

Frequently asked Questions

Who are the faculty?

All courses will be taught by the same faculty who teach our regular sections of these college courses.

Will this allow me to graduate high school on schedule?

Courses will transfer back to the high school as concurrent enrollment courses. The Academy program leaves afternoons free to allow students to schedule necessary coursework. Students will need to work with their guidance counselors to be sure that they have completed all graduation requirements.

How much does it cost?

Tuition, fees and books are covered by UVa-Wise.

How much credit will I earn?

You will earn from 14-20 college credits depending on spring semester offerings. The fall curriculum will include 7 credit-hours of coursework.

How is this program different from being a college freshman?

Academy students will be grouped only with other high school students and will receive a level of supervision and assistance not available to older, traditionally aged students.

How rigorous is the curriculum?

It is a very strong, but rigorous curriculum. In the last few years, graduates of UVa-Wise have been admitted to Duke and UVA medical schools and graduate programs at the University of Chicago, Carnegie-Mellon and Purdue. Chemistry and history are challenging courses, but freshman students take and pass these courses every year. Students enrolled in the Early College Academy will gain the advantage of taking these courses with additional support and in a more structured environment than they would as a college freshman.

For information contact your school counselor or Jewell Askins at 276-219-8500 or by email at gja8b@uvawise.edu.

The University of Virginia's College at Wise

Early College Academy 2017-2018



College-Level Academics

The University of Virginia's College at Wise's Early College Academy is a free college-level sequence of courses that will take place during the senior year of advanced high school students. It meets the needs of accomplished students who presently find themselves unchallenged and running out of curricular options in the last year of their high school experience. By combining the high rigor of college-level work with the more structured environment of the traditional high school, the Academy will prepare students for matriculation at four-year institutions of higher education in challenging majors, including the science, engineering and mathematics fields. Upon completion, students will have earned their high school diploma and at least 14 hours of college credit.

Support

Academy students will be grouped as a cohort, exclusively with other students of their age. An academic support program tailored to the needs of high school students will support success and a smooth transition to college. Embedded in the curriculum will be tutoring sessions, opportunities for individual assistance and regular progress reports. Unlike most college students, who are legally adults, Academy students will receive guidance and support appropriate to their age.

Free of charge to Virginia students

The Early College Academy is open on a selective basis to all Virginia high school seniors. The cost of tuition, fees, and books is covered by the College.

2017-2018 Curriculum

Academy classes will be scheduled during morning hours in order to allow students to return to their high schools to take additional coursework and participate in extracurricular activities. Fall 2017 classes will be: Chemistry 1010 with lab and American History 1070 with non-credit supplemental instruction to assist students with this writing intensive course. Academy students also may apply to take an additional course per semester at the College.