The Precollege Program offers online and on-campus learning experiences for high school students.

Webpage: Wisconsin cuw.edu/precollege or Ann Arbor cuaa.edu/precollege

**Precollege FAST FACTS**
- 1104 Precollege students have taken 2436 courses
- 280 students per semester from 20 states and countries
- 88% are Lutheran High School or homeschool students
- 68% earn an ‘A’ or ‘A-’
- Median college GPA 3.72
- Ave. credits earned 6.4
- 82 students earned 15 credits or more

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**Precollege Admission**

**What’s the difference between Precollege, 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 grade is required to continue in the program?**
Students must earn a ‘C’ or better to be re-admitted.

**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.

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**Cost**

**When do I pay for the course?**
Students are sent an invoice after they are enrolled in the course.

**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 that is submitted to the 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: Precollege courses guarantee that 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 lectures. Courses may use shorter videos to illustrate a point.

Myth: Precollege is a low risk way to try out college.

Reality: Grades earned are permanent grades on a college transcript. Low grades could have a negative impact on future college applications.

Myth: Online courses are easier than face-to-face courses.

Reality: Online learning requires self-discipline and independent reading which may make it MORE difficult for some students. Some students enjoy the flexibility and excel in online learning and find it easy while others do not.

Academics

How much time will I need to commit?
Students should expect to be prepared to invest 5-8 hours per week to complete reading and assignments. Successful students typically login at least 4 times per week.

Who teaches online classes?
Instructors are highly qualified full-time or adjunct professors with at least a master’s degree (or 18 graduate credits) in the subject they are teaching.

How are parents kept informed on student progress?
Precollege students are university students covered by federal FERPA privacy rights. Concordia will only share grade information with the student and high 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.

Sample of courses for face-to-face students

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