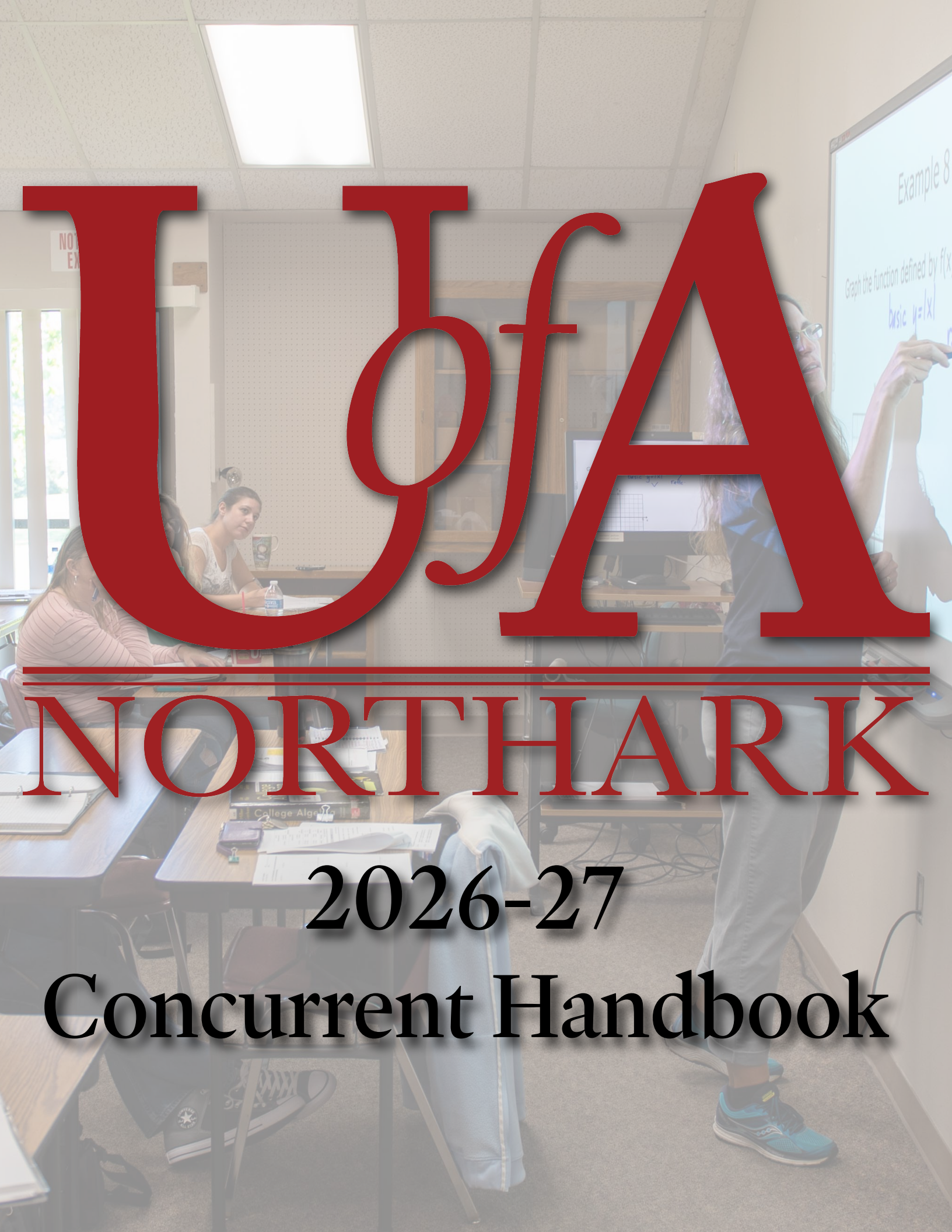


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Concurrent Handbook

UA Northark Concurrent Student Handbook

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July 01, 2026

Dear Pioneers,

Welcome to the North Arkansas College of the University of Arkansas (UA Northark) family.

Today marks the beginning of an exciting new chapter in your educational journey. Whether you are taking your first concurrent course, exploring a technical career pathway, or beginning work toward a degree that will transfer to a university, you are doing something remarkable—you are investing in your future and discovering what is possible.

