

UA Northark Concurrent Enrollment

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What is concurrent enrollment?

The UA Northark Concurrent Enrollment Program allows qualified high school students to enroll in college-level courses that satisfy both high school graduation requirements and college degree requirements. Concurrent enrollment courses are academically equivalent to courses offered by UA Northark for traditional enrollment and are subject to the same learning outcomes, academic standards, and instructional oversight. These courses can be applied toward certificates, associate degrees, and may be transferred to a four-year university.

Courses may be delivered:

- on a high school campus
- on a UA Northark campus
- through approved distance delivery methods such as online courses

What is dual enrollment?

Dual enrollment occurs when a high school student takes college courses for college credit only. The tuition and fees are located on the website: <https://www.northark.edu/tuition-and-fees/>

Who is eligible to participate in the concurrent program?

Students may be eligible to participate in Concurrent Enrollment if they:

- Are enrolled in grades 9–12 at an Arkansas public, private, or approved homeschool program (beginning the fall semester).
- High school cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher.
- Meet UA Northark admission requirements.
- Obtain approval from their high school counselor or other designated school official.
- Meet all course placement requirements and prerequisites.

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Required Placement Scores

High School GPA applies only to Juniors & Seniors

COST TYPE	ACT Scores	Next Generation AccuPlacer	HS GPA (Juniors & Seniors)
 Concurrent	Reading ≥ 19	Reading ≥ 255	Reading Requirement ≥ 3.0 GPA
 English	Reading ≥ 19 Writing ≥ 19	Reading ≥ 255 Writing ≥ 255	Writing Requirement ≥ 3.5 GPA
 General Education Courses	Reading ≥ 19	Reading ≥ 255	Reading Requirement ≥ 3.0 GPA



Does my high school need to be partnered with UA Northark?

Yes, your school must have a signed agreement (MOU) with the University of Arkansas at North Arkansas College.

Are there prerequisites for courses?

Yes. Students must meet placement scores and course requirements. Specific information about course pre-requisites and score requirements can be found in the course descriptions located in the college catalog and on the Search Courses page.

ADMISSIONS and ELIGIBILITY

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What documents are required?

Applicants must provide:

- UA Northark Application
- Enrollment Request Form (student + parent/guardian + high school representative); may be obtained from the HS Counselor or Home School Student should request one from the Concurrent Office – concurrent@northark.edu
- Official high school transcript
- Appropriate ACT or ACCUPLACER scores
- Immunization records (2 MMRs)

How do I enroll in courses?

After acceptance to UA Northark, concurrent students may schedule an advising appointment or work with their high school counselor to determine needed courses.

- During an advising session, advisors will enroll the student in courses. The student is still required to complete a signed Enrollment Request Form.
- An Enrollment Request Form indicating requested courses must be completed and signed by the concurrent student, parent/guardian, and high school representative or home school representative.

What is an advising appointment?

An advising appointment is a scheduled meeting in person or remote with an academic advisor who will help you plan and register for courses. Please note that the academic advisor can advise courses for college degree completion but not high school requirements. The high school counselor is the expert in this field and must be consulted when determining scheduled courses.

What happens during an advising appointment as a concurrent student?

During your appointment, the academic advisor will help you;

- Choose the right classes for your goals (degree, certificate, or transfer, **NOT** high school graduation)
 - This is especially important because you will need approval from your high school counselor or home school representative.
 - Your schedule must align with both high school and college requirements to ensure high school graduation and college program completion.
- Make sure you meet the prerequisites and placement requirements.
- Stay on track for UA Northark graduation.
- Understand policies, deadlines, and academic expectations.

ACADEMICS

How many credit hours can concurrent students take?

Students may enroll in up to 15 credit hours per semester at the reduced rate of \$65 and the A2A Scholarship covers a maximum of 15 hours per semester at the rate of \$65 per credit hour. Students may take more than 15 hours with approval; however, students will be responsible for the additional cost over 15 hours and could be charged the college tuition fee rate on anything above 16 hours.

Do concurrent students need to maintain a certain GPA?

To be in good academic standing, all students must carry the required minimum cumulative grade point average as listed below. Students who fail to meet these standards will be placed on academic probation.

Credit Hours Attempted	Minimum Cumulative Grade Point Average
9-30 hours	1.50
31-45 hours	1.75

46 or more hours

2.00

- Students on academic probation, not achieving the minimum cumulative grade point as stated above, shall be suspended for one semester (excluding summer session) except as noted in #2 below. Students placed on academic suspension for the second time shall be suspended for one year. Students placed on academic suspension for the third time shall be suspended for a three-year period or may appeal.
- Students on academic probation achieving at least a 2.00 grade point average for each semester enrolled will be continued on academic probation until the minimum cumulative grade point is achieved. For any semester when a 2.00 is not achieved, students will be placed on academic suspension.
- Students on current academic suspension at another institution will not be permitted to enroll at North Arkansas College for one semester. After that time, students will enter on academic probation and must achieve the minimum cumulative grade point or be suspended.
- Northark will not accept any transfer credit hours earned during an academic suspension period.

