

The Pre-College Program offers online and on-campus learning experiences for high school students.
Webpage: Wisconsin cuw.edu/precollege or Ann Arbor cuaa.edu/precollege

PRE-COLLEGE FAST FACTS

- 791 total Pre-College students have taken 1537 courses
- 260 students per semester from 20 states and countries
- 83% are Lutheran High School or Homeschool students
- 64% earn an 'A' or 'A-'
- Ave. college GPA 3.48
- Ave. online class size 12.4
- Ave. credits earned 6.2
- 44 students earned 15 credits or more



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Pre-College Admission

What's the difference between Pre-College, Early Enrollment, and Dual Credit?

The titles are all used to describe college courses taken by high school students.

What high school grade levels are eligible?

Students in grades 9-12 may apply but most students are juniors and seniors.

How can I tell if I am ready for college level studies?

You should be able to study independently, demonstrate self-discipline to meet weekly deadlines, exhibit advanced written communication skills, and have reading skills which allow you to use analytical skills to read for meaning.

How many courses can a student take?

1 or 2 courses during fall or spring semester or one class during the summer term.

- New students should begin with 1 course.
- For returning exceptional students, 3 courses may be approved.
- The Concordia Promise will fund a maximum of 36 credits.

Starting with credits in low doses can help a student's transition to college studies.

What if I'm a homeschool student and don't have a high school transcript?

Applicants should use an online template or an Excel spreadsheet to list high school courses taken, grades earned, and the cumulative high school GPA.

What GPA is required to continue in the program?

Students must earn a 'C' or better to be re-admitted.

What if I drop a class, does that lower my college GPA?

For fall and spring classes, a student can drop a course up to week 10 and earn a 'W' or withdraw grade which does NOT count in their college GPA.

What if I missed the application deadline?

Please contact admissions to see if seats are available in a class. We cannot guarantee a seat, but may be able to accept a late application if the class is not full.

Cost

When do I pay for the course?

Students are not billed for state funded courses. All other students are mailed an invoice after the course begins.

How do I apply for Concordia Promise?

There is no separate application. Homeschool and Christian high school students automatically receive the Promise Tuition rate.

How do I apply for ECCP (WI Early College Credit Program)?

There is a separate ECCP enrollment form on the website. The form needs to be approved by your high school before submitting to Concordia. Deadlines are usually March for fall term and October for spring term.

What other fees are charged?

For online courses, there are no textbook or other fees.

For on-campus courses, students may be required to purchase a textbook.

Myths

Myth: Pre-College guarantees students will save money

Reality: It depends. Some students will save if credits eliminate the need to take core classes. If credits don't transfer, the student will have benefitted academically but not financially.

Myth: Online courses are mostly videos of lectures

Reality: Most course content involves reading and writing through links to e-textbooks or articles, not videos. Included videos are often TED talks or shorter videos to illustrate a point.

Myth: Pre-College is a low risk way to try out college.

Reality: College grades are permanent grades on your transcript. The risk is that low grades have a negative impact on future applications.

Myth: Online courses are easy.

Reality: Online learning typically requires MORE self-discipline and independent reading than traditional classes. Some students excel in online learning and find it easy while others do not.

Academics

How much time will I need to commit?

Successful students typically login for 45 minutes at least 4 times per week with additional time for offline reading and writing. Even talented high school students should expect to be challenged and be prepared to invest at least 5 hours per week.

Who teaches online classes?

Instructors are highly qualified full-time or adjunct professors with at least a master's degree and graduate credits in the subject they are teaching.

How are parents kept informed on student progress?

Pre-College students are university students covered by federal FERPA privacy rights. Concordia will only share grade information with the student or school representative. Parents should establish their own communication agreement with their student.

Will credits transfer if I don't attend Concordia?

Concordia is an accredited university and credits are often accepted by other schools but the decision is up to the receiving school. Students should check with the other university in advance about credit transferability.

Which classes can I take face-to-face, on campus?

Students can select any entry level course from the undergraduate catalog.

Sampling of courses for face-to-face students

ACCT 203 Accounting	HIST 151 American Civ.	MATH 125 Contemp. Math	PSY 101 Psychology
BIO 100 Biology + Lab	LAT 105 Latin 1	MATH 201 Calculus 1	REL 110 Christian Faith
COMM 105 Public Speaking	MGMT 130 Management	MATH 205 Statistics 1	SOC 101 Sociology
COMM 201 Communication	MKTG 131 Marketing	MUS 181 Wind Ensemb	SOC 175 Reality and Culture
ECON 200 Economics	MATH 101 Beg. Algebra	MUS 190 String Ensemb	SPAN 101 Spanish 1
HIST 103 World History	MATH 121 Int. Algebra	POLS 201 Amer Gov't	THTR 101 Theater



Face-to-face on-campus: Art



Face-to-face on-campus: Science

Sample Online Course Progression

Required "core" classes include English, Social Science and History. For career exploration, students can select elective classes

Grade 10

Psychology (3 cr.)
Comp Sci (3 cr.)

Grade 11

Government or Econ. (3 cr.)
Elective (3 cr.)

Grade 12

ENG 104 Writing (3 cr.)
ENG 103 Literature (3 cr.)