

Can I Enter College While I Am Still Attending High School?

EARLY ADMISSIONS

Our Early Admission programs allow high school students to enroll in college classes and earn credits toward high school graduation and a college degree. There are several different Early Admission programs in Hawai'i that eligible high school students can participate in. The most common programs are Early College and Running Start. For more information visit the [Early Admission Programs](#) website.

Early College is a partnership between the Hawai'i Department of Education and the University of Hawai'i that allows students attending a public Hawai'i high school to take college classes on their high school campus. For the most part, students in an early college class are taught by college professors and take the class with their high school peers. Students who successfully complete the college class receive both high school and college credit. If you're interested in learning more about what early college opportunities are available at your high school, please talk to your high school counselor.

Running Start is a program that allows "eligible" high school students to take a college course at a University of Hawai'i system campus as part of their high school coursework. This partnership between the Hawai'i State Department of Education and the University of Hawai'i System allows high school students attending public and charter schools to enroll in college classes while earning both high school and college credits.

Visit <https://www.hawaii.edu/dualcredit> for more information about Early College and Running Start.

Early Admit is another Early Admission program open to public and private high school and home-schooled students. These students may not necessarily need the college course to fulfill their high school graduation or equivalency. However, students who successfully complete the college course will receive college credit.

Home-schooled applicants must be 16 years of age or older and not currently enrolled in a public, private, charter, or independent high school. Students must submit a valid copy of the State of Hawai'i Department of Education Exceptions to Compulsory Education Form (4140) and are subject to health clearances.

Contact the Admissions and Records Office arkauai@hawaii.edu for more information.