring**
0	READ 101	MUS 104B						
1	STUDENT SUCCESS LAB	STUDENT SUCCESS LAB	FILM 159	CS 101 COMM C1000	ENGL C1000 HIST 103	SOC 101 ANTH 115 + LAB	ENGL C1001 STAT C1000	AREA 5B AREA 6
2	ENGLISH 9	ENGLISH 9	STUDENT SUCCESS LAB	STUDENT SUCCESS LAB	STUDENT SUCCESS LAB	STUDENT SUCCESS LAB	STUDENT SUCCESS LAB	STUDENT SUCCESS LAB
3	MATH I ALEGBRA	MATH I ALGEBRA	ENGLISH 10	ENGLISH 10	CHEMISTRY	CHEMISTRY	GOVERNMENT	ECONOMICS
4	LIVING EARTH	LIVING EARTH	MATH II GEOMETRY	MATH II GEOMETRY	MATH III ALBEGRA II	MATH III ALGEBRA II		
5	AVID	AVID	AVID	AVID	AVID	AVID	AVID	AVID
6	SPORT	SPORT	SPORT	SPORT	SPORT	SPORT	SPORT	SPORT
SUMMER	HEALTH LOTE I		WORLD HISTORY LOTE II					

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PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Complete Early College Application by March 22, 2026

8th grade GPA of 3.0 or higher desired

Interview process by Downey High School staff may be included

4-year student commitment

12   DHS EARLY COLLEGE TEAM

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