

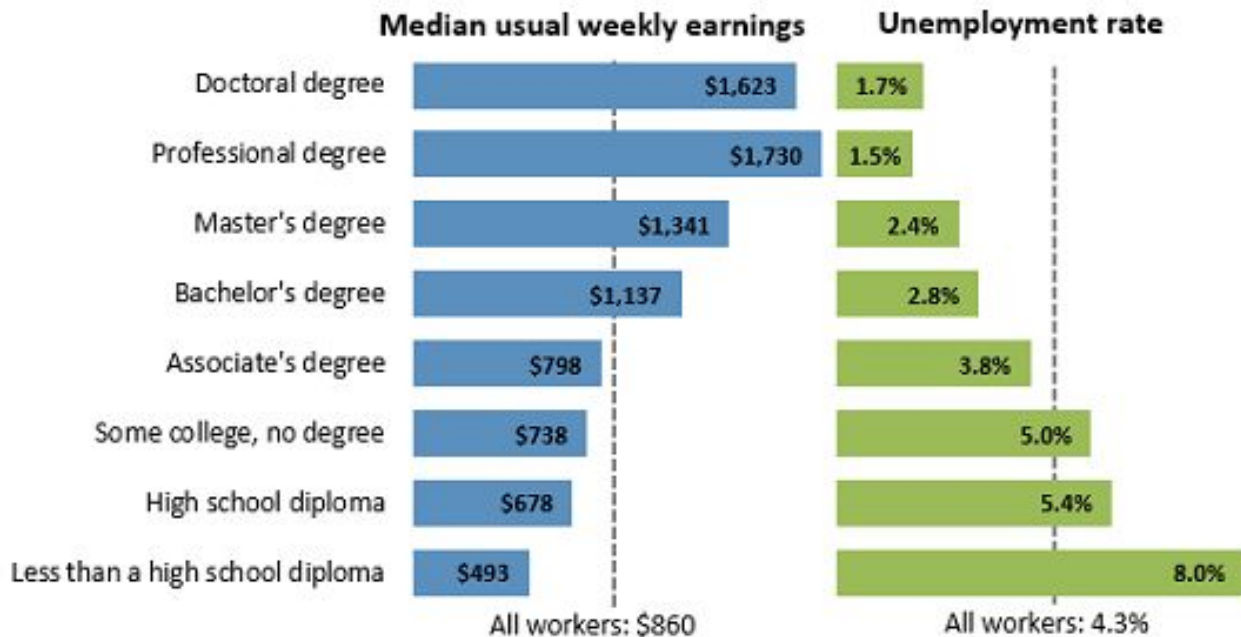
College Credit Courses:

Berlin High School



Why go to college at all? *“Show me the moneyyyyyy!”*

Earnings and unemployment rates by educational attainment, 2015



Note: Data are for persons age 25 and over. Earnings are for full-time wage and salary workers.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey

Let's start with the basics...**what do we mean by “college credits?”**

In order to get a college degree or certificate from any program, college, university or institution, there are a certain amount of credits that you must earn. Some degrees are 30 credits, some are 70 credits, some are 120 credits, and everywhere in between. It all depends on what path you choose. Once you fulfill (pass) those credits, you get your degree.

Each college course that you take is a certain amount of credits. Some courses are 1 credit, some are 2, 3, or 4 credits.

(This is similar to high school. You need to pass 22.5 credits to get your BHS Diploma to graduate)

Example:

An Associate's Degree (A.A.S) in Business Administration from HVCC.

Once you successfully pass those 62 credits of courses, you earned your degree! Congrats!

Business Administration MAJOR REQUIREMENTS*		
Course No.	Title	Credit Hrs.
FORM 104**	College Forum	(1)
CORE REQUIREMENTS		
ACTG 110	Financial Accounting	4
BADM 110	Legal and Ethical Environment of Business I	3
BADM 111	Legal and Ethical Environment of Business II	3
BADM 220	Statistics	4
BADM 299	Business Capstone	1
ECON 100	Principles of Macroeconomics	3
ENGL 101	English Composition I	3
PROGRAM ELECTIVES		
	(1) Business Electives	15
	Computer Elective	3
	(2) Liberal Arts Electives	14
	Business or Liberal Arts Electives	9
	Total Credits Required	62

What college-credit courses are offered at BHS?

