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Carver Early College students get early college preview at Georgia State

ATLANTA – Little did they know when they signed up to attend the Carver Early College high school, that their opportunity to experience college classes was going to come quite this early, or that it would include discussions about Hans, the clever horse.



Dr. Chris Goode teaches Psychology 1101 to Carver Early College students who are taking the beginning psychology course for credit under an accelerated program for Early College students.

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But 20 students from the New Schools of Carver's Early College program started classes at Georgia State University (GSU) this week – 10 in beginning English and 10 in beginning Psychology.

And they were very excited about it, most agreeing that they found the whole atmosphere of the college class much more challenging and interesting than their high school classes.

In the Psych 1101 course, the discussion on their second day of class revolved around what visiting lecturer Dr. Chris Goode called "The 'Secret' about Proctor & Gamble's *Secret* deodorant" and the case of Clever Hans, a horse that could answer math, spelling and even history questions by tapping out his responses with his hoof.

The 20 high schoolers are among 97 Early College students in ACCEL, an accelerated program that aims to give students a jump on their post-secondary education by allowing them to earn college credits, while also completing high school.

Program coordinator Kim White says the plan was for all 97 students to begin taking the GSU courses in September 2007. But she says these 20 students were so far along in their high school courses, they were allowed to begin the college credit program this week, at the start of GSU's spring 2007 semester. The remaining 77 students in the Early College accelerated program, said White, will join them in the fall.

Early College Principal Marcene Thornton says ACCEL, partially funded through the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, pays for tuition and mandatory fees and

provides participating students with a book allowance of \$150 – but is limited to those beginning their college courses in the 11th and 12th grades.

Because these 20 students are still 10th graders, said Thornton, Atlanta Public Schools and Georgia State had to fund their early start – with GSU providing free tuition and APS paying other costs – until they reach the 11th-year rank mandated by the ACCEL Program requirements.