

Seton Hall University Project Acceleration

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Who can participate in the Project Acceleration program?

A: Juniors and seniors in good standing who are capable of completing Honors or AP coursework may participate in the Project Acceleration program. All of the necessary pre-requisites must be met in order for students to enroll in the class. These classes are college-level classes and will be treated as such.

Q: What courses can I take to earn Seton Hall University credits?

A: For the 2021-2022 school year, students can earn both Seton Hall University credits and Pompton Lakes High School credits for six courses. For Sociology, Creative Writing, Astronomy, and Introduction to Education, students will earn 2.5 credits at PLHS and 3 credits at SHU. For Calculus, students will earn 5 credits at PLHS and 4 credits at SHU. For Anatomy and Physiology, students will earn 5 credits at PLHS and 4 credits for each semester at SHU.

Q: How much will Project Acceleration cost?

A: Students who choose to enroll in Project Acceleration will receive a discounted rate on credits. Regular Seton Hall tuition is \$1360 per credit. However, the cost for high school students is \$100 per credit. Thus, a student who chooses to enroll in this program will pay \$300 for Sociology, Creative Writing, Astronomy, and Introduction to Education and \$400 for Calculus. For Anatomy and Physiology, the total will be \$800 paid in two installments of \$400 each.

Q: How many credits can a student earn through the Project Acceleration program?

A: A student may earn a maximum of 22 credits. This cumulative credit amounts to more than one full semester of college courses! Students may enroll in a maximum of 2 courses per semester. Students must earn a C or better to receive SHU credit. Credit will not be issued and money will not be refunded for grades less than a C.

Q: Can I stay in the class if I choose not to participate in the Project Acceleration program?

A: Yes, but you will not receive SHU credits if you are not enrolled in Project Acceleration. Project Acceleration students may be required to complete additional assignments to enhance the rigor of the class.

Q: What is the difference between Advanced Placement and Project Acceleration?

A: Both AP (Advanced Placement) classes and Project Acceleration classes provide students with the opportunity to earn college credits before graduating from high school. Students enrolled in AP classes can choose to register for AP tests. Based on the scores of this test, some colleges will award college credits. Furthermore, AP classes are designated on high school transcripts and receive additional weight when calculating the GPA.

For Project Acceleration, college credit is awarded if the student earns a C or better for the course. This grade is based on multiple assessments over a school year or a semester. For Project Acceleration, classes will not be indicated as college-level classes on the high school transcript. Moreover, additional weight will not be given to these grades. All recognition and credit for Project Acceleration work will be indicated on the Seton Hall transcript. Upon graduation, students can request to have their SHU transcript sent to the college of their choosing.

Q: How will Seton Hall credits benefit me if I choose to go to a college or university other than Seton Hall?

A: Seton Hall University credits can be transferred to hundreds of colleges and universities. Furthermore, in 1986 an Act was passed that requires all public institutions of higher learning in NJ to accept SHU credits for Project Acceleration students. Seton Hall University credits will not be listed on PLHS transcripts. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that these transcripts are sent directly from Seton Hall University. A small fee is required to send these transcripts. Furthermore, the institution receiving the SHU credit has the right to count the credits as it deems fit. In other words, these credits may or may not count towards major requirements. They may count as elective credits instead.

Q: Where can I get more information?

A: Please visit the SHU Project Acceleration website at <http://www.shu.edu/academics/artsci/project-acceleration>.