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Who We Are

The University of Nebraska High School (UNHS), established in 1929, offers over 100 online core, elective, Advanced Placement®, NCAA-approved, and dual enrollment college-prep courses to students in Nebraska and around the world.

UNHS was one of the first accredited online high schools to offer a full diploma sequence online. Students may complete their entire high school education with UNHS, transfer in existing credits to complete their diploma, or take courses for transfer to local schools.

Students can enroll in UNHS courses at any time of the year. Courses may be completed on a self-paced schedule ranging from five to 52 weeks. UNHS also provides instructional support, academic advising, and administrative and customer service assistance to students and schools.

The University of Nebraska High School serves schools and students throughout the world and attracts students from many diverse backgrounds. Public and private schools offer UNHS online courses to students as a way to increase course choice and to fit scheduling. Homeschool parents, learning organizations, and individual students choose UNHS for some or all of their high school courses.

Many students have demanding extracurricular activities that make a traditional high school schedule too restrictive, including students who participate in competitive athletics and performing arts programs. Students who are homeschooled find that UNHS courses offer the breadth and rigor they desire in a curriculum. Others take online courses because certain subjects and staff resources are not available at their local high school.

Fully Accredited by Cognia and the Nebraska Department of Education

UNHS has been accredited by the [Nebraska Department of Education](#) since 1968 and [Cognia](#) (formerly AdvancED) since 1978. To maintain this accreditation, UNHS continues to meet stringent standards in the areas of curriculum, staffing, instruction, awarding of credit hours and diploma granting. This also helps to ensure that our courses and diploma are recognized and accepted by high schools, colleges and universities worldwide

UNHS courses also meet the [iNACOL National Standards of Quality for Online Courses](#). All core and Advanced Placement® courses are [College Board®](#) approved and all core and Advanced Placement® courses are [NCAA](#)-approved.

- Throughout its history, UNHS graduates have been accepted into hundreds of colleges and universities worldwide, such as the University of Nebraska, Brown University, Pepperdine University, the University of Vienna, and many institutions in the Big Ten. Here is a list of colleges recent UNHS grads have been accepted: <https://highschool.nebraska.edu/-/media/projects/unhs/pdfs/unhs-colleges-universities-aug2016.pdf>
- **UNHS Website:** <https://highschool.nebraska.edu/>

How UNHS Courses Work

UNHS courses are designed for a student's independent learning: students organize themselves and work at their own pace through an online classroom called *WayCool* that presents the course material, lessons, assessments, teacher feedback, grades and progress information. Students are guided through the course by sequenced lessons, written teacher interaction through Teacher Connect Activities, regular assessments and a gradebook which shows their progress and results.

UNHS courses are not "live" and do not include live interactions with teachers or other students. Also, students do not have specific login times or dedicated due dates for assignments and progress exams. This allows a student to be able to work at their own pace and submit assignments when they are ready. With UNHS, if a student has a question about the Unit Evaluation questions or Project assignment, we encourage them to write to their course teacher at unhsteach@nebraska.edu. A teacher will respond with further clarification and directions. At this time, due to student/teacher global logistics as well as security and privacy, UNHS does not offer live student/teacher video conferencing or live chat options. All communications are through monitored secure email.

Courses, which are presented in units and lessons, include:

- Reading assignments (*most courses require a textbook for successful completion*)
- Self-checks
- Inquiries and labs
- Multimedia
- Teach connect activities
- Projects
- Unit evaluations
- Progress tests

WayCool, UNHS Course Management System

Through UNHS' course management system, WayCool, students access their online course content, coursework, grades and instructor feedback.

Accessing Courses

Following enrollment, students receive an e-mail with their username and password for *WayCool*. When students are enrolled, we will require a unique email address in order for the student to receive their login information.

Sequencing & Gating

Sequencing means all teacher connect activities, unit evaluations, projects and progress tests within a course must be completed by the student in the order they are presented. Gating means only one assignment per course can be submitted each day.

Submitting Assignments

Courses include graded and non-graded assignments. Students must submit all graded assignments, and should complete all non-graded assignments to effectively learn the content and prepare for graded evaluations and progress tests.

All assignments are submitted through WayCool, although some larger files may require the use of the UNHS *DropBox*. A few assignments, such as art projects, may need to be mailed to UNHS.