High Schools may require a specific GPA to continue taking concurrent courses. Students will permanently lose A2A eligibility if a student does not have a 2.5 GPA for two semesters during their concurrent enrollments. The semesters do not have to be consecutive.

Do concurrent students receive college credit?

Yes. Students earn college credit for classes completed successfully at UA Northark. All completed UA Northark courses will be transcribed regardless of success.

COSTS AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION

How much does concurrent enrollment cost?

Arkansas public school students in grades 9 through 12 (beginning the fall semester) may concurrently enroll in up to 15 credit hours each semester and 30 credit hours each academic year at no cost to the student as a result of the Arkansas ACCESS Act of 2025 (A2A) if student is eligible.

Arkansas Private and Home School Students in grades 9 through 12 are eligible for the ACCESS to Acceleration Scholarship (A2A) which is \$65 per credit hour. Students are responsible for any remaining costs. Home school students are encouraged to use their Arkansas Educational Freedom Account (EFA) funds. Please wait until approximately the 5th week of class to allow time for your bill to be adjusted to include A2A. Visit the ADHE ACCESS to Acceleration Scholarship (A2A) webpage for details, renewal criteria, and frequently asked questions.

Can I receive Federal financial aid?

No. Concurrent students are not eligible for federal financial aid.

Is ACCESS to Acceleration (A2A) a new name for the Concurrent Challenge Scholarship?

No, A2A has replaced the repealed Concurrent Challenge which previously allowed for \$125 per course for up to two concurrent high school courses. It now pays \$65 per credit hour for up to 15 hours per semester or 30 hours per year if students maintain eligibility. Receiving A2A funding can affect future Challenge Scholarship awards.

How much A2A funding are students able to receive for concurrent courses?

Students who are eligible for the A2A scholarship shall be awarded in the amount of \$65 per concurrent credit course hour in which the eligible student is enrolled, for a maximum of 15 concurrent credit course hours per semester and 30 concurrent credit hours per academic year (Fall, Spring, and Summer). Not to exceed \$2,000 in an academic year.

What grade levels are eligible to receive A2A funding?

Arkansas high school students (public, private, and home school) in grades 9-12 (beginning the fall semester) are eligible to receive A2A funding if eligibility requirements are maintained. However, tuition responsibility may vary depending on the student's school type and whether the course meets credit approval requirements.

Who is eligible for A2A funding?

Basic Eligibility Criteria

An applicant must:

- *Be a high school student, classified as a freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior as of the fall semester*
- *Be an Arkansas resident or, if the student is less than twenty-one (21) years of age, either the student or one (1) parent of the student is an Arkansas resident*
- *Be enrolled in a concurrent course*
- *Not enrolled in a vocational center where the student's enrollment is reimbursable under § 6-51-305*
- *Meet all established requirements for concurrent enrollment courses set by the Division of Higher Education.*

Continuing Eligibility Criteria

- *A student is eligible to continue to receive the scholarship if the student successfully completes a concurrent credit course(s) with a minimum GPA of 2.50 (GPA does NOT include high school grades).*
- *A student who fails to complete a concurrent credit course is eligible to retake the class one additional time. If the student fails or withdraws the second time, they are no longer eligible*

to take that class but may continue taking concurrent courses provided the GPA remains above a 2.5.

- *If a student fails to maintain a **2.5 GPA after two semesters**, they are no longer eligible to receive the A2A scholarship.*

Do students have to apply for A2A through the SAMS portal?

No, the institution where the student is enrolled will apply on the student's behalf. Home school students are responsible for paying the concurrent rate and may request EFA funds for reimbursement.

How will we inform students that the amounts are deducted from Challenge?

Beginning with the high school graduating class of 2028, credit hours paid for by the A2A scholarship will be subtracted from a student's total eligibility for the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship in 30-hour increments. Students can use A2A to pay for 29 credit hours without any change to eligibility for Academic Challenge Scholarship.

TRANSFER AND CREDIT

How do I know which courses will transfer to other colleges?

Most general education courses will transfer to other colleges in the state of Arkansas. If you plan to transfer, it is recommended that you schedule an advising session with an UA Northark advisor by calling 870-391-3115. Additional information can be found on the ADHE ACTS website.

If I don't attend UA Northark after high school, will my credits transfer to other colleges?

Most general education courses transfer to Arkansas public colleges through the Arkansas Course Transfer System (ACTS). Please click on the [ACTS](#) link for more information.

Students will have access to their official UA Northark transcript with their courses and grades to send to any other college or university. If a student is concerned about their courses transferring to another institution, it is best practice to contact the college or university you are interested in attending and ask about transfer credits. Most universities will have a "Transfer Equivalency" portion of their website that provides students the ability to look up the courses they took at another university to determine transfer equivalency.

Each university has their own policy regarding transfer credit. If credit is not accepted as a transfer credit at another university, it is likely that the school does not have an equivalent course code or has a limited amount of electives that students are allowed to transfer in.

