

COLLEGE PREP

Course & Resource Overview



The 5 C's Before Graduation

ICS Students are encouraged to focus on the 5 C's before graduation...

- **COURSES** = 26.5 course credits
- **COMMUNITY SERVICE** = 40 hrs
- **CAPSTONE** = project + 15 hrs min
- **CLUBS & ACTIVITIES @ ICS**
- **COLLEGE PREP** = 10 steps

Students should always focus on the 5 C's in order to graduate as a well-rounded student:

- **Courses** = 26.5 course credits overall, meeting category requirements
- **Community Service** = 40 service hours minimum, not including yearly SALT trips
- **Capstone** = complete project with 15 service hours minimum, these hours can count toward community service
- **Clubs and Activities** = colleges like when students participate and contribute to their school in non-academic ways
- **College Prep** = earn 0.5 credit for completing all 10 steps in *College Prep*



No Senior Surprise

- We want students @ ICS to start thinking about their future in college and career as early as possible
- CP simplifies the process of career choice and college applications
 - Into 10 easy steps
 - Students work through each step over high school years
 - Resources available online

Some students get to their senior year of high school not prepared for life after ICS – some not having an idea of career, college, major, not to mention how they will be able to meet the academic challenges of college and upcoming transitions to college and career! Counselors often talk to students who haven't given much thought to what makes them unique, who they want to be, available careers, colleges that offer desired majors, let alone how to apply to college and what will be expected of them once they get there.

There is a trend in the US to make college prep mandatory in their high schools so ICS is ahead of the game by having our own requirements! By the time our students get to their senior year, they will have thought of the important questions of WHO they are, WHERE they are going and WHY, and be ready to think about HOW to transition to their new environment.

No one can predict what career they want to do for the rest of their lives, but at should students at least THINK about their options now before they spend years of time and money possibly moving in the wrong direction! This awareness of 'senior surprise' prompted Mr Jamie to continue working on an idea of encouraging students to start thinking about college and career early in their high school years and make it easily accessible online; this produced the version of CP as we know it today.

It's good to start thinking about all of this as soon as students enter high school!

CP9 COLLEGE PREP - GRADE 9



This first online course will help you take a close look at your personal interests, strengths and abilities that make you a unique individual. Once you recognize them, you can investigate the various careers that match your personality. Personal characteristics discovered in this course is not only important for your career search but information you will want to share when you complete college applications in CP12.

Remember: The steps in these online College Prep courses are to help you learn about who you are and available careers that may be suited to you, not to inform you what you should do... that's YOUR decision!

CP10 COLLEGE PREP - GRADE 10



After completing CP9 you are ready to dig deeper into *Job Profiles*, learning more about the job you hope to have one day. This course is also a good opportunity to review what is needed to graduate from High School so you can eventually attend college!

Remember: You are not limited to the resources offered in these College Prep courses... there's a whole world of resources offered on the Internet so make sure this is just the starting point of your journey to college and career!

One Step at a Time

- **STEPS 1-2**
 - Discover strengths and abilities
 - Careers that match personality
- **STEPS 3-4**
 - Research selected career
 - Review graduation requirements
- **STEPS 5-7**
 - Explore colleges and majors
 - Preparing college application
- **STEPS 8-10**
 - Methods of applying to college
 - Transition and Finding the Job

ICS has taken a process that seems to get more complicated every year and try to make it a simple 10 step process. Students can complete a total of 10 steps from grades 10-12, either in the classroom or online. If they choose the online format, they can complete the reading and assignments at their own pace, at any time and from anywhere.

CP Course Content

- **Every step in the process contains:**
 - **Assignment & Quiz**
 - **Submitted online**
- **Online *Counseling Resources* provides info anywhere @ anytime**
 - **Links to Web resources**
 - **Access to *Common App* and *Cialfo***
 - **Calendar of ICS college events**
 - **After-school program opportunities**
 - **Manuals and school forms**

To make sure students are understanding the content and process, we offer the *College Prep* course which contains assignments and quizzes for each step.

- Every step contains at least one assignment
 - Students open the assignment and rubric
 - Assignments put into practice what students learn in the reading/resources
 - When assignment is done it is uploaded online
- Every step contains at least one quiz
 - Tests knowledge of the reading/resources in the step
 - Can start the quiz at any time
 - When done, the computer grades and displays correct answers

Counseling Resources include information such as:

- Web resources
- College visitation calendar
- Posting of summer programs, internships, workshops and other opportunities
- Access to other school programs (such as *Common App* and *Cialfo*)
- Downloadable school manuals and forms

Login to eLearning

ACCESS THE INTERNET
Connect to ICS-BYOD on campus
Open browser *other than Chrome*
ELEARNING.ICS.AC.TH

ACCESS COUNSELING RESOURCES
Select any **RESOURCE** from home page, or
Select **LOGIN** at top right
Login as GUEST

LOGIN TO COLLEGE PREP COURSE
Select **COLLEGE PREP** from home page
**Login via your Student Account
with one-time CP Enrollment Key for
the CP course and all resources**
(ask your Counselor for the key)

All students and parents of all grades have access to online *Counseling Resources* by logging in as **Guest**. Once users login as Guest, they have access to all resources except the *College Prep* course.

Students who are enrolled in *College Prep* are required to submit assignments and complete quizzes. CP students have their own account and must enter an enrollment key in order to access the course assignment and quizzes from the home page.

We're Here to Help!

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