

What is the EXCEL OPPORTUNITIES Program?



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

Excel is a unique, immersive learning experience that allows you to engage in college-level coursework while preparing for the challenges and opportunities of your first year. The Excel Opportunities Program is designed to help you identify your learning strengths, recognize areas for growth, and connect with the resources that will support your transition to college and beyond.

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

- Engage in college-level coursework that helps build essential academic skills and prepare you for the rigors of college learning.
- Learn from experienced peer mentors who will help you navigate college life, connect your education to future goals, and introduce you to the many valuable support services available at Thiel.
- Get a head start by familiarizing yourself with the Thiel College and Greenville communities before the fall semester begins.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover your learning profile by identifying your individual strengths and areas for growth.
- Get to know essential college resources designed to support your success.
- Experience an introductory college-level class and build confidence in your academic abilities.
- Develop key organizational skills and habits that will set you up for a successful first year.
- Explore the benefits of a lighter first-semester course load as you adjust to college life.
- Connect with an academic coach and explore the option to continue personalized support and progress monitoring throughout your transition.



Ready...
Set...
EXCEL!



SEMS 105: Foundations for Student Success

COURSE TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Navigating Thiel technology and essential campus resources
- Building meaningful connections in and out of the classroom
- Effective study strategies to learn smarter, not harder
- Techniques for excelling on college-level exams
- Time management and prioritization for academic and personal success
- Learn financial literacy and budgeting as a college student
- Turning setbacks into opportunities for growth
- Developing healthy habits and building strong relationships
- Understanding and appreciating diversity in a college environment
- Engaging in a community service-learning project

THE EXCEL ADVANTAGE: PROVEN STUDENT SUCCESS

On average, students who complete the Excel Opportunities Program:

- Finish their first fall semester with grades up to one full letter higher
- Earn up to 10 additional credit hours by the end of their first year
- Are significantly more likely to thrive academically and successfully transition into their sophomore year



Visit www.thiel.edu/excel to register.

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

Who Should Attend?

Recent high school graduates preparing to enter Thiel College in the fall and looking for a strong academic and social foundation to start their college journey with confidence.

PROGRAM DATES

August 2-15, 2025

For students participating in fall sports & marching band

August 9-22, 2025

For general participation



COST - \$650

Includes room, board, and activities and is invoiced with fall tuition

A \$3,000 savings compared to taking a 3-credit course during the semester!

A limited number of grants are available!

