

Homeschooling for College Credit Using Saylor Academy Courses 4-year high school plan

What: This plan is a full 4-year *high school* plan using curriculum provided by the non-profit organization Saylor Academy. Saylor Academy offers free online courses that are open-access and self-paced. Students must have internet access to retrieve content. Students can complete this entire program without cost, however taking advantage of the college credit options will involve associated costs.

Relationship: Homeschooling for College Credit or Jennifer Cook-DeRosa are not affiliated with Saylor Academy. Saylor Academy did not endorse this plan.

High school credits using the plan as shown: 24

Potential college credits using Saylor (ACE/NCCRS): 30 credits

Cost for curriculum as shown: \$0.00

Cost for 30 ACE/NCCRS college credits as shown: \$275

Diploma Distribution:

Language Arts: 4 credits

Math: 4 credits

Science: 4 credits

Science Lab: 2 credits

Social Science and

History: 4 credits

Electives: 8 credits

Transcript at-a-Glance

YEAR: 9th GRADE	High School	College	Cost
9 th Grade Language Arts	1 cr.		
Algebra	1 cr.		
Biology w/Lab (Honors)	1 cr.	3 cr.	\$25
American Government	1 cr.		
AP United States History	1 cr.		
Intro. Sociology	.5 cr.	1 cr.	\$25
Intro. Psychology	.5 cr.	2 cr.	\$25
TOTAL	6.0 cr.	6 cr.	\$75
YEAR: 10th GRADE			
10th Grade Language Arts	1 cr.		
Geometry	1 cr.		
Microbiology (Honors)	1 cr.		
Economics I	1 cr.	3 cr.	\$25
Art History (Honors)	1 cr.		
Intro. To Political Science	1 cr.		
TOTAL	6 cr.	3 cr.	\$25
YEAR: 11th GRADE			
11th Grade Language Arts	1 cr.		
College Algebra	1 cr.	3 cr.	\$25
Chemistry w/Lab (Honors)	1 cr.	3 cr.	\$25
Economics II	1 cr.	3 cr.	\$25
World History	1 cr.		
Govt. and Politics US	1 cr.	3 cr.	\$25
TOTAL	6 cr.	12 cr.	\$100
YEAR: 12th GRADE			
12th Grade Language Arts	1 cr.		
Calculus (Honors)	1 cr.		
Physics C (Honors)	1 cr.	3 cr.	\$25
Speech	1 cr.		
Computer Science	1 cr.	3 cr.	\$25
Govt. and Politics Comp.	1 cr.	3 cr.	\$25
TOTAL	6 cr.	9 cr.	\$75
GRAND TOTAL	24 cr.	30 cr.	\$275

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Will my teen earn a degree following this plan?

No. Homeschool parents only have the authority to award high school diplomas, not college degrees. Saylor Academy is not a college and does not award college degrees.

Who are the teachers?

The homeschool parent is the legal teacher for each course. Saylor Academy is the author of the course content.

Is the curriculum considered college prep?

Yes. The majority of courses in this plan are at or above 12th grade level, and **exceed** the Carnegie Unit hour expectation for college prep content. This plan is considered very rigorous and may be too difficult for students working at or below 12th grade level. (Parents can preview content at Saylor)

Do I have to use this plan for all 4 years?

No. This plan was written to demonstrate the possibilities available.

What about textbooks?

Saylor Academy courses integrate free online textbooks into their courses. Links in the course take you directly to the chapter or page you are required to read.

What is the difference between a Saylor exam and other exams listed?

Saylor exams are written for the Saylor course, so they align with the course perfectly. Taking an exam is optional. When you choose to take an exam, it will be administered via webcam by a 3rd party proctor (\$25 fee).

The second column identifies other exam brands that exist in that subject/course. (Advanced Placement, CLEP, DSST) In some cases, students may know that their college awards credit for specific brands and not others, or have personal preferences. If you're choosing a non-Saylor exam product, you'll need to make registration and payment arrangements with the provider directly.

