



Ohio's public colleges and universities are assembling plans that will allow students to complete a traditional bachelor's degree in three years.

The acceleration provided by these plans gives students more options:

Graduate early

Take on a dual major

Take time for an internship

Spend time studying abroad

3 Year Degree Plan

These programs can be used to allow a student to complete a bachelor's degree in three years:

Advanced Placement

Advanced Placement (AP) courses are advanced classes offered in high school that count towards graduation. Students earn college credit by taking the AP exam at the end of the course. Students pay a small exam fee instead of paying tuition for the college credits they earn.

Ohio is one of only a few states to offer guaranteed college credit to students who achieve at least a median score on the AP exam. Ohio students scoring at least a '3' on an AP exam are guaranteed college credit at any University System of Ohio institution. The exact number of credits and how those credits apply toward a degree varies, but they usually count toward general education curriculum requirements.

Post-Secondary Enrollment Options Program (PSEOP)

Sometimes referred to as "dual enrollment," the Post-Secondary Enrollment Options Program (PSEOP) allows high school students to simultaneously earn college credit and high school graduation credit through successful completion of college coursework.

Career-Technical Credit Transfer (CT²)

CT² allows high school and adult career-technical students who successfully complete specified technical programs to enter public colleges and universities with credits in-hand, saving students money and time. Ohio business and industry benefit from more employees with higher education and advanced skills.

Early College High Schools

Early college high schools allow students to earn both a high school diploma and an associate degree or up to two years of credit toward a bachelor's degree. Early college high school programs have been started in Akron, Canton, Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton, Elyria, Toledo and Youngstown.

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