By enrolling in UA Northark courses, you are more than a high school student taking college classes. You are a college student and a valued member of our collegiate community. We are honored that your high school selected UA Northark as its educational partner, and we are proud to welcome you into a tradition of learning, achievement, and opportunity.

At UA Northark, we believe education has the power to transform lives. Our mission is not simply to prepare students for a career or the next academic step, but to help them develop the knowledge, skills, confidence, and character needed to thrive in an ever-changing world. As a Pioneer, you will have access to outstanding academic and workforce programs, dedicated faculty, and a caring network of professionals who are committed to helping you succeed.

You will learn from instructors who bring expertise, experience, and passion into the classroom every day. Many of your concurrent instructors are educators in your local schools who have met the rigorous standards required to teach college-level curriculum. Regardless of where you attend class, you can be confident that you are receiving the same quality education and academic support expected of every UA Northark student.

I encourage you to take advantage of everything your college has to offer. Visit our campuses when you can. Meet our student services teams. Explore the resources available to support your academic goals, future career plans, financial aid opportunities, and transfer aspirations. Attend a Pioneer athletic event, connect with fellow students, or learn more about our NJCAA Esports program. The more engaged you become, the richer your college experience will be.

This is an especially exciting time to be part of UA Northark. Through our recent integration into the University of Arkansas System, new doors are opening for our students. Expanded opportunities, enhanced academic pathways, and stronger connections across one of the nation's most respected university systems are creating possibilities that have never existed

before. As a UA Northark student, you are among the first to benefit from this historic new chapter.

While our campuses are nestled in the beauty of the Ozarks, our vision extends far beyond these hills. We believe that students from our communities can achieve extraordinary things. The education you begin today can take you anywhere your ambitions lead—whether that is a university classroom, a skilled profession, a business you create, a community you serve, or a future you have yet to imagine.

As you begin this journey, challenge yourself to be curious. Ask questions. Seek new experiences. Embrace opportunities that stretch your thinking and expand your horizons. Growth rarely happens inside your comfort zone, and some of the most meaningful lessons you learn will come from taking that next courageous step.

Our faculty, staff, and administration are excited to walk alongside you throughout your journey. We are proud to call you a Pioneer, and we look forward to celebrating your achievements in the years ahead.

I hope to meet you personally one day—whether at your high school, at a campus event, or as you cross the stage at graduation. Until then, know that you have a college community that believes in you, supports you, and is cheering for your success.

Something special is happening in the Ozarks, and now you are part of it.

Welcome to UA Northark. Welcome to the University of Arkansas family. Welcome, Pioneer.

With warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rick Massengale".

Dr. Rick Massengale
Chancellor
North Arkansas College of the University of Arkansas (UA Northark)

Section 1: About Concurrent Enrollment



Welcome to College — While You're Still in High School

Concurrent Enrollment at **UA Northark** gives eligible high school students the opportunity to earn college credit while completing high school graduation requirements. Students take real college courses, earn credit toward future certificates or degrees, and gain valuable college experience before high school graduation.

Whether your goal is to attend a university, enter a career-focused program, or explore future educational opportunities, Concurrent Enrollment can help you get there faster and more affordably.

As a college student, you are responsible for being aware of the UA Northark policies and procedures listed in the Concurrent Student Handbook, the UA Northark Student Handbook, the UA Northark Catalog, and the website. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact UA Northark. We are here to help you succeed.

Why Choose Concurrent Enrollment?

The Advantages of Getting an Early Start

 Benefit	What It Means for Students
Earn College Credit Early	Begin building a college transcript before high school graduation.
Save Time	Complete credits now that may apply toward a future degree.
Save Money	Reduce future college expenses through A2A funding and tuition waivers.
Experience College Expectations	Learn how college courses, deadlines, and grading systems work.
Build Confidence	Develop the skills needed for future college success.
Explore Career Pathways	Take courses that support future educational and career goals.
Access College Resources	Use advising, tutoring, library services, technology resources, and support programs.
Create a Permanent College Record	Establish a strong academic foundation before graduating high school.

