Are dual enrollment students college ready? Evidence from the Wabash National Study of Liberal Arts Education

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Abstract

We examine whether dual enrolled students display greater levels of college readiness than nonparticipants. Advocates assert that dual enrollment improves students’ college readiness, but despite these assertions, few researchers have evaluated this relationship. Moreover, researchers that do consider whether dual enrollment improves college readiness examine this relationship while students participate in dual enrollment or shortly thereafter. Unlike traditional measures of college readiness that tend to emphasize the cognitive domain of college readiness, we use measures that integrate both cognitive and noncognitive domains of college readiness. We find that students who participated in dual enrollment tend to be more college ready than those who did not earn college credit in high school. The exception is that there is no statistical difference between dual enrollees and non-accelerators in their key transition knowledge and skills. The magnitude of the dual enrollment effect is second only to gender.

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With thousands of college students across the country nearing Graduation Day, I think about the incredible liberal arts education I received at the University of Michigan. While the school has a well-respected computer engineering program and a stellar business school, I chose to study Communication and English, two subjects that perhaps do not meet Mr. Bock’s approval. In a career guide designed to help people trying to get a new job, move up in their current one or attract more business or clients to their own business learn to stand out from the competition and promote their talents and assets in the workplace. Whether dual enrollment leads to college success depends on where students study and what they study, according to Cecilia Speroni, a researcher at Mathematica Policy Research and the CCRC. In Florida, high school students need a B average to qualify for dual enrollment in college-level classes. Dual-enrollment students are doing well at Holyoke Community College in Massachusetts, says Matthew Reed, vice president for academic affairs. Yet he has “serious misgivings” about dual-enrollment classes offered at high schools. “When every student in the class is a high school student, I’m not sure that the students are really getting a collegiate level of in-class discussion.” Dedicated to cross-cultural education with a global perspective, the European College for Liberal Studies (ECLS) is an independent private higher education institution with campuses in Europe and Asia. ECLS offers flexible liberal and global studies at the Undergraduate/Bachelor/BA, Graduate/Master/MA and Postgraduate/Doctor/PhD level. Flexible Study Programs. Our flexible study programs are based on the American model of higher education, allowing students to choose their courses based on program requirements, previous studies, current interests and future ambitions. Multiple Starting Dates. Students Sure, engineers earn more, but new study shows that liberal arts college grads are doing just fine and seeing economic mobility -- and that much of what is said about graduates of these programs is not backed by evidence. You’ve read the stories about liberal arts college grads doomed to a life of poverty, paying back their student loans while living in their parents’ basement. And if you’ve been reading Inside Higher Ed, you have read about studies questioning that narrative. Specifically, the report says attending a liberal arts college for most students leads to meaningful economic mobility. “Critics claim that a liberal arts education is worth less than the alternatives, and perhaps not even worth the investment at all. Tags: college academics importance of liberal arts liberal arts liberal arts colleges liberal arts education liberal arts tradition majors and academics. Jun 2017. Sat. 10. How College Students Can Stay Sharp Over Summer Break. -- Previous Post. Nov 2020. Join our community of over 5 million students! CollegeXpress has everything you need to simplify your college search, get connected to schools, and find your perfect fit.