How do I send my transcript?

After graduation, request an official transcript from UA Northark's [Registrar's office](#) to send to your college or university.

ORIENTATION AND STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Is orientation required?

Yes. First-time concurrent students enrolling in courses must attend and complete an online orientation. A student must complete the orientation to enroll in future semesters.

What will orientation cover?

- Academic expectations, important policies- including FERPA
- Student resources and support services available to help you succeed
- How to communicate effectively using college tools and systems

How do I find my UA Northark Student ID?

Once you are accepted, you will receive an acceptance letter and an email that includes your student ID number.

Where can I get a student ID?

After enrolling in courses, you may pick up your physical student ID card in our Admissions office.

How do I find my grades?

To view your mid-term and final grades, log into myNorthark and select grades tab. Current grades will be located in the Canvas course.

Will UA Northark release my grades to my parents?

Only if you have completed a FERPA release. The Enrollment Request Form does provide a FERPA release. If you do not want to release your information to a parent/guardian, please contact the Registrar's Office.

Will my grades be a part of my permanent record?

Yes. Any grades you earn as a concurrent student at UA Northark will be a part of your official, permanent college record.

ENROLLMENT AND DEADLINES

When should I enroll?

It is recommended to work closely with your high school counselor to complete your admission file and enroll as soon as possible because courses fill up quickly. Registration dates will be posted on the UA Northark website.

Typically, registration for Fall courses begin the first week of April. Spring and Summer course registration usually begins the first week of November.

When is the last day to enroll?

The official last day to enroll in courses is typically the first week of classes. However, waiting this long puts you at risk of not being able to get the classes that you want/need.

Where are classes held?

Courses may be offered:

- On the UA Northark campuses
- At your high school
- Online
- Live Online

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Can I earn a degree while in high school?

Yes. With appropriate planning, students may complete certificates or associate degrees before graduating high school.

What happens if I don't meet academic requirements?

Students who do not maintain the required GPA may be ineligible to continue in the concurrent program, may be placed on academic probation or suspension and could jeopardize future financial aid including the A2A Scholarship.

How do I access my email?

Email (Office 365)

☐ Go to www.northark.edu/mail • Email format: username@my.northark.edu • Password: p-StudentID + last 2 digits of birth year

Example: Name: John Doe Student ID: 0123456 Birth Year: 1990 Username: jdoe456 Email: jdoe456@my.northark.edu Password: p-012345690

(If you have a suffix like Jr, it becomes part of the username: jdoejr456)

How do I access Canvas and what is Canvas?

Canvas is the learning management system for your courses. Most instructors use Canvas to post grades, assignments, lectures, etc. All online courses and course materials are located in Canvas.

Canvas (Coursework, Assignments, Grades)

☐ Go to northark.instructure.com • Username: first initial + last name + last 3 digits of Student ID • Email: username@my.northark.edu • Password: p-StudentID + last 2 digits of birth year

Where can I find my schedule? What is myNorthark?

myNorthark is where your schedule, final grades and unofficial transcript is located.

MyNorthark (Schedule, Unofficial Transcript, Final Grades)

☐ Go to **my.northark.edu** • Click on Links and Logins; Choose MyNorthark Login.

Email: username@my.northark.edu • Password: **p-StudentID + last 2 digits of birth year**

How do I get textbooks and supplies?

High School students should consult the high school counselor. Textbooks can be purchased from the College Store. Many courses have electronic access and will be explained in the course syllabus.

Who pays for the textbooks?

In most cases, the high school pays for textbooks. Consult your high school counselor for specific information regarding your textbooks. Home school students are responsible for textbooks, instructional materials, and electronic access. Home school students are encouraged to use EFA funds when appropriate.

How do I drop a course?

Consult your high school counselor. The high school counselor needs to approve any college schedule changes to ensure the path to graduation and college program completion. The high school counselor will email concurrent@northark.edu with the student's name, student ID, and course information.

Can I drop a course anytime I want?

No, there are course drop deadlines. Please check the academic calendar for those dates.

What happens if I drop a course?

The transcript will reflect a "W" for the course, and it counts as an attempt for financial aid purposes including the A2A scholarship. Remember, the A2A scholarship only allows 2 attempts for a course.

How do I plan for graduation?

Work with your high school counselor or college academic advisor to complete the degree plan for a technical certificate or an associate degree. When the student is close to graduation, a graduation application must be completed. Deadlines for graduation:

Fall Graduation – December	November 1 st
Spring Graduation – May	March 1 st
Summer Graduation – July	June 1 st

What do I need to do if I am a home school student and want to take Concurrent courses?

Complete the same process as home school students. The parent or guardian will serve as the high school representative. A2A does not cover home school students. Home school students are encouraged to use EFA funds.

Who provides authorization for an institution to be able to participate in the State Concurrent Enrollment Program (CEP)?

National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships (NACEP) or Arkansas Higher Educational Coordinating Board (AHECB)