- ★ HVCC Survey of Art History I
- ★ HVCC Survey of Art History II
- ★ HVCC Spanish 4
- ★ HVCC Spanish 5
- ★ HVCC CAD 100
- ★ HVCC Digital Electronics
- ★ HVCC Pre-Calculus
- ★ HVCC Calculus
- ★ HVCC College Prep Math I
- ★ HVCC College Prep Math II
- ★ AP 2D-Design (Photo)
- ★ AP Psychology
- ★ AP Environmental Science/SUNY ESF Credit
- ★ AP Chemistry
- ★ Siena Physics


That's **15** courses!
*3+ full-time
semesters of
college!*

“**Why** are taking
college-credit courses
beneficial to *me*?
I’m still in High School.”

Reason #1:

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It's *significantly* cheaper for HVCC courses!

	<i>1 HVCC College-Credit Course at <u>Berlin HS</u></i>	<i>1 Course at <u>HVCC</u> as a college student after graduation</i>
Cost of Courses	\$165 (<i>\$55 a credit hour for 3 credits</i>)	\$495 (<i>\$165 a credit hour for 3 credits</i>)
Buying Books	\$0 (<i>Textbooks provided</i>)	\$75 - 150 (<i>Textbook cost</i>)
Gas money to get to class	\$0 (<i>You can ride the big yellow school bus!</i>)	\$375 (<i>\$25 a week to commute to HVCC for 15+ weeks</i>)
TOTAL	\$165 	\$1,020! Ouch.

**BUT...through scholarships we offer at BHS, typically that \$150 is paid for anyway!
So that's 3 college credits FOR FREE.**

It's even cheaper for AP classes!

	<i>1 AP Course <u>at</u> <u>Berlin HS</u></i>	<i>1 <u>SUNY Albany</u> Course as a college student after graduation</i>
Cost of Courses	\$84 <i>(the AP Exam fee) *Students on free & reduced lunch can receive a reduced rate</i>	\$1,032.51 <i>(\$270 per credit hour for 3 credits plus fees)</i>
Buying Books	\$0 <i>(Textbooks provided)</i>	\$50 - 150 <i>(Textbook cost for that one course)</i>
How to get to class?	\$0 <i>(You can ride the big yellow school bus!)</i>	\$375 <i>(\$25 a week to commute for 15+ weeks) or \$6471 for Room, Board & Meals to live on campus.</i>
TOTAL	\$84 or less	\$1,557.51 to commute! OR \$7,653.51 to live on campus! Ouch.

And courses at Siena too!

	<i>Siena Physics <u>at</u> <u>Berlin HS</u></i>	<i>Siena Physics at <u>Siena College</u> as a college student after graduation</i>
Cost of Course	\$250	\$6,822.54 (<i>\$2019.18 per credit hour for 3 credits plus fees, lab fees</i>)
Buying Books	\$0 (<i>Textbooks & lab materials provided</i>)	\$50 - 150 (<i>Textbook cost for that one course</i>)
How to get to class?	\$0 (<i>You can ride the big yellow school bus!</i>)	\$375 (<i>\$25 a week to commute for 15+ weeks</i>) or \$14,105 for Room, Board & Meals to live on campus.
TOTAL	\$250	\$7347.54 to commute! OR \$21,077.54 to live on campus! Ouch.

Just to drive the \$ point home...

**Cost of ALL 15 college
courses at Berlin:**

\$2,236

**Cost of the same 15
college courses at their
respective institutions:**

\$23,777.58

**That's not even living on campus*

Reason #2:

Get some future courses out of the way that you'll have to do anyway

WHY should I take these courses?

*I don't want to be an Artist/Engineer/Spanish
Teacher/Mathematician/Scientist/Psychologist...*

Most, if not all, college programs require a certain amount of **General Education or Liberal Education credits** to earn your degree, *regardless of what that degree is.*
Why not get some done ahead of time for cheap?

ALL SUNY Institutions

“You must earn **30 credits** in at least 7 of the following SUNY-GER areas...”

That’s approximately 10 courses.

General Education Requirements

The SUNY General Education Requirement (SUNY-GER) enables students to acquire knowledge and skills that are useful and important for all educated persons, regardless of their jobs or professions. (SUNY Board of Trustees Resolution, January 2010)

The SUNY-GER is required for all bachelor’s degree candidates.* Every four-year SUNY campus has a general education curriculum that reflects the SUNY-GER and is designed to provide a solid foundation for your college education and make transfers within SUNY as smooth and seamless as possible.

