

Georgian Court University

Course Ahead

*For Catholic High School Students to
Earn College Credits*



GEORGIAN COURT UNIVERSITY
THE MERCY UNIVERSITY OF NEW JERSEY

The Course Ahead program allows high-achieving Catholic high school juniors and seniors capable of meeting an increased challenge the opportunity to earn college credit through special high school courses.

Georgian Court University has evaluated select courses in participating Catholic high schools and has approved the faculty, syllabi, and textbooks for college credit. Additionally, select courses may be offered online and taught by GCU faculty.

Policies & Procedures

Fees and Payment

The nonrefundable fee for each Course Ahead class is \$222. Payment should be made by check to Georgian Court University. Do not make checks payable to your high school unless instructed to do so.

Course Withdrawal

If you choose to withdraw from a course, you must notify your high school Course Ahead advisor and the Course Ahead coordinator at Georgian Court University within the first two weeks of high school classes.

Grading

The grades you receive for Course Ahead classes are recorded on official Georgian Court University transcripts and adhere to the university system.

Transcripts

To request a GCU transcript, fill out the transcript request form and submit to the Office of the Registrar with a \$12 check.

Grades are reported as follows:

Grade	Numerical Equivalent
A	95 and above
A-	90–94
B+	87–89
B	83–86
B-	80–82
C+	77–79
C	73–76
C-	70–72
D+	65–69
D	60–64
F	59 or below
INC	Incomplete
W	Withdrew

Student Responsibilities

- A Course Ahead application is to be completed and submitted to the high school guidance department by the stipulated date, which must be within the first two weeks of the academic semester.
- A high school transcript must be requested and submitted with application.
- The student must earn a grade of C or better in order to remain in the program.
- The student pays a tuition fee of \$222 for each course.
- It is the responsibility of the student to check that credits for Course Ahead courses are acceptable for transfer to individual institutions.
- For online courses, students will be provided with access to our online learning platform, Blackbaud, and expected to purchase class materials as selected by GCU faculty.

High School Responsibilities

- Only highly qualified juniors and seniors should be recommended to participate.
- The high school faculty member must be approved by the GCU department chair and possess a master's degree in the discipline in which she/he would be instructing.
- A course outline must be prepared that adheres to the departmental course syllabus. It is preferential to use a GCU textbook, however, an alternate textbook may be used. Submit outline and text to the GCU academic department chair for approval.
- A GCU faculty member from the appropriate academic department will visit the class during the semester to observe.
- The high school instructor will submit grade reports to the Course Ahead coordinator at the end of the course.

University Responsibilities

- High school applicants for Course Ahead will be considered on the basis of their instructor/counselor's recommendation and their academic record.
- GCU department chairs will evaluate the syllabus, text, and credentials submitted by the high school instructor.
- A faculty member from the appropriate academic department will visit the Course Ahead class during the semester to observe.
- Depending upon the course, 3 or 4 university credits will be awarded upon the student's successful completion.
- Students participating in Course Ahead will have an official transcript maintained by Georgian Court University.
- No credits will be awarded to students in retrospect.

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Course Ahead Program
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ADM:
Student ID #:

Course Ahead Application for Catholic High School Students

Please complete, sign, and submit this application and \$222 per Course Ahead course (check payable to Georgian Court University) to the Office of Admissions at Georgian Court University. Request a copy of your official high school transcript to be sent to the Office of Admissions. Upon receipt of these documents, we will review your application and register you for your Course Ahead classes. After the student is admitted and the course begins, the tuition fee is non-refundable. If payment is not remitted by the announced deadline, the student will be automatically withdrawn.

Please print and complete the entire application.

Name _____ Male Female
First Middle Initial Last

Mailing Address _____
Street Address

_____ City State Zip Code

Parent/Legal Guardian Name _____

Address (if different from above) _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ E-mail _____

Date of Birth _____ Social Security Number _____

High School _____ School Phone Number _____

Year of Graduation _____ Guidance Counselor _____

I plan to participate in Course Ahead Fall of 20____ Spring of 20____ online on-site at my school

Course # and Title	Instructor	Credits
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

I am aware of the procedures and responsibilities associated with the Course Ahead program.

Student Signature Date

Parent Signature Date

Instructor Signature Date

Guidance Counselor Signature Date

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