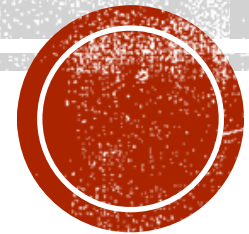
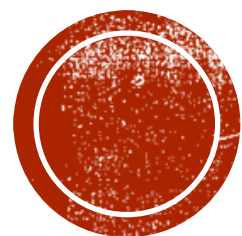


# JUNIOR COLLEGE NIGHT

**SWCS**



[www.southwestcovenant.com/academics/ccguidance.cfm](http://www.southwestcovenant.com/academics/ccguidance.cfm)



# **COLLEGE EXPLORATION:**

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# **CONNECTING CAREER AND EDUCATION**

# MISSION STATEMENT

- The mission of the Southwest Covenant Guidance Counselor Program is to educate and equip students to..
  - discern their ***unique purpose*** as part of God's creation
  - understand how their academic and personal goals help ***build the kingdom of God***.

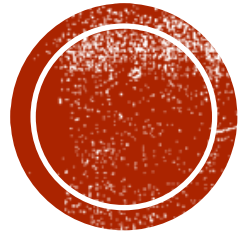
**Your Work is Your Ministry**



# HOW DOES THIS RELATE TO COLLEGE/CAREER EXPLORATION?

- Your journey will be different than your fellow classmates.
- Narrow the focus: What is the next step?
  - Find a college community you feel you will belong in and thrive in.
  - Where I will be encouraged to develop as a believer in Christ?
  - Where I can invest my time and effort in the honoring the Lord with my mind?





# **EXPLORE COLLEGE / CAREER OPTIONS**



**STEP 1: EXPLORE YOUR MAJOR**

**STEP 2: MAKE-OR-BREAK CRITERIA**

**STEP 3: MAKE YOUR LIST**

**STEP 4: RESEARCH, RESEARCH, RESEARCH**

**STEP 5: COLLEGE VISIT**

**STEP 6: APPLY**



# STEP 1: EXPLORE YOUR MAJOR

- **Research a few *possible* fields of study that you may want to pursue in college.**
  - YOUScience and OKCollegeStart





Browse, Save and Rank Careers

All Careers

Saved Careers

★ 0

Search

Filter by Educational Investment

Sort by Fit Type

- All
- 0-3yrs
- 4yrs
- 5+yrs
- Overall Fit
- Aptitude Fit
- Interest Fit

Genetic Counselor

Edu. Investment

6+YRS

Proj. Openings

1200

Avg. Salary

\$ 75k

● ● ● Strong Overall Fit

★ Save Career

School Psychologist

Edu. Investment

7+YRS

Proj. Openings

64k

Avg. Salary

\$ 76k

● ● ● Strong Overall Fit

★ Save Career

Advanced Practice Psychiatric Nurse

Edu. Investment

6+YRS

Proj. Openings

1088k

Avg. Salary

\$ 71k

● ● ● Strong Overall Fit

★ Save Career

Nursing Instructor/Professor

Edu. Investment

6+YRS

Proj. Openings

25k

Avg. Salary

\$ 73k

● ● ● Strong Overall Fit

★ Save Career

Environmental Science Professor

Edu. Investment

7+YRS

Proj. Openings

1800

Avg. Salary

\$ 89k


● ● ● Strong Overall Fit


★ Save Career






## Best Majors or Career Programs



**Psychology, General**


Related Careers	Related Majors
18	1

Explore

**Developmental and Child Psychology**


Related Careers	Related Majors
2	8

Explore

**School Psychology**

Related Careers	Related Majors
3	14

Explore



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- **Tips for choosing possible majors: Here are a few questions you should ask yourselves...**
  - What are my favorite classes?
  - What are my favorite hobbies/extracurricular activities?
  - What do career/personality assessment tests usually suggest for me? ([collegeboard.com](http://collegeboard.com); [princetonreview.com](http://princetonreview.com))
  - What do I love doing?
  - *Where* do I see myself for the rest of my life?
  - *What* do I see myself doing for the rest of my life?



# STEP 2: MAKE-OR-BREAK CRITERIA

## **Institution type:**

- Public
- Private
- Vocational/specialized
- 4-year
- 2-year

## **Degrees:**

- A.A., B.A., B.S., M.A., M.S., Ph.D., Certificates, etc.

## **Majors and minors offered:**

- Do the majors offered match *your* interests?

## **Academic focus of campus:**

- Popular majors (and percentage of students in each major)

## **General education and major curricula:**

- Structured vs. individualized



▣ **Campus/enrollment size:**

- Large vs. small classes

▣ **Faculty:**

- Number, background, mentors

▣ **Campus quality/reputation:**

- National rankings
- Alumni advice
- *Note of caution: Campus reputation is highly subjective and should not be one's ultimate priority.*

▣ **Geographic location:**

- Distance from home
- In-state vs. out-of-state

▣ **Campus and community setting:**

- Urban vs. rural
- Safety
- Surrounding resources (stores, eateries, residential areas)

▣ **Housing:**

- Availability



▣ **Campus resources available:**

- Libraries
- Computer labs
- Food and social quads

▣ **Social life:**

- Sororities and fraternities
- Student involvement

▣ **Extracurricular activities offered:**

- Sports (Division I, II, III)
- Creative and performing arts (theatre, music, dance, art, design, etc.)
- Clubs and student organizations (i.e. social justice, social networking, environmental conservation, etc.)





