



Excel Opportunities Program



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Thiel's commitment is to prepare high school graduates – through exposure and practice – for their crucial first year of college.

What is Excel Opportunities Program?

Excel is a one-of-a-kind, immersive-learning opportunity that allows you to complete college-level work while preparing for some of the unfamiliar experiences students typically encounter during their first year. Excel Opportunities Program is designed to help you understand your learning strengths, areas for improvement, and where to go for the resources you might need as you successfully transition to college.

- Bridge high school and college with our innovative **SEMS 105: Foundations for Student Success** (3 credit hours).



- Benefit from a team of student peer mentors who are dedicated to helping you adapt to college life, facilitating conversations that link the importance of college and future career goals, and introducing you to the wealth of valuable support services available at Thiel.
- Familiarize yourself with the Thiel and Greenville communities before the start of the fall semester.

Excel Opportunities Program highlights

- Learn to articulate your individual learning strengths and challenges.
- Identify numerous valuable college resources and accommodations that are available to you.
- Experience an introductory college-level class.
- Apply organizational skills needed to succeed in college and identify habits and behaviors to foster success during your first year.
- Consider taking a lighter first semester credit load as you transition to college.
- Partner with an academic coach who will continue to guide and monitor your progress and outcomes.



On average, students who complete Excel

- Finish the fall semester up to one full letter grade higher.
- Earn as many as 10 additional credit hours by the end of their first year.
- Are significantly more likely to achieve academic success heading into their sophomore year.

SEMS 105

Foundations for Student Success topics:

- Thiel technology
- Campus resources
- Making connections in and out of the classroom
- How to study smarter, not harder
- Strategies for acing college-level exams
- Managing time and balancing priorities
- Budgeting finances
- Turning possible setbacks into successes
- Developing healthy habits and relationships
- Understanding and appreciating diversity
- Participating in a community service-learning project

Visit www.thiel.edu/excel to register.

Who Should Attend?

Recent high school graduates preparing to enter Thiel College in the fall



Date

August 3-16, 2024

(fall sports & marching band)

August 10-23, 2024

(general participation)

Cost

\$650* (includes room, board, and activities) is invoiced with fall tuition. (A \$3,000 savings compared to a 3-credit course taken during the semester).

*Limited number of grants are available.



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Excel Opportunities Program students and families weigh in on the benefits.

"Staff and student peer mentors guided me to a successful first year. Coming early, I settled into my dorm and made friends early on while adjusting to class work and getting to know professors. It was a great way to prepare for college life." - Mei W. (student)

"My son got a strong foundation to college, academically and socially, which has created a lasting excitement for life at Thiel. He excelled in all his classes during the school year, and made the Dean's List! It also helped him get involved in campus life early and remain involved in throughout the year." - Heather A. (Parent)

"Our daughter eased into college while orienting herself with the campus and its resources. We also appreciated the college credit she was earning. It was one more way that Thiel helps to ensure the success of their students." - Jim W. (Parent)



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The Excel Opportunities Program is a collaborative effort shared by Academic Affairs and Student Life.