How SUNY-GER Works

If you entered SUNY in fall 2010 or later, to earn a SUNY bachelor’s degree, you must earn 30 credits in at least seven of the following ten SUNY-GER subject areas, and demonstrate two competencies.

SUBJECT AREAS:

Basic Communication (*required*)

Mathematics (*required*)

American History

Other World Civilizations

Foreign Language

Social Sciences

Humanities

The Arts

Natural Sciences

Western Civilization



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General Education Core for Completing Degree Requirements at Four-Year SUNY Schools

All State University of New York (SUNY) institutions offering undergraduate degrees require, as a condition of graduation, that candidates for a bachelor's degree complete an academically rigorous and comprehensive core General Education curriculum of no fewer than 30 credit hours. This comprehensive core is specifically designed to achieve the student learning outcomes in seven out of 10 knowledge and skill areas. Courses that satisfy the 10 knowledge and skills areas are designated in the catalog with the following codes: mathematics (MT), natural sciences (NS), social sciences (SS), American history (AH), western civilization (WC), other world civilizations (OC), humanities (HU), the arts (AR), foreign language (FL), and basic communication (BC). Two competencies are infused throughout the General Education program: critical thinking and information management.

In order to earn a degree from a four-year SUNY institution, students must demonstrate competency in seven out of the 10 knowledge and skill areas listed below. All students are required to complete 30 credits of general education coursework. Mathematics and Basic Communication are required areas of all students. In addition, competency must be demonstrated in at least five of the remaining eight categories. Students are encouraged to complete as many General Education requirements as possible before transferring to a four-year school. Requirements may be met at Hudson Valley Community College through completion of coursework, credit by examination, and [waiver](#) through high school work and subsequent Regents exams.

Complete information may be obtained from a student's academic advisor. Using the abbreviations cited above, each individual course description identifies which General Education requirement the course will fulfill. Please note that some courses appear in more than one area, but can only be used to fulfill one requirement.

For example:

Want to earn a Criminal Justice Degree from HVCC?
Look at what *non-criminal-justice* courses you still have to take:

**These
ones are
offered at
Berlin!**



ENGL 101	English Composition I	3
ENGL 102	English Composition II	3
PSYC 100	General Psychology	3
SOCL 100	Sociology OR	3
	(3) Restricted Elective II	
	Free Electives	6
PADM 100	Introduction to Public Administration OR	3
	Criminal Justice Elective	
	(1) Mathematics Elective	3
	(1) Science Elective	3
	Social Science Elective OR	3
	(2) Restricted Elective I	

WHY is it worth taking something for HVCC credit?
I don't want to go there for college.

HVCC is what's called a "sister school" with all the SUNY universities and other community colleges where your credits will transfer. HVCC has 350 transfer agreements (meaning your credits will transfer) with over 350 other college institutions, such as the College of Saint Rose in Albany.

Therefore, earning HVCC credits is NOT a waste of time even if you don't want to attend HVCC after graduation.

Reason #3:

Practice makes perfect.

Taking college-courses in the High School is **great practice** for taking future courses that have higher college-level expectations.

It helps you to **transition** slowly into college because your high school teachers are more available and willing to help guide you than most college professors.

It's a good way to **ease** into life as a college student.

Examples of how it's a helpful transition:

College at BHS	College on a College Campus
Often given graphic organizers and charts to organize large projects and/or papers.	You're on your own to organize <i>yourself</i> .
Often given some class time to complete assignments, homework, rough drafts of papers and projects.	You're on your own to time manage your <i>own</i> free time to get work done.
Often given in-progress deadlines for large assignments or final exams to help you break down each piece.	You're given the directions for the large assignment/final/project and the due date at the beginning of the semester. It's up to you to break the work down over those few months <i>yourself</i> .
Given easier-to-understand lectures and instruction on the material in various ways that enhance learning.	<i>You</i> are expected to learn the majority of the material through the textbook readings <u>before</u> your professor presents it to you. "Readings - lecture - memorize - test - repeat"- style.

Sound intimidating? Nah, you can do it!

Just think about all of the positive benefits taking these courses in HS will have:

- *Cheaper costs*
- *Completing some General Education Requirements*
- *Getting more help and guidance*
- *Preparing you for the future!*



See your **Guidance Counselor** to
enroll in a course!