

# College Credit Earning Options at Blaine HS

# BHS College Credit Earning Options

- The following slides outline the options juniors and seniors have during the 2017-18 school year at Blaine HS to earn both high school and college credit for classes they take.
- Each program has a brief descriptor, if you have additional questions, please contact the BHS counselors, Jed Decker (Students with last names A-K) or Rick Vander Yacht (Students with last names L-Z).

# Running Start (RS)

- Juniors and seniors can enroll at Whatcom Community College (WCC) or Bellingham Technical College (BTC) to take college classes on their campuses.
- Students take classes either full-time or part-time at WCC or BTC. If part-time, they will take the remainder of their classes here.
- Students at the college are treated as college students and in classes with other college students. They are expected to meet all the same requirements as those students.
- At the end of the quarter, students generate a college transcript and the credits earned there also transfer back here as high school credit.
- Fees associated with the program vary, but cost up to \$175 per quarter per 15 credits in addition to costs for books, supplies and transportation.

# Advanced Placement (AP)

- In collaboration with the College Board, teachers who are trained in the specific content area can offer courses with the AP course designation.
- Courses are open to all juniors and seniors, and are taught at college level with curriculum approved by the College Board
- Upon completion of the class, students have the opportunity to take the AP exam in May.

# Advanced Placement(AP) (Continued)

- Based on a student's score, he or she can, based on enrollment in a specific college or university after high school graduation, earn college credit for the class.
- Each college has different criteria for scores to earn credit. In general, the more selective a college is in regards to admissions, the higher the AP test score needed to earn credit.
- The trend lately is more and more credit earned through AP exams will count for elective credits at the college, instead of counting for core academic requirements.

# Advanced Placement(AP) (Continued)

**This year we have nine AP courses available for juniors and seniors.**

- AP English Language
- AP Literature
- AP US History
- AP US Government
- AP Macro Economics
- AP Biology
- AP Chemistry
- AP Physics
- AP Calculus A/B & B/C
- AP Art

# College in the Classroom (CIC)

- BHS teachers get approval from either Everett Community College or Central WA University to teach college level courses on the Blaine HS campus.
  - BHS teachers must be approved as adjunct faculty of the college and have their course content align with the credit earning class from the college.
- Juniors or seniors who take these classes will enroll as a student at either of the above colleges, and upon successful completion of the course at BHS (C grade or higher) will earn both high school and college credit for the class.
- Students will generate a college transcript by enrolling in the applicable class.

# College in the Classroom (CIC) (Continued)

**This year we have seven CIC courses available for juniors and seniors.**

- Civics (Pol. Sci. 202)
- US History (Hist. 146, 147, 148)
- English Comp. (Eng. 101 & 102)
- English Literature (Eng. 111)
- Pre-Calculus (Math 141 & 142)
- Calculus (Math 151 & 152)
- Math in Society (Math 107)



# College in the Classroom (CIC) (Continued)

## Benefits of CIC

- With the same age cohort
- Parent access to grades and student progress
- Books and supplies included in the cost
- No transportation costs/logistical issues
- Stay on the same academic calendar
- More access to support for seniors with college applications, scholarships, and financial aid

# College in the Classroom (CIC) (Continued)

- Application Process
- Costs
  - \$80 per 5 credit class instead of the full \$220+ charged by the college
  - Payment made directly to BHS

# Current Enrollment

PROGRAM	Number Enrolled (As of March 1, 2018)
Running Start	82 (52 Full-time, 30 Part-time)
Advanced Placement	105
College in the Classroom*	99

\*As of the end of 1<sup>st</sup> semester. Enrollment still under way for 2<sup>nd</sup> semester.