▣ **Costs:**

- Tuition fees
- Room and board
- Books and supplies
- Basic living costs

▣ **Financial aid offered:**

- Financial aid package (March-June)
- Federal/state grants (FAFSA)
- Campus grants (supplementary forms?)
- Scholarships (campus-based and external)
- Loans

## Junior Conference Questionnaire:

Aid to help us discuss through  
these criteria



# STEP 3: CREATE YOUR LIST

- Compile a list of colleges that fulfill the criteria that is most important to you
- Browse The Guide to Christian Colleges and Universities
- Browse websites like Big Future by College Board
- Learn about different schools at lunch during a college visit/college fairs



# COLLEGE/CAREER FAIRS

Date	Location	Time
September 18	Strive Fair - OCCC	6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
October 3	Christian College Fair – SWCS Over 40 schools!!!	6:00 PM – 8:00 PM



# STEP 4: RESEARCH, RESEARCH, RESEARCH

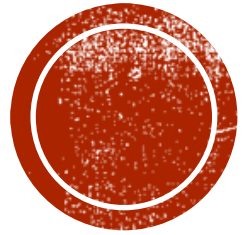
- Investigate each college: Organize the information so you can compare colleges
- Narrow your list down to a few “dream” schools, “possible” schools and “safe” schools



# STEP 5: COLLEGE VISITS

- The only way to really get the feel of a campus is to visit a school
- Many schools will offer housing and possibly airfare
- Juniors are allowed 2 college visits per year as activity absences
- Online College Visitation Request Form– 2 weeks prior to visit; Printable Verification form during visit
- No absences in May or during school events
- Only 2 students allowed to go the same day, same campus





# TRACK YOUR HIGH SCHOOL CREDITS





# SWCS High School Course Worksheet

This worksheet is intended to help students determine the best choices for electives.

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## MINIMUM GRADUATION REQUIREMENT WORKSHEET

4	English credits	These 27 credits meet the minimum requirements established by Southwest Covenant Schools and the State of Oklahoma for a college preparatory diploma. SWCS highly recommends that any student who desires to compete for academic merit scholarships consider taking an advance math and an upper level computer course. Algebra 1 and Computer 1 taken in eighth grade will count toward graduation credit requirements, but the grade will not be included in the cumulative GPA. Students placed on an accelerated math track in 8 <sup>th</sup> grade must take an advance math course.
4	History credits	
4	Science credits	
4	Bible credits	
3	Mathematics credits	
2	Language credits	
2	Arts credits	
<u>4</u>	<u>Electives</u>	
<b>27</b>	<b>Total Credits</b>	

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**INSTRUCTIONS:** Record all classes you have taken or plan to take.

### 8<sup>th</sup> grade

*Record if already taken*

1. Algebra I ..... 1
2. Computer 1 ..... 1

*Total 8<sup>th</sup> grade credits* \_\_\_\_

### Junior - 11<sup>th</sup>

1. English III ..... 1
2. U.S. History ..... 1
3. Alg. II/Math ..... 1
4. Chemistry ..... 1
5. Bible ..... 1
6. ....



# VALEDICTORIAN/SALUTATORIAN

- Valedictorian honor goes to student with the highest GPA
- Salutatorian goes to students whose GPA is 3.85 or higher





Oklahoma Academic Scholar program recognizes the outstanding academic achievement of graduating seniors in compliance with State law which became effective in 1986.

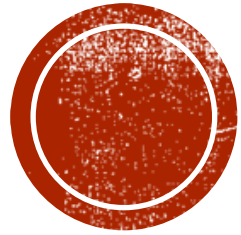
Oklahoma Academic Scholars receive a certificate of recognition from the State Board of Education and the local high school, a gold seal affixed to their diploma, and the honor recorded on their official transcript.

Requirements for Recognition as an Oklahoma Academic Scholar

\*Average GPA of 3.7 out of 4.0

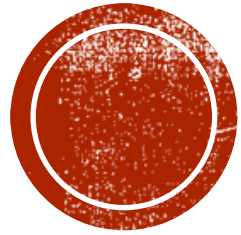
\*ACT composite of 27





# PORTFOLIO OF ACHIEVEMENTS

aka RESUME



# **PREPARE FOR GRADUATION**

## **\*ADMISSIONS**



# ADMISSION MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Source: OKCollegestart.com

- OSU

- Students qualify for assured admission if they meet **ONE** of the following criteria:
  - 3.0 GPA or better cumulative\* **AND** top 33.3% rank in high school graduating class, **OR**
  - 3.0 GPA or better in 15-unit core **AND** 21 ACT/1060 SAT or better\*\*, **OR**
  - 24 ACT/1160 SAT or better\*\*

