

WALLA WALLA HIGH SCHOOL

RUNNING START GUIDE AND COURSE EQUIVALENCIES

2010-2011

- A five credit course from WWCC transfers to the high school as a full credit (1.0) and a three credit course transfers as one half credits (.5).

ENGLISH

- Junior English: English 101
AND
One 5 credit literature class from the list below
- Senior English: English 101 (First year Running Start student)
AND
One 5 credit literature class from the list below

English 102 (Second year Running Start student)

Literature Course List:

- Literature 141: Introduction to Fiction
- Literature 140: Introduction to Literature
- Literature 210: Myth and Folklore
- Literature 245: American Literature
- Literature 250: Literature of Immigration
- Literature 251: Voices of Women in Literature
- Literature 257: Literature of the Inland Northwest
- Literature 265: World Literature

- Students who are enrolled in Running Start for one year only, will need to earn ten WWCC English credits, including English 101 and a literature class. Students who are enrolled in Running Start for two years will need to earn fifteen WWCC English credits, including English 101, 102, and a literature class.

SOCIAL STUDIES

- NW History: HIST 210 Northwest History
- US History: HIST 148 US History
- American Government: PSCI 101 American National Government

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- Five one-credit WWCC activity classes equals one WWHS PE credit
- Three one-credit WWCC activity classes equals one-half WWHS PE credit

Junior Status Definition: Student must have earned minimum 12 WWHS credits, including passing grades in Freshmen and Sophomore English classes. Credit recovery for Freshmen and Sophomore English classes will not occur at WWCC.

Minimum Credit Requirement: Full-time Running Start students must maintain enrollment of minimum of 10 credits per quarter at WWCC in order to earn the adequate number of credits for high school graduation. Part-time Running Start students must maintain full time student status between WWCC and WWHS.

Student Athletes: All student athletes must maintain full-time student status at all times. Full-time Running Start students must be enrolled in and earning passing grades, in minimum 13 credits. Part-time Running Start students must be enrolled in and earning passing grades, in equivalent to five WWHS credits.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- **High School Graduation Requirements:** In order to receive the Walla Walla Public Schools diploma, Running Start Students must meet all of the WWHS graduation requirements:
 - Meet the credit requirements
 - Complete the Culminating Project, including the Senior Presentation
 - Earn Certificate of Academic Achievement (Washington State Exam)
- **Partial Credits:** We encourage students to begin the Running Start program in the fall quarter. Due to discrepancies in school calendars, it is difficult to transition into Running Start during Winter and Spring Quarters. If a student decides to begin Running Start mid-year, and finds it necessary to drop any of the Wa-Hi courses, he/she will be awarded .25 credits for the classes they have passed.
- **Dropping Courses:** When a student drops WWCC course, he/she may be in jeopardy of not meeting the high school graduation requirements. Contact your high school counselor for approval *prior* to dropping any WWCC courses.
- **Failed Course:** If a student fails a course(s) at WWCC, he/she must contact your high school counselor immediately to create a plan of action. If the failed course was a graduation requirement, he/she may be advised to enroll in credit recovery programs at WWHS.

Benefits of Running Start

- ▶ Academically qualified and capable students can earn college credits tuition free.
- ▶ RST provides opportunities to take courses not offered at the high school.
- ▶ Academically prepared students can experience post-secondary setting which may be helpful in making the transition to college.
- ▶ You can get a 'running start' on a college degree by satisfying some or all the requirements.

Limitations of Running Start

- ▶ Some students find the independence and the speed of college classes overwhelming.
- ▶ The social network for teenagers is not readily available at the college level.
- ▶ Students are not guaranteed spaces in required classes for high school graduation.
- ▶ The college schedule may conflict with high school class schedule of extra-curricular activities.
- ▶ Typically there is much less contact between faculty and parents than the high school faculty and parents.