

Kent State University
2018 Regents STARTALK Foreign Language Academy
College Credit Plus (CCP)

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. *How do I apply for the Foreign Language Academy and College Credit Plus Program (CCP) at the Kent Campus of Kent State University?*

Ohio students must complete *both* the FLA application forms, available on the FLA website <http://fla.mcls.kent.edu>, and the only CCP application for SPRING 2019, available at www.kent.edu/ccp. If you plan to take non-FLA classes through CCP in FALL 2018, then your application should be for FALL 2018 instead of SPRING 2019. The FLA application forms can be submitted as either hard copies or via email as scans. The deadline for submitting the application forms and all supporting materials to enter the Foreign Language Academy is **April 15**. Note: the deadline to submit your letter of intent to your high school guidance counselor for CCP enrollment required by this program is **April 1!** This means you must complete this form for CCP with your guidance counselor before you submit your FLA application.

2. *What things should I discuss with my high school guidance counselor before applying?*

Students and parents **MUST** meet with a high school guidance counselor to discuss school policy regarding the CCP enrollment option and the Foreign Language Academy. In most school districts the deadline for providing a letter of intent is **April 1**. If you miss this deadline you will have to petition the school district to be considered for the program. You should discuss how language courses taken during the Academy can fulfill high school language requirements. As with other CCP coursework, you should discuss with the counselor how high school GPA will be affected, graduation requirements, and any other concerns.

3. *If I don't meet all the admissions criteria, will my application for the Academy still be considered?*

You must be accepted into the KSU CCP program in order to be accepted into the FLA. However, admission to CCP does not automatically admit you to the FLA, as the FLA has its own program-specific requirements, such as letters of recommendation and an essay. Applicants will be admitted to the FLA based on their motivation, career goals, and success and persistence in the study of another foreign language, as well as other factors.

4. *When and how will I be notified of my acceptance or denial?*

Once all application materials are received, the student's file will be reviewed for admission by a Foreign Language Academy Admissions Committee. Students will be notified of their admission status by **May 1**, 2018. Accepted students will then receive instructions and permission forms that they will need to submit to finalize their acceptance.

5. *Once admitted to the Language Academy, can I take any Kent State courses at any campus?*

Yes. Students who are admitted to the Foreign Language Academy and the CCP Program can take specified language courses offered by the Academy at the Kent campus as well as other college courses at the Kent campus in consultation with their school guidance counselor and Kent State University Academic Advisor.

6. *Can I enroll in either College Credit Plus A or B for the AY Component of the Academy?*

Ohio public high school students should enroll in CCP Option B for the follow-up 2018-2019 academic year session. Option B means that the school district will be responsible for tuition costs incurred for **ACADEMIC YEAR** registrations (e.g., summer, fall or spring semester courses). You must indicate that you will be taking academic year courses as CCP Option B student to your high school CCP counselor by the **April 1** deadline above. The only exceptions are home-schooled students and non-public school students, who can APPLY directly to the State of Ohio for OPTION B coverage during a special application period during the summer. The State of Ohio has a special fund for non-public school students. Non-public school students are not bound by the April 1 deadline, but must agree to apply for Option B benefits during the summer application period.

7. Is there a financial risk when enrolling in the Foreign Language Academy under College Credit Plus?

Yes. If you stop attending class or withdraw from the Academy, either during the summer or fall sessions, you are obligated to pay the per credit hour tuition cost for part-time attendance, any room and board charges incurred, any fees due the university, and the cost of the textbook.

8. How do I register for Foreign Language Academy courses under the CCP Program?

Your registration for Foreign Language Academy classes will be handled by University and Academy staff members. You will be assigned to a Kent State University Academic Advisor in the Exploratory Advising Center with whom you will meet during the summer FLA program.

9. What if I haven't taken the ACT/SAT test?

The ACT or SAT is *required* for admission to the Language Academy. However, you may apply if you have not taken the ACT, provided you are scheduled to take it or are willing to take it at Kent during the summer session of the Academy. (The test fee is \$60.00 payable in cash upon arrival the first day. The score is valid only for Kent State.)

