



## **A Strong Start for the Concurrent Enrollment Program at Boise State University for the 2009-2010 School Year**

As the school year gets started, high school students will find more concurrent enrollment opportunities at their high schools. Here is a list of the new classes added and the high schools offering them for this academic school year 2009-2010:

- > Sociology 101, Mountain Home High School
- > Latin 211 and 211 at Eagle, Meridian and Mountain View High Schools
- > English 101, Centennial, Capital, and Weiser High Schools
- > American National Government at Ontario High School
- > Physics 101, Capital High School
- > Geology 100, Mountain View High School
- > Chemistry 101 at Timberline High School

Concurrent enrollment is a collaborative partnership between high schools and Boise State to provide college courses for high school students, who simultaneously earn high school and college credits for the pre-approved courses.

Boise State's program is starting on its 11th year, and these new classes signal its continued growth, according to director Fabiola Juarez-Coca. "More and more students are taking advantage of the opportunity to get an early start on college," said Juarez-Coca.

Concurrent enrollment offers a wide variety of classes, from art to biology, foreign language to political science. Credit from these general academic classes can be applied to any degree a student chooses upon entering college. The credits are also transferable to all Idaho colleges and universities, and most institutions outside of the state.

There are a number of incentives for students to participate. For example, they can earn almost one full year worth of college credits through the program at a much reduced-cost. The students pay \$65 per credit, meaning that a typical 3-4 credit class costs them \$195-\$260. The same class would average about \$908 if they were enrolled as a part-time college student this year.

Along with the benefit of college credits, high school students have access to the Boise State library for research, campus events, the Writing Center, tutoring labs, and are issued a student ID card and an e-mail account.

"An additional benefit is that participating students can be introduced to rigorous college work in a comfortable environment – their own high school classroom – and earn credit without driving to the university," said Juarez-Coca.

Trained high school teachers oversee the courses, and several of those teachers report that enrolling in a concurrent enrollment class for dual credit often changes a student's perspective on school and gives them the confidence to continue on to college.

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