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new opportunities • fall 2022



The Williams School

Independent • College Prep • Day School • Grades 6 - 12
on the campus of Connecticut College

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Please note that this preview will be updated and re-published as we continue to enhance the details of this program for its launch this fall 2022.

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STUDENTS WILL GAIN

Highly regarded College Prep Curriculum and Student Life at Williams

PLUS

Higher education experience at Connecticut College

STUDENTS WILL ACHIEVE

Williams Diploma

PLUS

Connecticut College Transcript with four courses & corresponding credits

Williams' College Counseling office will include the College Acceleration Program distinction when advocating for students during the college process.



STUDENTS WILL SUCCEED

Matriculating in four Connecticut College Courses
over their Junior and Senior years

TIMELINE

Application process begins in Spring of Sophomore Year
First students to join this program will be members of the Class of 2024.

PREPARATION

Participating students are required to join a
Williams/Connecticut College Summer Orientation Program
prior to their Junior year to prepare accordingly.



CANDIDATE EXPECTATIONS

Candidates for this program must uphold Scholarship, Character, and Community standards based on Williams' Philosophy, Mission, and Policies – serving as exemplary members of the school community.

APPLICATION PROCESS

The Williams School will select up to 10 qualified juniors each year to enter the College Acceleration Program.

Application details for the 2022-2023 Acceleration Program are forthcoming.

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TUITION

The tuition cost for this program will be split equally by The Williams School and the enrolled student. The student cost per course is \$1,500 and payment must be submitted directly to The Williams School by July 1st.

SERVICES

- Summer orientation program in early August for College Acceleration Program participants to include:
 - College culture and protocols relevant to participating Williams students (e.g., office hours, etc.)
 - Introduction to research and resources - process, library, research librarians
 - College curriculum overview, counseling on course selection, and Conn's learning management system
 - Introduction to college writing
- Support from Connecticut College's Registrar's office
- Official transcript for all courses completed
- Guaranteed participation as Special Day Student status with the ability to enroll in up to four courses over two years – to be chosen from no fewer than 50 different courses available to Williams students.
 - *The ability to enroll in any specific course will depend on the nature of the course, the enrollment cap on the class, and Williams students are not guaranteed a place in any specific course.*

Q & A

How will this new program impact members of the Class of '23 interested in applying to the New London or Williams Scholars programs or students who would like to take less than four Connecticut College courses?

Williams will continue to offer the New London Scholars and Williams Scholars programs, which allow qualified seniors to take one Connecticut College course during their senior year.

Will Williams students be commingled with Connecticut College students in these courses?

Yes! The inclusive environment at both schools empowers students to make connections with their peers and professors at Connecticut College alongside those fostered at Williams.

Q & A

Do college courses replace courses in a regular Williams curricula or are they taken in addition to a regular curricula?

All Acceleration Program courses are taken in addition to required courses at Williams. We will work with students to create a balanced and reasonable schedule of courses each year.

How many college credits per semester can a student earn?

All courses that students take at Connecticut College will be one-semester in length and depending on the course can range from 3-4 credits per course.

Q & A

Are students required to meet a grade point average threshold to remain in the program?

No, grade point averages will not be considered; however, students must maintain A/B grades on both their Williams report card and Connecticut College transcript to continue in the Acceleration Program.

Can students participate in both the Interdisciplinary Certificate program *and* the College Acceleration program?

Yes, students may apply to both programs and providing they are accepted may participate in both programs. Students are advised on their course selection with their faculty advisor and can find additional support from the College Counseling Office and the Assistant Head of School for Teaching & Learning to best inform their decision.

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Questions?

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