



1. What is ACE?

The ACE Program allows qualified high school students (junior- or senior-level) to enroll in approved classes and earn university credits while completing regular high school studies.

2. How does it work?

Through ACE, qualified students can study advanced high school subject matter that may be applied to degree programs at Sacramento State or may be transferred to other universities. A standard Sac State transcript is issued for the matriculated course(s). Qualified students may also take courses at Sacramento State provided that they maintain good academic standing with both the University and their high schools.

3. What are the requirements for enrolling in the ACE program?

Sac State-based [juniors or seniors only]

- a. Attend high school and have an overall GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- b. Be able to excel in a rapid learning environment such as *Academic Talent Search (ATS)* or an AP, IB, or Honors high school courses.
- c. Applicant must have a SAT (or equivalent) scores in Math or Critical Reading of 550 or a combined score of 1,100 in the two areas.
- d. Applicant must meet all pre-requisites and pre-diagnostic/audition requirements of Sac State host department per classes.
- e. Have the permission of parents/guardians to begin university work.
- f. Have the permission of a high school professional (principal, counselor, teacher, etc.) to begin ACE work.
- g. Be recommended by the ACE Director.

High School-based [juniors or seniors only]

- a. Attend host high school in an approved ACE course and have an overall GPA of 3.0 or higher or a recommendation from the ACE course instructor.
- b. Have the permission of parents/guardians to begin university work.
- c. Have the permission of a high school professional (principal, counselor, teacher, etc.) to begin ACE work.
- d. Be recommended by the ACE Director.

4. Are there any other tests I have to take before being admitted to the ACE Program?

If you are taking approved courses at your high school site, then the answer is, "No." You must simply meet any requirements set by your high school program. If you are approved to attend a class held at Sac State, additional testing requirements may exist (i.e., Math and Statistic coursework).

5. How much does this cost?

There is a \$35.00 fee for each semester you enroll in ACE. There are no other additional charges to the regular costs of participating in the approved high school-based ACE class. However, if you attend class on the Sac State campus, there are the normal expenses incurred by any college student (e.g., textbooks, lab fees, parking, etc.). If you fail to pay your fees, you will not be able to continue in ACE and your transcript will be placed on HOLD.

6. What classes can I take?

You may enroll in any high school-based ACE course for which you qualify and permitted to take by your high school. If you are approved to participate in ACE at Sac State, decisions per frosh-sophomore college level classwork (numbered 1-99) rests with the ACE Director in consultation with the high school counselor, student, & the university academic departments.

7. How many classes can I take through ACE at my high school?

You may enroll in any high school-based ACE course permitted by your school. You may take up to 18-units of these college credits through ACE as long as you maintain the minimum GPA, conduct, and attendance requirements determined by your high school.

8. How long can I continue in ACE?

Continuation in ACE depends upon your performance. You may continue in ACE after the first semester if you maintain a "B" average or better in your high school. You must also receive at least a "B" in your designated ACE course(s). Additionally, your parents/guardians must sign permission paperwork each semester to allow you to continue in ACE. Upon graduation from high school, you must apply and be admitted to Sac State in order to continue your studies here; you cannot continue in ACE.



9. How do I get my grades for classes I take at Sac State?

Sac State does **NOT** mail printed "report cards." Official transcripts must be requested in person or by mail. To get help on obtaining transcripts, call (916) 278-5507 or go to <http://www.csus.edu/registrar/transcripts/>. You may view your unofficial transcripts/grades online at *My SacState* (<http://my.csus.edu/>) at the end of a term. You must keep a record of your Sac State Student ID #.

Please note that the grade received for an ACE course is part of your official college transcript and history. You must submit this Sac State transcript to any/all colleges for which you apply.

10. Do classes at Sac State count for high school credit?

That is up to your high school. ACE classes are in addition to the requirements for high school graduation and do not belong on the high school transcript.

11. Can I take classes at Sac State in place of high school classes?

ACE classes are in addition to a regular schedule of classes at high school. Some students make "special arrangements" at their high school for a reduced load. ACE students are responsible for meeting all high school requirements. The final decision on allowing this to occur rests with the high school.

12. If I qualify, am I guaranteed a spot in ACE?

Space in the program is limited, but so far, no one has been turned down for a high school-based class. However, getting into certain courses on the university campus is difficult as they may already be filled with matriculated Sac State students. Admissions are accepted for the fall or spring semesters.

13. What do I need to do to apply for ACE?

Applying is a five-step-process:

- a. Fill out the ACE Student Application (available for download at [<http://www.csus.edu/acaf/ace/on-campus-program/forms.html>](http://www.csus.edu/acaf/ace/on-campus-program/forms.html), or from the ACE Director or high school ACE teacher). ALL information must be completed (i.e., Social Security number [last 4-digits only]).
- b. All students new to ACE must also fill out the online CSU application at *CalStateApply*. Contact your high school teacher or an ACE co-director per directions on how to accomplish this task. You only need to do this task once.
- c. Obtain all necessary signatures for the hard copy application. Print and clip the *CalStateApply* confirmation page (as needed) to this hard copy application.
- d. Obtain a copy (unofficial okay) of your high school transcripts.
- e. If in a high school-based ACE program, submit your completed application forms to your high school ACE instructor. Your \$34.50 fee will be collected after you are fully enrolled through an online credit card process or optional snail-mail check. If applying to a Sac State-based course, contact the ACE Director for a mandatory advisement appointment.

HOPE TO SEE YOU IN THE ACE PROGRAM!

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