

Kent State University
2019 Regents STARTALK Foreign Language Academy (FLA)

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

All Ohio high school students who participate in the Regents STARTALK Foreign Language Academy Summer Session are required to participate in the Academic Year (AY) component, which begins in the Fall. The AY component is funded by the CCP program and therefore all Ohio students must also apply and be admitted to the Kent State University College Credit Plus Program. This program is designed to provide qualified high school students with access to college level coursework. The language courses taken under CCP during the Academy will count toward completing Kent State University language requirements and may also fulfill some high school graduation requirements, if approved by the student's local school district. Upon successful completion of the academic year component of the program, students will receive both high school credit and 4 (four) college credits.

Ohio public school applicants should do the following to ensure CCP eligibility for the AY component (Spring 2020) college credit course:

- Attend the CCP Information night at their high school
- Submit their Letter of Intent form to participate in CCP to their high school by the April 1 deadline.
- Take the ACT or SAT tests (writing portion not required)
- Apply to Kent State University for Spring 2020 CCP by November 1 online via www.kent.edu/ccp - 3.0 minimum HS GPA and 23 or higher ACT composite recommended; must also test remediation free for English and Reading on the ACT.
- For more information on CCP, see <https://www.ohiohighered.org/ccp>

For applicants to FLA who are non-public school students or homeschooled students, they should be encouraged to visit the state CCP website, <https://www.ohiohighered.org/ccp> and must complete the following:

- Letter of Intent to Participate – due to the state by April 1 (form will be released on their website by February 15)
- Apply to Kent State University for Spring 2020 online via www.kent.edu/ccp (our Spring 2020 application should be released shortly – working with admissions to get this up and running)
- Application for CCP Funding – must be submitted to the state. The due date is not yet published.

Out-of-state students should complete only the FLA application forms posted on the FLA website. They cannot participate in the CCP program, which is restricted to Ohio students. Out of state students are not eligible to participate in the Academic Year component of the program and therefore will not receive high school or college credit for the summer component except through a credit-by-exam option.

Foreign Language Academy CCP Admission Requirements

Keep in mind that admission to the CCP program is required of all Ohio students, although admission to CCP does not guarantee admission to the FLA.

The admission requirements for the KSU CCP program include:

- Students should have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher;
- Either the ACT or SAT test is *required* for admission to CCP. A preferred minimum ACT composite of 21 (SAT of 1130). . Student who have not taken the ACT or SAT may still apply to the FLA, provided they are scheduled to take the ACT or SAT or are willing to take the ACT at Kent State University during the summer session of the Academy. (The test fee will be paid by the FLA and the score will be valid only for Kent State.)

Additional admission requirements for the Foreign Language Academy include:

- Since the languages offered in the Academy are generally not taught in the high schools, the Academy expects a “B” average or better in any English or foreign language courses taken, although exceptions can be made.
- Academy students cannot be native speakers or heritage speakers of any of the languages offered in the academy.
- A recommendation from a foreign language teacher or other professional dealing with language programs at the high school is required.
- A recommendation from a high school counselor is required.
- A short (3-5 paragraph) essay in which you discuss why you wish to be in this program, the language you would most like to study, and what you hope to gain from participation is required.

Questions regarding FLA or CCP Requirements

Students, parents or counselors with questions about the KSU CCP admissions requirements can contact the Office of Alternative Credit and Articulation Agreements at 330-672-3743. Students, parents or counselors with questions about FLA admissions requirements can contact Robin Kovacs at 330-672-1799.