



International Programs **High School Plus**

What is High School Plus?

The High School Plus program allows international students to:

- **Fast Track:** Enter college before finishing high school and graduate from university at least one year earlier than your high school classmates.
- **Save Time and Money:** Get a Washington State high school diploma plus earn transferable university credit at the same time. Take classes that count for both high school and university transfer!
- **Two Degrees:** Earn two degrees for the price and time of one. Graduate in just two years with a high school diploma plus a university transfer associate degree. Program typically requires no additional time.*

*Depending on assessment and placement, students may need to take non-transferable, developmental classes. Students may also need to take a non-transferable class to complete the Culminating Project requirement.

Who Takes Green River's High School Plus Program?

- Students who haven't yet finished high school and want to start their college study in the US.
- Mature, motivated students who are prepared for a challenging academic environment.
- High school exchange students studying in the US, Canada, Australia, the UK or New Zealand who want to continue their education in the US.
- Students who don't want to spend their final year studying for their national university entrance exams and prefer to study in the US.

How Does the High School Plus Program Work?

Students must complete all remaining course requirements set by the State of Washington for a high school diploma as well as the following additional requirements:

- **Culminating Project:** Can be fulfilled by taking a designated 3 credit class at Green River.
- **Educational Plan:** Your assigned advisor will work one-on-one with you to build your plan.
- **SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test) or Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL).** Required for graduation, not admission.

Transcript Evaluation: Student must submit high school transcripts (not required for admission purposes), including ninth grade, translated into English. A faxed copy of transcripts is acceptable for preliminary evaluation and class planning (official transcripts are required for graduation). Our High School Plus evaluators assess your transcripts for previously completed classes and let you know how many classes you will need to complete at Green River to get your high school diploma. Most students can fulfill high school requirements by completing six classes.

English Proficiency: High School Plus classes are academic classes. You must meet English proficiency requirements in order to begin academic classes. You may need to enroll in our Intensive English Language Program if you have not met the approved English proficiency requirements (see English Proficiency Requirement that follows).

Academic Planning: Upon meeting the English proficiency requirements, you will work with your assigned international student advisor to develop an individual academic plan. This plan includes the classes you need for High School Plus and your primary academic goal (i.e. Associate Degree or University Transfer). With careful class selection, you can take classes that count toward both your high school diploma and university transfer. The High School Plus evaluators track your progress each quarter and inform you and your advisor of what completion requirements you have remaining.

Graduation: After completing the program requirements, apply for graduation. An official evaluation must be completed prior to graduation. Students must submit one official copy of high school transcripts, including ninth grade, translated into English, in a sealed envelope to International Programs. Faxed copies are not accepted. Program graduates receive a State of Washington high school diploma.

Transfer to Universities: Experienced academic advisors assist in class selection and university transfer planning to top US universities.

Program Eligibility

- Applicants must be a minimum of 16 years of age
- Students are not eligible if they already completed high school and received a diploma in their home country or the U.S.
- * Highly recommended: Only one year of high school remaining at time of enrollment.

Admission

International Student Admission Application

1. One admission application form is used to apply for all intended programs of study.
 - Select HIGH SCHOOL PLUS for your intended program of study and any other programs that may relate to your studies at Green River (Example: UNIVERSITY TRANSFER).
 - Indicate subject (major) plan of study. On the I-20 issued by Green River, both the primary program of study/major and the remark “Student’s course of study at GRCC will include GRCC High School Plus Program” will appear.
2. US \$50 application fee
3. Financial statement (bank statement)
4. Transcripts of any high school attended including ninth grade
- * When applying for an F-1 student visa, bring our Green River brochure and refer to page four.

English Proficiency: Students qualify for direct admission into our academic program if they meet one our approved English Proficiency requirements: TOEFL 61/173/500, IELTS of 5.5 with no band lower than 4.5, or academic placement on Green River’s English placement test. US high school exchange students who provide their US high school transcripts prior to orientation are eligible to take our academic placement test. Students who have not demonstrated proficiency are required to take the Intensive English Language Program before starting academic classes.

Housing

International students may choose to live with a host family, or if they are 17 years of age or older, they can live in our on-campus housing. For housing placement, submit the following:

1. Housing application
2. US \$300 Housing Placement fee

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