AP and CLEP Exams:
www.collegeboard.org

DSST Exams:
www.getcollegecredit.com

Can I modify this plan?

Yes. There are a number of other courses available through Saylor that are not on this list.

Will these credits be accepted by my teen's target college?

Saylor Academy has partnerships with more than 16 colleges that guarantee credit transfer. If your teen attends a non-partner college, transfer will be subject to the target college's own policy. As a guide, Advanced Placement Exams are accepted at approximately 3200 colleges, CLEP at approximately 2900 colleges, and DSST / ACE / NCCRS at approximately 1400 colleges.

Students who take the Saylor exam will have ACE/ NCCRS credit. Students may choose to use the curriculum for a different exam that matches their target college's requirements.

For students **currently enrolled** in a college degree program, contact your college directly.

My teen is only in 9th grade. What if their credit isn't accepted later?

Even the best crystal ball can't predict whether a course or exam will be eligible for college credit several years from now. Homeschooling for College Credit believes that **learning trumps credit earning**. Regardless of whether or not a teen is awarded college credit later, they've still earned high school credit and successfully demonstrated college level learning! High school students are encouraged to take every college credit exam they are qualified for.

Is this curriculum Christian?

No. Saylor curriculum is secular. Parents who want to replace some or all of the courses with free online Christian content may find Easy Peasy a good alternative. [Easy Peasy Curriculum](#)

What about Foreign Language?

Foreign language is currently not available through Saylor Academy. You may want supplement the plan with a foreign language program. Remove 1 credit of elective for every 1 credit of foreign language you add. Colleges prefer 2 sequential years of the same language (2 credits).

What about American / US History?

American/US History is currently not available through Saylor Academy, but an Advanced Placement American/US History course from Khan Academy is provided as an alternative. The AP US History course is offered at no charge, and is also self-paced. [Khan Academy AP History Course](#)

What about science labs?

The science courses offered through Saylor Academy do not include labs. The University of Colorado Boulder offers access to free online lab simulations for Biology and Chemistry. The appropriate links have been added to your plan. For hands on labs, you can purchase science lab kits through your favorite online retailer. If you do **not** use labs, omit the phrase "with lab" on your student's high school transcript.

**1 Carnegie Unit =
120 hours**

Why do some of these high school classes require more than one Saylor course?

For this plan, high school credit load is based on Carnegie Units, so in cases where the contact hours for 1 Saylor course were too low, additional Saylor courses were added to meet the deficiencies and "build" a full high school credit.

Since so many courses are honors or college level, should I weight my teen's grades / Grade Point Average/ Quality Points?

That's not an easy answer, and there are a number of factors to consider before deciding to weight your teen's grades. Before deciding, you may want to see what your local school district is doing. If your teen is applying to college locally, you may want to mirror your local school's guidelines. Know that some colleges will **undo** your weighting and return your teen's GPA to a 4.0 scale, while in other cases a 4.0 isn't high enough to be competitive, so **not weighting** puts your teen at a disadvantage. Whatever you decide, use the same method for all 4 years. If you decide to switch during high school, modify your transcript to reflect your final decision.

9th Grade

Category	High School Transcript Reads	High School Credit Awarded	Length of Course	Saylor Curriculum Required	College Credit Saylor only	Other exam options
Language Arts	9 th Grade Language Arts	1 credit	1 year	ENGL000: Pre-College English <i>and</i> ENGL001: English Composition 1	No	No
Math	Algebra	1 credit	1 year	RWM102: Algebra	No	No
Science	Honors Biology with Lab	1 credit	1 year	BIO101: Introduction to Molecular and Cellular Biology <i>and</i> Lab: Phet Virtual Biology Lab	ACE 3 cr. \$25	AP 8 cr. \$93 CLEP 6 cr. \$80
Social Science	American Govt.	1 credit	1 year	POLSC232: American Government	No	CLEP 3 cr. \$80
Social Science	AP United States History	1 credit	1 year	AP US History through Khan Academy Khan Academy AP History Course	No	AP 6 cr. \$93
Elective	Intro. to Sociology	½ credit	½ year	SOC101: Introduction to Sociology	ACE 1 cr. \$25	CLEP 3 cr. \$80
Elective	Intro. to Psychology	½ credit	½ year	PSYC101: Introduction to Psychology	ACE 2 cr. \$25	AP 3 cr. \$93 CLEP 3 cr. \$80