Concurrent vs. Dual Enrollment

CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT vs. DUAL ENROLLMENT Although the terms are often used interchangeably, there is an important distinction.		
	CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT	DUAL ENROLLMENT
 DEFINITION	Allows students to earn both high school and college credit for successfully completing approved college courses. These courses satisfy high school graduation requirements while simultaneously becoming part of the student's permanent college transcript.	Generally refers to students who enroll in college courses while still attending high school but receive college credit only . The course may not count toward high school graduation requirements unless specifically approved by the school district.
 CREDIT EARNED	Earns both high school credit AND college credit.	Earns college credit ONLY .
 COUNTS TOWARD HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION?	Yes. Approved courses satisfy high school graduation requirements.	Not automatically. The course may not count toward high school graduation requirements unless specifically approved by the school district.
 COLLEGE TRANSCRIPT	Becomes part of the student's permanent college transcript .	Becomes part of the student's permanent college transcript .
 KEY TAKEAWAY	One course. Two credits. High school AND college.	One course. College credit only. High school credit not guaranteed .
 UA Northark works closely with participating school districts to ensure that approved Concurrent courses satisfy both high school and college requirements whenever possible. 		

What Does It Mean to Be a Concurrent Student?

When you enroll in a Concurrent Enrollment course, you become a **UA Northark student**. Although you are still in high school, you are expected to meet the same academic standards, learning outcomes, grading policies, and conduct expectations as all other college students.

As a Concurrent Student, You Will:

- ✓ Earn official college credit
- ✓ Build a **permanent** college transcript
- ✓ Communicate directly with instructors and college staff
- ✓ Manage college assignments and deadlines
- ✓ Have access to many campus resources and support services
- ✓ Develop skills that prepare you for future college and career success

Section 2: Admission Requirements & Eligibility

Ready to Become a UA Northark Concurrent Student?

Concurrent Enrollment allows motivated high school students to earn college credit while completing high school. Before enrolling, students must meet admission, placement, and course eligibility requirements.

UA Northark welcomes motivated high school students who are ready to begin their college education through the Concurrent Enrollment Program. Because Concurrent Enrollment courses are college-level courses, students must demonstrate the academic preparation necessary to succeed in a rigorous learning environment.

Admission to the Concurrent Enrollment Program does not guarantee enrollment in every course. Students must meet all UA Northark admission requirements, placement requirements, course prerequisites, and any additional requirements established by their high school or school district.

Who May Participate?

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.

Participation in Concurrent Enrollment is a privilege. Students are expected to maintain satisfactory academic progress and comply with all UA Northark policies and procedures throughout their enrollment.

Important Things to Know

★ Concurrent Enrollment Is College

📖 Some Courses Have Additional Requirements

Certain courses may require: (test scores or course completion)

- English placement
- Reading placement
- Math placement
- Completion of prerequisite coursework

Students should consult their counselor or advisor before registration. Also, detailed information is located in the course description.

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



Student Success Reminder

The best way to succeed is to start early. Work with your counselor, submit documents before deadlines, and ask questions whenever you need assistance. Concurrent Enrollment is your first college experience—take advantage of the support available to you.

Concurrent Student Checklist

A step-by-step guide for high school students taking college classes through UA North Arkansas College.

1. Start With Your High School Counselor

☐ Meet with your counselor

- Talk about which concurrent classes fit your graduation plan.
- Review the process and any school-specific requirements.

2. Apply for Admission

(Only for first-time students or students who did not attend last semester)

☐ Submit your Northark application (www.northark.edu) – link to the application

- Choose **High School Student** as your student type.

☐ Provide required documents

1. **ACT or ACCUPLACER scores, official high school transcript or GED, and any college transcripts –**

- Upload with your scores, email to **admissions@northark.edu**, or bring to: *Admissions Office, 1515 Pioneer Drive, Harrison, AR 72601*
- **Proof of two MMR immunizations** – Upload, email, or bring to the Admissions Office.

☐ Watch for your acceptance letter

- You'll receive an email with your **student ID** and a link to the **Concurrent Enrollment Request Form**.
- If you don't receive a letter, call **870-391-3505**.

3. Register for Courses

☐ **Meet with a UA Northark Advisor** (*recommended if you plan to transfer*)

- Call **870-391-3115** to schedule an advising appointment.

