

Programs That Walters State Can Offer Students While Still In High School

I. ACADEMICALLY TALENTED/GIFTED PROGRAM

Academically talented/gifted students enrolled in grades nine, ten, eleven, or twelve in public or private high schools in Tennessee may, with the recommendation and approval of the high school principal, guidance counselor, and the WSCC department of Student Information, Admissions, Records and Registration Services, enroll in and receive regular college degree credit from Walters State if such students have a grade point average equivalent to 3.2 on a 4.0 maximum basis and if such placement is a part of the student's planned Individual Education Program (I.E.P.) as established by the multi-disciplinary team process.

Interested individuals should satisfy the following applicable requirements:

1. Complete a WSCC application and medical history form.
2. File with the department of Student Information, Admissions, Records and Registration Services the academically talented / gifted student form.
3. All required forms must be on file in the department of Student Information, Admissions, Records and Registration Services three weeks prior to registration before the semester of entrance.

II. ADVANCED STUDIES PROGRAM

An Enrichment Program for High School Juniors and Seniors

A high school student may enroll in college course under the Advances Studies Program. Students in this plan will complete admission requirements (with the exception of the high school diploma) prior to enrolling in college classes. The details of this plan are as follows:

1. The student must have junior or senior standing in high school.
2. The student must have a letter grade average of at least a "B" or a numeric average of at least 88.
3. Courses will not be expected to count toward the high school diploma.
4. The student must be certified by the principal / guidance counselor.
5. The courses taken must be chosen by the student in consultation with the high school counselor and the department of Admissions, Records and Student Information so as to supplement the high school program and insure academic success.
6. The student may not enroll for more than 10 hours per semester and may not accumulate more than 30 semester hours while still attending high school.
7. In addition to the above requirements, Advanced Studies students desiring to enroll in the English Composition sequence, must have taken the ACT and scored a 19 or higher in the English area. Advanced Studies students desiring to enroll in mathematics course must have taken the ACT and have scored a 19 or higher in the mathematics area and have successfully completed two years of high school algebra.
8. Any exception to the above conditions must be approved by the high school principal, the vice president for Academic Affairs, and the vice president for Student Affairs.

Courses taken while enrolled in high school will count as regular college credit upon high school graduation. Admission to Walters State Community College will be automatic upon graduation.

Advanced Studies should not be confused with the Early Admissions program as outlined by the Tennessee State Board of Education. For further information on that program, contact your local high school principal or guidance office.