



## **ADVISING SERVICES**

### **“TIPS” FOR RUNNING START STUDENTS**

#### **Prepare for Running Start**

- Running Start is a terrific opportunity to complete high school graduation requirements and possibly earn a two-year degree.
- Have a purpose - why are you doing Running Start, what are you wanting to get from the program?
- Prepare to lead communication between your high school, parent/guardian, and Clark College.

#### **High school graduation requirements**

- Know your high school graduation status by meeting with your high school counselor regularly.
- Meet with a Running Start Advisor at Clark to incorporate your high school graduation requirements.
- High school district equivalency guides are updated annually and are available on the Running Start website ([www.clark.edu/runningstart](http://www.clark.edu/runningstart)). Always consult your high school list when choosing courses.

#### **Degree planning**

- Running Start students who want to earn a transfer degree at Clark College, will need to complete 90 units of college level coursework. Which requires 15 units of college level coursework for 6 terms. Summers are not eligible for Running Start funding.
- Clark College offers transfer degrees, non-transfer degrees, and certificates. Most Running Start students pursue transfer degrees because they coordinate the best with your high school graduation requirements, and they lead you into a bachelor's program at a four year institution.
- Students interested in Business, Healthcare, or STEM degrees should prepare to take additional amount of math and science courses. Having math placement in your Junior year at Clark is essential if you plan to pursue one of these paths.

#### **Time Management**

- Be prepared to balance your class schedule at the high school with your courses at Clark College

- If you participate in high school sports, clubs, band/choir, and other extracurricular activities, you will need to set aside specific time for your homework.
- For every credit you take a Clark College expect about two hours of homework and studying outside of class each week. For example, if you are taking 15 college credits, you will receive about 30 hours of work outside of class each week.

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