10. What classes are available to high school students?

The Foreign Language Academy offers an introduction to the Chinese and Russian languages during the Summer Session. During the Academic Year Sessions students will take MCLS Elementary Chinese II and Elementary Russian II.

11. What happens if I don't get my first choice of language to study in the Academy?

The Academy will place admitted students in the language program of their choice, provided there is available space. The size of each language class will be capped. If space is available in another language, you will have the opportunity to enroll in that language.

12. Can I be dismissed from this program by the university?

Yes, you may be dismissed if you do not meet the academic standards of the university and the requirements of the Academy. Additionally, you are subject to the disciplinary code of Kent State University. You may also be subject to disciplinary action from your high school. The **Undergraduate Catalog**, which you can download at www.kent.edu and the *University Life: Digest of Rules and Regulations* are the primary sources of this information.

13. Am I allowed to keep the laptop computer I used for my Language Academy CCP courses?

No. The laptops have been purchased for your use during the program. The laptop computer must be returned when you complete the Academy or you will be billed for the computer and your KSU transcript will be blocked.

14. Am I eligible for financial aid from Kent State?

No. Students enrolled under the CCP Program including the Language Academy are not eligible for federal or state financial aid. However, financial aid for the Language Academy should not be necessary since the Summer Session room, board, and textbook costs are paid for by the STARTALK grant. Fall and/or Spring Semester Academic Session tuition will be paid for by the State of Ohio when Language Academy CCP students enroll under Option B.

15. Must I live in the residence halls?

Yes, during the summer session, residence in the dormitory is required. Language Academy students will be living in one of the dormitories at the Kent State Honors College for a four-week period from June 18 and July 13, 2018 as part of a language immersion experience. The room and board costs for summer dormitory residence are paid by a federal government STARTALK grant. Students will commute to Kent State main campus one Saturday a month during the Academic Year Session, which begins in the fall. The dates of the academic year Saturday sessions are posted on our website (<https://www.kent.edu/mcls/fla>). Lunch is provided.

16. Will I be expected to use the computer and the Internet?

The use of laptop computers and the Internet is an integral part of the Foreign Language Academy during both the summer and academic year sessions. By accepting your admission into the Academy, you and your parents are explicitly agreeing to the inclusion of this technology in the instructional program. The use of the laptop computers and Internet is supervised, however, and students will receive a policy statement detailing appropriate use in the dormitory.

17. Will I receive college credit and a permanent college transcript if I only want high school credit?

All students who enroll in Option B for the AY component will receive both high school and college credit. You can order a transcript to be sent to the college(s) of your choice from the Kent State Office of the University Registrar (330 672-8950). All students who enroll in Option A for the AY component can choose to receive either college credit or college and high school credit.

Other questions?

For general information about the Foreign Language Academy, contact Robin Kovacs, at rkovacs1@kent.edu. For questions about the University's general CCP program, contact the Office of Alternative Credit and Articulation Agreements by phone at 330-672-3743.

Below are comments from some FLA alumni:

- The program made me realize how much I love studying languages and it has totally changed my mind about a future career.
- I learned with what methods I learn best. I also learned the vast number of opportunities with foreign languages that I did not know about before and want to take part in.
- I learned how to study because I've never had to before.
- I learned that I can be good at languages and that I am not a total failure.
- I learned that I truly can learn languages at a fast rate. Giving the fact that FLA challenges us to learn the language within one month.
- It's not an easy thing to learn a language, but it's one of the most rewarding and useful things one can do.
- I am prepared for college and have formed good habits and a good attitude about academics. Having lived with my peers, I would say I am more ready than other students my age.
- I learned about how I feel on certain political and religious issues. Some of my ideals changed while others just got stronger. I truly feel that this entire program has made me a better person.
- I think that the academy showed me more of what I can be capable of when pushed to do so.
- My brain apparently adapts very well to immersion.
- I love being provoked to do one thing at a time. I typically multi-task and get little done, but this program was so well regimented time-wise, that I was incapable of doing anything that wasn't helpful to me.