

CLATSOP COMMUNITY COLLEGE

SIMULTANEOUS ENROLLMENT

FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

What is Simultaneous Enrollment?

Simultaneous Enrollment is a great opportunity for high school students to attend classes at Clatsop Community College. Students earn credit toward their high school graduation requirements and at the same time earn college credits from a regionally accredited community college. You may have the opportunity to take more elective classes than provided at the high school.

Do I still attend my high school?

In most cases, yes. **Simultaneous Enrollment** students usually take one or two classes at Clatsop and continue attending high school for their other classes. Clatsop classes can be taken during regular high school hours or in the evenings, depending on your high school schedule.

How much does it cost?

Students are responsible for the cost of tuition, fees, and any books or supplies needed for each course taken at Clatsop. Check with your high school counselor to see if the high school will pay your tuition.

Will Clatsop classes I take while in high school transfer to another college?

It depends on the college you will be attending and the courses you have taken at Clatsop. Most state colleges and universities will accept college credits that are 100-level and above earned while you are still in high school. Some private college and universities may not accept any or only some college credit earned while you were still a high school student.

What is the COMPASS?

The COMPASS is a placement tool, not a pass or fail exam. It is used to determine your skill level in three areas: writing, reading, and math. The COMPASS scores give recommendations to assist students and counselors in determining the appropriate level of classes to register for. Some Clatsop courses require a prerequisite COMPASS score before you can register for the course. This is to ensure that you are in the appropriate class based on your skill level.

Is this a Good Program for You?

Simultaneous Enrollment is a great opportunity for a student to get a head start on their four-year college plans. Most high school students excel at Clatsop, but it is not for everyone. College life and classes offer more flexibility and independence than high school. **Simultaneous Enrollment** students are held to the same standards as any other college student. This may present some problems for those students who are not ready for the self-discipline college requires.

How do I get started?

If you and your parents decide that Simultaneous Enrollment is right for you, complete the Simultaneous Enrollment form and schedule the placement evaluation. Test results are available as soon as you are done. The student and high school counselor review the test results and discuss the student's options and appropriate course placement. The student comes to Clatsop to register for classes and make payment arrangements. The Recruitment Coordinator's signature is **required** on the Clatsop registration form before the student will be allowed to register for classes.

POINTS TO PONDER . . .

You and your parents should carefully consider your level of maturity and commitment to determine if **Simultaneous Enrollment** is appropriate for you.

Before you make your decision, please consider the following issues.

You must provide your own transportation. If getting to and from Clatsop Community College in a timely manner will be a problem for you, Simultaneous Enrollment is not a viable option for you.

Class participation is an integral part of college. Most instructors require students to participate in discussions. The students in your classes will range in age from 16 – 86 so you should expect a variety of opinions and adult topics.

You must meet deadlines. Even though you may be academically ready, the independence and speed of college classes can be overwhelming. Grades earned at Clatsop Community College become part of your permanent college transcript.

College classes may demand an average of at least two hours of homework outside of class for each hour in class.

The College faculty may or may not take attendance. It is your responsibility to be prepared for class and to meet all deadlines.

Some of the art classes at Clatsop use undraped models as a part of the learning experience.

Social life is different and may not work for you. High schools provide a greater social network and experiences for teenagers.

College classes may conflict with high school classes or some extracurricular activities, such as sports.

The College operates on a quarter system. Most high schools operate on a semester system. Holiday and vacation periods may be different. You will be expected to attend classes at the college even though your high school is not in session. It is important to plan carefully to avoid conflicts between college classes, family, and activities.

The high school is the final authority on what is required for high school graduation. You must work closely with your high school counselor to ensure that you meet graduation requirements. You will be responsible for keeping informed about high school deadlines and activities.

You will sign a Release of Information statement on the Simultaneous Enrollment form so your grades and progress can be shared with your high school and parents.

Please call the Recruitment Coordinator at 503-338-2417 for more information.

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