

## YOUTH OPTIONS PROGRAM

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### **Application Guidelines & Requirements:**

The Youth Options program presents exciting educational options for eligible Wisconsin high school juniors and seniors. By meeting some general requirements and following specific guidelines, you may be able to take university-level courses at UW-Richland, earning both high school and college credit.

What's more, you do not have to pay for a course if your school board determines the course is not comparable to a course offered in the school district.

All public high schools participate in the Youth Options Program. And so, all juniors and seniors who meet the program requirements are eligible.

### **Students who qualify for the program at UW-Richland generally:**

- rank in the top 25% of the high school class
- have a 3.0 grade point average

Exceptions can be made. Students not meeting these requirements may appeal to the Student Services Director for an exception; this appeal should be initiated with the high school guidance counselor.

### **Application procedures include:**

- Complete the standard UW System Application for Admission
- Complete the DPI Youth Options Program Plan & Report
- Arrange for a copy of your high school transcripts to be sent to UW-Richland
- Submit the items listed above to the Office of Student Services. The high school guidance counselor will forward these materials for you.

In situations where a course has been approved for school district payment, your school district business office will submit a purchase order to the UW-R business office as a guarantee of payment; typically this is done at the time tuition/fees are due. You do not have to initiate this action.

### **Important deadlines to note:**

- ❑ Application for fall enrollment should be submitted by: March 1
- ❑ Application for spring enrollment should be submitted by: October 1

### **Additional Considerations:**

- Students are generally limited to two courses (usually 6 credits) per semester, but exceptions may be made.
- YO students are required to take the UW Colleges English & Math Placement Tests prior to registering for English and math courses and for courses requiring certain levels of English and math as prerequisites. There is a fee for this testing.
- Admission to UW-Richland and enrollment in courses is subject to institution and campus enrollment management limits, as well as availability of space in desired classes.
- All institutional and campus rules/regulations apply equally to YOP students.

- All coursework taken by a YOP student is recorded and transcribed as UW-Richland credit. Such coursework becomes part of your permanent university record and may affect subsequent admission to post-secondary institutions.
- You will receive class registration (sign-up) assistance from an academic advisor in the Student Services Office. This helps assure your understanding of your UW-Richland coursework ... and the Youth Options Program.
- As a Youth Options participant, you will have a university identification card and, therefore, access to UW-Richland facilities, including Miller Memorial Library, computer labs, and Symons Recreation Complex.

Need more information? Contact your guidance office, or the UW-Richland Student Services Office. Your Youth Options resource person at UW-Richland is John Poole, Director of Student Services; his E-mail address is [jpoole@uwc.edu](mailto:jpoole@uwc.edu).

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