Parents: Frequently Asked Questions

How large are the classes at the University of Cincinnati and within the College of Education, Criminal Justice and Human Services?

Great question! It really depends on which college the course is offered through and what format the course is taught in. While UC is a large college, many colleges, including CECH, offer moderate sized classes. Some classes at the University of Cincinnati may be as small as 25 students or as large as a 100+ people in a lecture hall. Here at CECH our average class size is 18. So your student can look forward to a smaller class size which facilitates interactive learning, in class discussions and getting to know the faculty in their program. Once a student begins taking their core requirements, many of the classes will be moderately sized.

My child is an education major, what is the concept of cohort and two-tiered admissions?

Education programs have a two-tiered admissions process. Students initially accepted into their academic program in CECH have successfully completed the first tier of admissions. Students apply to the second tier of admissions, something we call their professional cohort, during the spring semester of their second year. In order to apply to cohort, students must meet certain criteria. Students can determine what the criteria are for their cohort by speaking with their advisor and by looking on their program profile. Upon acceptance into a professional cohort, students have successfully completed the second tier of admissions and may progress through the education program. Entrance into the professional cohort is competitive so we urge students to meet regularly with their advisor to make sure they are on track for this application and have taken care of all the minimum requirements necessary.

So what exactly is cohort?

Cohort is described as the last two years of a student’s academic program in teacher education. The cohort coursework consists of students teaching methods coursework, field experiences, in addition to a few courses that they did not complete prior to entering their cohort. Students can bring a limited amount of pre-cohort coursework into the cohort, so they work closely with advisors to determine if they are on track to apply to their cohort. Students accepted into a professional cohort will progress through the program together and take the same coursework together.
Will my child only take classes in CECH? What about different minors and certificates?

Students will take core major specific courses in CECH; we work closely with McMicken Arts and Sciences where our students take general education or liberal arts classes. CECH offers several certificates and electives. In addition, many of the colleges here at the University of Cincinnati have options for minors and certificates. If a student would like to take a minor or certificate in another college while a student in CECH we help connect them with the college to explore what requirements they will need to fulfill. Here at CECH we support opportunities for self-discovery and continuous learning; therefore, we often advise students on different academic options to supplement their degree program.

What type of support can the Student Services Center offer my child?

The staff in the Student Services Center is very knowledgeable about CECH and the University of Cincinnati system. As advisors we offer academic support, provide access to resources, and help students navigate the university system. If a student is unsure where to go for a question, they can always contact our office and we will assist them in locating the resource they need. If we don’t know the answer, we will find it for the student.

What if my child gets off track or transfers into CECH from a different major?

When students transfer or get off track with their coursework it is very important that they meet as soon as possible with their advisor to work up an academic timeline to determine what they need to take to get on track and if there has been any delay to their graduation date. Advisors will work individually with students to plan the most expedient route to graduation. In addition, many different majors have their own requirements that may not match perfectly with the program they have chosen in CECH. Advisors work very closely with students to ensure that they are aware of the new and/or remaining requirements for their degree program so they can take advantage of extra classes offered during the semester and/or summer coursework to avoid a delay in their graduation.

How many hours should a student take each semester to be considered on track for a major within CECH?

Our programs are based on students taking approximately 15 credit hours or 5 courses a semester in order to stay on track. We have resources in our office and on our student services website under the Student Resources link that students can use to help them plan their next four years of coursework.
Does CECH accept post-secondary or advanced placement credit?
Of course! Students simply need to send their AP scores and/or transcripts when they apply to the University of Cincinnati. Once the credit is analyzed and awarded advisors will then determine how the courses will apply to the student’s degree program.

Can I contact the Student Services Center if I have questions or concerns regarding my child?
Yes and no. According to the The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 FERPA Student’s must first grant permission for their parent, guardian, or loved one to receive information regarding their academic record. Please see the registrar’s information on FERPA for details. If a student has granted permission for us to release information pertaining to their academic record, then we would be more than willing to answer any questions you may have.

How will my child know what to take each semester?
Students meet with their advisor each semester to review their academic progress and to plan for the upcoming semester. Students also review a program profile or degree audit at each appointment that will list completed coursework and remaining coursework. By using this tool, student can determine which requirements they have not yet taken and begin to plan for the upcoming semester.

Are there any scholarship opportunities for students in CECH?
CECH awards scholarship money to students every year. Please refer to our Scholarship section to find out more information about scholarship opportunities in CECH.

How can students get involved while they are in college?
There are many ways students can get involved with different organizations both here in CECH and around campus. Please refer to our Student Organizations section to learn more about opportunities for student involvement in CECH and UC. A complete listing of student organizations can be found on the website for Student Activities and Leadership Development.