☐ **If you already know the courses you want to take**

- Check the **Schedule Search** and select the **Concurrent** filter under **Advanced Search**.

- Concurrent sections have a **C** at the end (example: *ENGL 1013 501C*).

☐ **Check prerequisites** • Make sure required test scores or previous courses are on file. (Example: **English Comp II requires English Comp I with a C or higher.**)

4. Complete the Concurrent Enrollment Request Form

☐ Obtain all required signatures: • Student • Parent/Guardian • Counselor or Principal

5. Set Up Email, Canvas, and MyNorthark

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: **jdoue456**

Email: **jdoue456@my.northark.edu** Password: **p-012345690**

(If you have a suffix like Jr, it becomes part of the username: *jdouejr456*)

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**

MyNorthark (Schedule, Unofficial Transcript, Final Grades)

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

6. Complete Required Trainings (New Freshmen Only)

UA Northark Orientation

☐ Log into Canvas ☐ Find the Orientation course on your Dashboard ☐ Follow all instructions ☐ Score **80% or higher** on the final exam

Title IX Training

☐ Log into Canvas ☐ Find the Title IX course ☐ Follow instructions ☐ Score **80% or higher** on the final exam

7. Textbooks & Instructional Materials

☐ **Check with your high school counselor** • Some schools provide textbooks for concurrent students.

☐ **Instant Access materials** • Some courses automatically provide digital materials billed to the high school.

☐ **Purchase textbooks if needed** • Available through the **UA Northark College Store** • <https://store.northark.edu/college>

8. Begin Classes on the Scheduled Date

Online Courses

☐ Log into Canvas • Review your syllabus • Check announcements and assignments

Face-to-Face Courses

☐ Attend class at the scheduled time and location • Bring required materials • Follow instructor expectations

Section 3: Access to Acceleration (A2A) Funding Overview

Concurrent Enrollment Funding Guide

Starting Fall 2025

 **Great News for Students & Parents!**

Concurrent classes at UA Northark are more affordable than ever. Most eligible students pay \$0 in tuition and fees thanks to the A2A Scholarship + UA Northark's tuition waiver.

Your school district only pays for textbooks or digital course materials for A2A eligible students. Students get college credit... without the college bill.

 **How A2A Funding Works (Super Simple!) for A2A Eligible Students and Courses**

STEP 1: You enroll in a concurrent class

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STEP 2: A2A pays \$65 per credit hour



STEP 3: UA Northark covers the rest of your tuition & fees



STEP 4: Your school district pays for textbooks/materials

That's it. No hidden fees. No surprise bills. No stress.

WHO PAYS FOR CONCURRENT CLASSES?

COST TYPE	WHO PAYS	WHAT IT MEANS
 A2A Scholarship \$65 Credit Hour	 STATE of ARKANSAS	Covers most tuition
 REMAINING TUITION & FEES	 UA NORTHARK	Waived for eligible students
 TEXTBOOKS & MATERIALS	 SCHOOL DISTRICT	Pays for books & access codes
 A2A INELIGIBLE COURSES	 STUDENT / PARENT	Only if needed

Your Permanent College Transcript

Grades earned through Concurrent Enrollment become part of your **official UA Northark academic transcript**.

This transcript becomes your permanent college record and may be reviewed by:

- Colleges and universities
- Scholarship committees
- Employers
- Professional licensing agencies
- Graduate and professional schools

Poor academic performance during high school can affect future educational and scholarship opportunities.

Students should approach every Concurrent Enrollment course with the same seriousness as any college student.

Academic Standing

Academic standing reflects a student's overall academic performance at UA Northark.

Students are expected to maintain satisfactory academic progress throughout their participation in Concurrent Enrollment.

Academic standing is determined using a student's cumulative college grade point average (GPA).

Depending on the current UA Northark Academic Catalog, students who do not maintain satisfactory academic progress may be placed on:

- Academic Probation
- Academic Suspension

Students should consult the current UA Northark Catalog for the official academic standing policies and GPA requirements.

Academic Dishonesty

Academic dishonesty occurs whenever a student gains or attempts to gain an unfair academic advantage.