- OU

- Grade point average (GPA) in core academic courses
- Rigor of course selection, and
- ACT and/or SAT scores (encouraged)

NEED to look at specific university

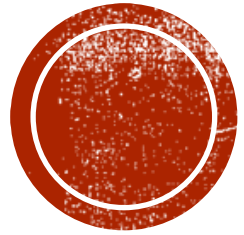




# PSAT, SAT, AND ACT

- PSAT – Tuesday, Oct 15th; ONLINE; Cost is ~\$18 - NMQ
- PSAT/SAT dates and practice available on [www.satpractice.org](http://www.satpractice.org)
- ACT DATES; [www.act.org](http://www.act.org) to sign up
  - Residual ACT
  - ACT prep in 3 steps: 1. ACT Workshop
  - 2. Online prep/Practice Tests – [www.act.org](http://www.act.org)
  - 3. One-to-One or small group






# **PREPARE FOR GRADUATION**

## **\*COLLEGE CREDIT**



# COLLEGE CREDIT

- Dual Credit Program: Colorado Christian University - \$250 per course



SWCS Course	CCU Equivalent course	Credits	Semester	Instructor
<b>US History to 1865 (Juniors)</b>	HIS-205: American History	3	Fall	Mrs. Houts
<b>US History 1865-Present (Juniors)</b>	HIS-206: The Making of Modern America	3	Spring	Mrs. Houts
<b>American Gov't (Seniors)</b>	POL-207: Introduction to American Politics	3	Fall	Mrs. Houts
<b>Macroeconomics (Seniors)</b>	ECO-215: Economics	3	Spring	Mrs. Houts
<b>English IV (Seniors)</b>	ENG 102-English Composition	3	Fall	Mrs. Edmondson



# COLLEGE CREDIT

- Dual Credit Program: Colorado Christian University - \$250 per course
- Students will make application and payment directly to CCU.
- **CCU Dual Credit Course Registration dates:**

	<b><u>Fall</u></b>	<b><u>Spring</u></b>
▪ Registration opens:	August 15	January 15
▪ Registration closes:	November 15	April 15
▪ Withdrawal deadline:	December 1	May 1

(After date, no refund & grade is W)
- The broad registration schedule allows students sufficient time to make good decisions about application, dropping the course for college credit, etc.
- Important information can be found on CCU's website at <https://www.ccu.edu/academy/dual-credit/>



# COLLEGE CREDIT

- Concurrent Enrollment: Enrolling in college while still in high school
- Seniors can receive tuition waiver for 6 credit hours per semester
- Apply through college; School approval

University of Oklahoma	24 ACT or 1090 SAT and 3.0 GPA or top 50% class rank or 3.0 GPA and top 30% class rank
Oklahoma State University	24 ACT or 1090 SAT or 3.0 GPA and top 33% class rank
Regional Universities	20 ACT or 940 SAT or 3.0 GPA and top 50% class rank
University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma	24 ACT or 1090 SAT or 3.0 GPA and top 25% class rank
Community Colleges	19 ACT or 900 SAT or 3.0 GPA



# COLLEGE CREDIT

- CLEP exams:  
[www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)
- College dependent
- modernstates.org –  
courses to prepare for  
CLEP test and will pay  
for CLEP tests

## CLEP Exams

### COMPOSITION AND LITERATURE

American Literature  
Analyzing and Interpreting  
Literature  
College Composition  
College Composition Modular  
English Literature  
Humanities

### SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS

Biology  
Calculus  
Chemistry  
College Algebra  
College Mathematics  
Natural Sciences  
Precalculus

### BUSINESS

Financial Accounting  
Information Systems  
Introductory Business Law  
Principles of Management  
Principles of Marketing

### HISTORY AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

American Government  
History of the United States I:  
Early Colonization to 1877  
History of the United States II:  
1865 to the Present  
Human Growth and Development  
Introduction to Educational  
Psychology  
Introductory Psychology  
Introductory Sociology  
Principles of Macroeconomics  
Principles of Microeconomics  
Social Sciences and History  
Western Civilization I:  
Ancient Near East to 1648  
Western Civilization II:  
1648 to the Present

### WORLD LANGUAGES

French Language  
German Language  
Spanish Language





# SHOULD I TAKE COLLEGE CLASSES IN HS?

- Save \$\$\$\$\$
  - For example, dual credit course here at SWCS costs \$250 for the entire 3 credits and no additional fees.
  - In comparison, our local community colleges cost around \$157 per credit hour for tuition and fees.
  - Seniors can receive up to 18 credit hours tuition waivers if you take a college course in the summer.
  - Finish earlier which saves money
- Caution: Take courses that are general requirements for most degrees. If you are unsure, contact the college or university of choice to see if it will transfer. When transferring credits to another college, a syllabus is useful to demonstrate content covered.

