

ARTICULATION PROCESS | Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

Information for Students and Parents...

What is high school articulation?

A: An articulated high school course is one in which a determination has been made that a course offered at the high school level is comparable to a specific community college course. High school students have the potential to earn college credits while still in high school.

Do all high school classes qualify for articulation?

A: No, typically the introductory level courses linked to college Career and Technical Education (CTE) certificates and degree programs are options for articulation, and vary by college. Click on the college links for more information about articulation at each college site.

Who can participate in an articulated class?

A: Any high school student that wants to earn college credit. Articulated courses are taught at a college level, and college level work and maturity are expected.

What is the student's responsibility in regards to high school articulation?

- Create an OpenCCC Account.
- Complete the college application.
- Create a student account in CATEMA, and link to their teacher and class period.
- Fulfill the minimum requirements to obtain credit. Though they vary by college, typically a student must pass the class and final exam with a "B" or better.

How much does this cost?

A: Absolutely nothing. There is no fee to apply to a California Community College. And there are no fees associated with earning articulated credit.

I don't want to major in this subject, can I use this credit for something else?

A: Yes, in addition to applying articulated credit toward a CTE Certificate, many classes can be used to meet general education requirements, units needed for an Associate Degree, and/or transfer to a four-year college or university.

I plan on attending another community college after high school. Can I use these credits there?

A: Yes, articulated credit can be used towards a CTE Certificate or to meet general education requirements and/or units needed for an Associate Degree, or transfer to a four-year college or university. Of course each college is different and may have different requirements, so you will want to check with the college you are attending to find out how you can use your articulation credit. **You will need to request your official transcript from the college that awarded your articulated credit, and**

have them sent to your college of choice so that they may review your college coursework to determine how those credits can be used at their institution.

I am going straight to a four-year college after high school. Can I use these credits there?

A: Each college is different and may have different requirements. It is always up to the receiving college whether to allow outside credit. Typically, articulated credit can be used to meet general education requirements, elective credits, and/or units needed for a major at a four-year college or university. **You will need to request your official transcript from the college that awarded your articulated credit, and have them sent to your college of choice so that they may review your college coursework to determine how those credits can be used at their institution.**

What if I don't pass my high school course?

A: If you do not pass your high school course with the minimum grade requirement, no college record will be generated, therefore the course will NOT be listed on a college transcript. It will be like you never took the college class. It will, however, still show up on your high school transcript with the grade you earned.

What is CATEMA and why do I need an account?

A: The **Career And Technical Education Management Application** (CATEMA) system is a web-based system for managing information relating to advanced educational courses, schools, students, teachers, counselors, administrators and staff. Students will need to set up an account, and enroll themselves in the articulated class(es) they are taking so that teachers can make credit recommendations for their students. Colleges will download information at the end of the year to have articulated credit posted to every student record showing successful course completion.