Cheating, Plagiarism, and Artificial Intelligence

Including but not limited to:

- Copying another student's work.
 - Using unauthorized notes or materials during an exam.
 - Looking at another student's examination.
 - Receiving unauthorized assistance (including AI – artificial intelligence) on assignments or tests.
 - Sharing answers during quizzes or examinations.
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Consequences of Academic Dishonesty

Faculty members have the responsibility to maintain academic integrity within their courses.

Depending on the nature and severity of the violation, consequences may include:

- Verbal or written warning.
- Reduced grade on an assignment.
- Grade of zero on an assignment or examination.
- Failure of the course.
- Referral through the college's student conduct process.
- Additional disciplinary action as outlined in the UA Northark Student Code of Conduct.

Repeated or serious violations may result in more significant disciplinary action.

Student Code of Conduct

All Concurrent Enrollment students are responsible for complying with the **UA Northark Student Code of Conduct**, which establishes expectations for student behavior and outlines procedures for addressing violations.

The Student Code of Conduct applies to both academic and non-academic behavior and helps ensure a safe, respectful, and supportive learning environment for all students.

Students are encouraged to review the complete Student Code of Conduct available on the UA Northark website.

Instructor/Instruction Evaluation by Student

At the end of each semester, students are asked to evaluate their instructor and the instruction by completing an anonymous evaluation administered by the Director of Institutional Effectiveness. This information is used by the instructor, Chairs, and Academic Team to determine trends and corrective actions if needed.

Academic Due Process Guidelines – Academic Policy 1230.02

- If a student has a grievance concerning an instructor or method of instruction, the student should:
- File a complaint with the instructor
- If the instructor is unable to resolve the issue, the student should go to the Chair/Director of the Department.
- If the Chair/Director is unable to resolve the issue, the student should complete the UA Northark Feedback Form. The form will be directed to the Associate Vice

Chancellor of Academics or Vice Chancellor of Technical and Workforce Education in the absence of Deans.

- If the appropriate academic leader is unable to resolve the issue, the student can file a grievance with the Academic Grievance Committee within 5 days. The Grievance Committee decision is final.

Section 5: Student Resources and Support Services

You Are Not Alone

One of the greatest advantages of being a UA Northark Concurrent Enrollment student is access to college resources designed to help you succeed. Although you are still in high school, you have access to many of the same academic support services available to all UA Northark students. Students are encouraged to seek assistance early whenever questions or challenges arise.

Learning Resource Center (Library)

Library and Tutoring Services

The UA Northark Learning Resource Center (LRC) provides students with access to a variety of academic resources that support classroom learning and research.

Library resources may include:

- Books and eBooks
- Academic databases and research assistance
- Study areas
- Computer access
- Printing services
- Tutoring and testing services

Concurrent Enrollment students are encouraged to use library services for research assignments, projects, and academic support.

Academic Advising

Academic advising is an important part of student success.

Advisors can help students:

- Select appropriate courses

- Understand degree requirements
- Explore academic programs
- Develop transfer plans
- Review educational goals
- Understand graduation requirements

Students considering future transfer to a four-year institution are encouraged to meet with an advisor regularly to ensure courses align with future academic goals.

Transfer Planning Resources

Students interested in transferring to a four-year institution should begin planning early.

Resources available to assist transfer students include:

- Transfer advising
- Degree pathway guidance
- Transfer guides
- ACTS transfer information - <https://adhe.edu/students-parents/transfer-info-for-students>
- University partnership information

UA Northark advisors can help students develop customized transfer plans based on their intended major and transfer institution.

Graduation

All UA Northark students should apply for graduation the semester before scheduled to graduate. Advisors can provide assistance in the application process. For more information, please go to the UA website: <https://www.northark.edu/graduation-information/>

Deadlines:

- November 1 – December Graduation
- March 1 – Spring Graduation
- April 1 – Summer graduates participating in May Commencement Ceremony
- June 1 – July Graduation

Disability Services - <https://www.northark.edu/disability-services/>

UA Northark is committed to providing equal educational access and reasonable accommodations for qualified students with documented disabilities.

Students who believe they may need accommodations should contact Disability Services as early as possible. Accommodations are not applied automatically and require student participation in the accommodation process.

