



Beverly Hills
Unified School District



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BHUSD PARTNERS WITH WEST LA COLLEGE TO OFFER EARLY COLLEGE COURSES

New Concurrent Enrollment Program for High School Students to Launch in January 2019

December 4, 2018 -- Beverly Hills, CA - Delivering on the District's goal of college and career readiness, BHUSD today announced the launch of an Early College Credit Program at Beverly Hills High School. In partnership with West Los Angeles College (West), Beverly Hills High School students will now have the opportunity to begin taking college courses on campus and earn college credits during their high school years. Students will gain early exposure to college coursework guided by West instructors with the support of the District.

Set to launch in January 2019, the Early College Credit Program is a series of 5 courses (3 college credits each) that provides Beverly Hills High School students with the opportunity to earn up to 15 college credits transcribed through West while earning their high school diplomas. The program offers college-level experience in both core and career areas, preparation for post-secondary success and the ability to earn early college credit, which reduces the cost and time for earning a post-secondary degree. College credit will be recorded on the West transcript and will be the first grades on a student's college academic records.

Only 25 Beverly Hills High School students will be selected per college course. There are no fees for the courses and students must apply for the first course by December 21, 2018.

"As we work diligently to reimagine the high school experience and create stronger career pathways and linkages to college coursework, we are thrilled to offer this new opportunity to our BHHS students," said Dustin Seemann, Assistant Superintendent, Education Services, Beverly Hills Unified School District. "These courses will not only prepare our students for post-secondary success, but will also help students explore and pursue their interests while in high school," he added.

"We are excited to partner with Beverly Hills Unified School District to offer concurrent enrollment courses for the first time at Beverly Hills High School," said Aracely Aguiar, Vice President of Academic Affairs, West Los Angeles College. "Through the partnership, classes will be offered for high school students to earn college credit, while earning their high school diploma. Working together with BHUSD leadership, we will be creating new pathways to deliver on their college and readiness goals," she added.

The program will kick off with the first course starting on Jan 22, 2019 and run until May 21. Students will attend classes on Tuesday evenings from 4:30pm - 7:20pm on BHHS campus.

Spring 2019 Course Description:

Communication Studies 101 (3 credits)

(Transferrable: University of California as *101 Public Speaking* / California State University as *Speech 101*) This beginning course provides a study of the principles of communication and audience analysis. These principles are applied to everyday social and business relationships. Students are trained in the principle and practice of effective speech composition and delivery.

About Beverly Hills Unified District:

The Beverly Hills Unified School District is based in Beverly Hills, California. The schools were unified into an elementary and high school district in 1936 and currently consists of four K-8 elementary schools (Beverly Vista, El Rodeo, Hawthorne, Horace Mann), one 9-12 high school (Beverly Hills High School), and a continuing education high school (Moreno High School). The K-12 enrollment for the 2018-19 school year is approximately 3900. The district employs approximately 320 certificated and 150 classified personnel and is recognized nationally as a leader in education. Students have consistently scored far above national averages on standardized achievement tests.

About West Los Angeles College:

West Los Angeles College is located at 9000 Overland Avenue (near Jefferson), Culver City, CA 90230. The college is a ACCJC accredited community college providing full-time, part-time and online paths to university transfer and career preparation. West offers nearly 100 degree and certificate options with 23 of the degrees being "Associate Degrees for Transfer," a partnership program with the California State University system. West is also one of only 15 community colleges in California authorized to offer a bachelor's degree.

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