10th Grade

Category	High School Transcript Reads	High School Credit Awarded	Length of Course	Saylor Curriculum Required	College Credit Saylor only	Other exam options
Language Arts	10 th Grade Language Arts	1 credit	1 year	ENGL002: English Composition 2 <i>and</i> PRDV003: Word Processing using Microsoft Word <i>and</i> PRVD002: Professional Writing <i>and</i> PRDV102: Resume Writing	No	CLEP 6 cr. \$80
Math	Geometry	1 credit	1 year	RWM103: Geometry	No	No
Science	Advanced Biology	1 credit	1 year	BIO307: Microbiology	No	No
Social Science	Economics I	1 credit	1 year	ECON102: Principles of Macroeconomics	ACE 3 cr. \$25	CLEP 3 cr. \$80
Elective	Honors Art History	1 credit	1 year	ARTH101: Art Appreciation and Techniques	No	AP 6 cr. \$93
Elective	Intro. to Political Science	1 credit	1 year	POLSC101: Introduction to Political Science	No	No

11th Grade

Category	High School Transcript Reads	High School Credit Awarded	Length of Course	Saylor Curriculum Required	College Credit Saylor only	Other exam options
Language Arts	11 th Grade Language Arts	1 credit	1 year	ENGL210: Technical Writing <i>and</i> CUST104: Business Communications	No	DSST 3 cr. \$80
Math	College Algebra	1 credit	1 year	MA001: College Algebra	ACE 3 cr. \$25	CLEP 3 cr. \$80
Science	Honors Chemistry with Lab	1 credit	1 year	CHEM101: General Chemistry <i>and</i> Lab: Phet Virtual Chemistry Lab	ACE 3 cr. \$25	AP 8 cr. \$93 CLEP 6 cr. \$80
Social Science	World History	1 credit	1 year	HIST103: World History	No	AP 6 cr. \$93
Elective	Economics II	1 credit	1 year	ECON101: Principles of Microeconomics	ACE 1 cr. \$25	AP 3 cr. \$93 CLEP 3 cr. \$80
Elective	Govt. & Politics United States	1 credit	1 year	POLSC201: Introduction to Western Political Thought	NCCRS 3 cr. \$25	AP 3 cr. \$93

12th Grade

Category	High School Transcript Reads	High School Credit Awarded	Length of Course	Saylor Curriculum Required	College Credit Saylor only	Other exam options
Language Arts	12 th Grade Language Arts	1 credit	1 year	ENGL405: The American Renaissance (American Literature)	No	CLEP 3 cr. \$80
Math	Honors Calculus	1 credit	1 year	K12MATH013: Calculus AB	No	AP 3-4 cr. \$93 CLEP 4 cr. \$80
Science	Honors Physics C: Mechanics	1 credit	1 year	PHYS101: Introduction to Mechanics	ACE 3 cr. \$25	AP 4 cr. \$93
Social Science	Govt. & Politics Comparative	1 credit	1 year	POLSC221: Introduction to Comparative Politics	ACE 3 cr. \$25	AP 3 cr. \$93
Elective	Speech	1 credit	1 year	COMM101: Public Speaking <i>and</i> SALES103: Public Speaking <i>and</i> PRDV103: Interviewing Skills	No	DSST 3 cr. \$80
Elective	Honors Computer Science	1 credit	1 year	CS101: Computer Science 1 <i>and</i> CS102: Computer Science 2	ACE 3 cr. \$25	AP 3-4 cr. \$93