Examples of accommodations may include:

- Testing accommodations
- Note-taking assistance
- Classroom accessibility accommodations
- Other approved academic supports

Students who receive accommodations in high school through an IEP or 504 Plan should understand that college accommodations are governed by federal disability laws and UA Northark procedures. Students must request accommodations through the college's disability services process.

Canvas Learning Management System

Many Concurrent Enrollment courses utilize **Canvas** to support instruction and communication.

Students may use Canvas to:

- Access course syllabi and assignments
- View grades
- Complete quizzes and exams
- Receive course announcements
- Communicate with instructors

Student Email and Technology Resources

Every Concurrent Enrollment student receives access to official UA Northark communication systems. Student email is an important communication tool and should be monitored regularly. UA Northark considers the UA Northark email the official communication.

Students should use their student accounts to:

- Receive instructor communications
- Access student services information
- Access registration information
- Receive campus announcements
- Review important deadlines



CONCURRENT RESOURCES

Support. Answers. Success.

UA Northark is here to help you every step of the way.
Use this guide to find the right office, contact information, and resources you need.



FOR PARENTS

- ✓ We partner with you to support your student's success.
- ✓ Encourage communication, planning, and good habits.
- ✓ Know where to find answers and help.



TOGETHER, WE SUCCEED.



FOR STUDENTS

- ✓ You belong here.
- ✓ Ask questions. Use resources. Stay on track.
- ✓ We're here to help you reach your goals.



YOU CAN. WE WILL.



FOR COUNSELORS

- ✓ We value our partnership with you.
- ✓ Find tools and contacts to support your students.
- ✓ Let us know how we can work together.



PARTNERS IN STUDENT SUCCESS.

QUICK LINKS & IMPORTANT INFO



ACADEMIC CALENDAR



northark.edu/academic-calendar/

A2A

ACCESS TO ACCELERATION (A2A)



sams.adhe.edu/Scholarship/Details/A2A

ACTS

ACTS TRANSFER INFORMATION



adhe.edu/students-parents/transfer-info-for-students



STUDENT HANDBOOK



northark.edu/student-handbook



REQUESTING A TRANSCRIPT



northark.edu/transcriptrequest/

WHO TO CONTACT

SERVICE	OFFICE	PHONE	EMAIL / WEBSITE
Accessibility & Accommodations	Disability Services	870-391-3204	hannah@king@northark.edu
Adding a Concurrent Course	Advising Center	870-391-3115	advising@northark.edu
Admissions	Admissions Office	870-391-3505	admissions@northark.edu
Advising	Advising Center	870-391-3115	advising@northark.edu
Concurrent Manager – Meagan Hoyt	Advising Center	870-391-3115	concurrent@northark.edu ; meagan.hoyt@northark.edu
Concurrent Specialist – Kaila Davey	Advising Center	870-391-3100	concurrent@northark.edu ; kaila.davey@northark.edu
Dropping A Concurrent Course	Advising Center	870-391-3115	advising@northark.edu
Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)	—	—	northark2013.sharepoint.com/sites/Intranet/Policy1/...
Graduation	Registrar's Office	870-391-3241	northark.edu/graduation-information/
Learning Resource Center (LRC)	LRC	870-391-4111	northark.edu/learning-resource-center/
Photo ID	Admissions Office	870-391-3505	admissions@northark.edu
Registrar	Registrar's Office	870-391-3241	registrar@northark.edu
Requesting a Transcript	Registrar's Office	870-391-3241	northark.edu/transcriptrequest/
Student Code of Conduct	—	—	northark2013.sharepoint.com/sites/Intranet/Policy1/...
Student Handbook	—	—	northark.edu/images/uploads/20251027/2025-26-student-handbook-47159.pdf
Technology Questions	IT Help Center	870-391-3555	ithelp@northark.edu
Testing Services	Testing Center	870-391-3533	certcenter@northark.edu
Transfer Question	Advising Center	870-391-3115	advising@northark.edu
Tutoring	LRC	870-391-4111	northark.edu/tutoring/
UA Northark College Store	UA College Store	870-391-3220	store.northark.edu/
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