

How to Pursue an Associate's Degree Through Dual Enrollment & Early Admissions

Before beginning dual enrollment courses, students must take:

- PERT Testing – See Mrs. Schneider in N58
- Online Orientation - <https://www.polk.edu/admission-aid/student-orientation/>

An Associate in Arts (AA) degree requires

- ✓ 36 General Education credit hours (12 classes)
- ✓ 24 additional Credit Hours (8 classes)

For a total of 60 Credit Hours (20 total classes)

Since it is not feasible to take five classes per year (most students do not begin Dual Enrollment courses until their sophomore year), it is advisable for students to take additional college courses each semester, grades 10th-12th, and one to two college classes every summer, in order to take the twenty required classes.

Dual Enrollment are college classes that are taken by high school students.

Early Admissions is a classification given to high school students who are enrolled in college courses full time, prior to receiving their high school diploma. Students must have earned a minimum of 20 high school credits in order to become an Early Admissions Student.

	Grade 9	Grade 10	Summer	Grade 11	Summer	Grade 12
English	Freshman are encouraged to take Honors and Advanced Placement Courses. In some instances, although rare, Freshman may be permitted to take college courses.		It is recommended that students take one to two college courses during the summer session in order to stay on track.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ English Comp I ✓ English Comp II 	It is recommended that students take one to two college courses during the summer session in order to stay on track.	Students need to have earned a minimum of 20 credits in order to be considered for Early Admission.
Math				Must receive a 123 on the Math PERT in order to begin College Algebra		
Social Studies		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Intro to Humanities ✓ General Psych 				
Science						
Electives		College Success				
On Track for AA	0-1 DE Classes	3-6 DE Classes		5-9 DE Classes		4-11 DE Classes

- ✓ Classes will vary based upon grade level, prerequisites met, and student-specific interests.
- ✓ In addition to college Dual Enrollment courses, students are encouraged to take Honors and Advanced Placement courses.