Resources on our Website:

- *How Courses Work and course demos:* <https://highschool.nebraska.edu/courses/how-courses-work>
- *Also, you are able to view how our online classroom, WayCool, works by clicking here.* <https://highschool.nebraska.edu/waycool-tutorials>

Getting Started for a Full Time/Diploma Students (Requesting a Transcript Evaluation)

If a student's goal is to complete all UNHS requirements for a US High School Diploma and they have already earned high school credits, their eligible credits can be transferred and applied towards meeting UNHS graduation requirements. The best place to start would be to request a **Transcript Evaluation** and to have their official transcript(s) reviewed by our Academic Advising team. They will also be assigned an Academic Adviser who will develop a curriculum plan and recommend specific courses for them to meet their education goals.

- To request a **Transcript Evaluation**, here are the items we will need to receive (these steps are required for each student):

1. Complete this form (submitted online): <http://highschool.nebraska.edu/admissions/forms/transcript-evaluation>

2. A \$35 one-time fee for transcript evaluation and academic advising throughout the rest of schooling. This can be paid online with credit card.

- Please go to our website <http://highschool.nebraska.edu> at the top right click **UNHS Store**
- Click **Create Account** and fill in information **It is recommend that a single account be created for a School or Learning Organization. Add each student under one account.*
- Click **Fees**
- Choose "Transcript Evaluation Fee" and add to cart
- Checkout with credit card

3. Official transcripts are to be sent directly from all prior schools to:

University of Nebraska High School

206 S 13th St Ste 800

PO Box 880226

Lincoln, NE 68588-0226

USA

Due to internet and electronic security reasons, privacy regulations, and in accordance with our accreditation guidelines, UNHS will only accept official transcripts sent directly from the students school(s) via traditional mail, courier service (such as DHL or FedEx), or via a document clearing house service such as Parchment <http://parchment.com/> UNHS will not accept emailed or faxed copies of transcripts.

Transcripts that are not originally in English must be translated. Complete, literal word-for-word, line-by-line certified English translations for all documents in the same format as the original documents are required.

UNHS Academic Advisers will not review unofficial transcripts nor complete courtesy evaluations.

- **Please see UNHS graduation requirements and sample diploma sequences:**
https://highschool.nebraska.edu/-/media/unhs/files/pdf/grad_requirements_sequences.pdf?la=en
- Students who are transferring existing credits must complete a minimum 5 UNHS courses as well as meet all diploma requirements to graduate.
- Students who complete UNHS graduation requirements will be awarded an accredited diploma.
- Additional Diploma Information on our website: <https://highschool.nebraska.edu/diploma>

Proctor Information

All UNHS progress exams require an approved proctor. Most UNHS courses will have 3-5 proctored non-comprehensive progress exams. Because our courses are independent study and self-paced, the student is able to complete their progress exam when they are ready (there are no specific 'due dates'). The exams are not timed, so test completion will vary by student. This allows the student to take their time and not feel rushed.

In an effort to avoid any conflict of interests, we do ask that a proctor not be a family member or an athletic coach.

For whom to ask: we suggest to ask a neighbor, a retired teacher, a tutor, a local librarian or even a family friend. Sometimes a local college or learning center has options as well.

Within a School or Learning Center, a proctor may be someone who is an admin or on staff that is overseeing the students (tutor, para educator, member of the administration or staff, etc.)

- UNHS Proctor Guide: <https://highschool.nebraska.edu/-/media/projects/unhs/pdfs/unhs-proctor-guide.pdf>
- Proctor information on our website: <https://highschool.nebraska.edu/forms-and-policies/student-handbook/proctor-information>
- Changes in Proctors can be made by filling out and returning a Proctor Information Form: <https://highschool.nebraska.edu/forms-and-policies/forms/proctor-information>
- Any specific proctor questions can be sent to Principal Hugh McDermott: hmcdermott@nebraska.edu

Tuition and Fees:

Our affordable tuition is \$250 for each 5 credit semester course and \$450 for each 10 credit/full year course (such as our World Languages) and is due upon registration.

Most diploma seeking students will take 5 courses per grade level semester/ 10 courses for a full grade level year.

Cost per grade level is \$2,500 + books and required materials.

Many courses also require a textbook which can be purchased through our partner bookstore, Follett, or sourced elsewhere – we provide the book title and ISBN. Textbook costs will vary depending on condition of book (new, used, eBook when available) and where it is sourced (through Follett or via another retailer).

Keep in mind, if your student takes a full-year subject, for example, Biology 1 and Biology 2, the textbook will only need to be purchased once as it covers both courses. Also, select courses do not require a textbook, such as many of our Math and World Language courses.

- *Tuition & Fees:* <https://highschool.nebraska.edu/forms-and-policies/faq/tuition-fees>

National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Information

All UNHS core courses are approved by the NCAA.

- *Information about NCAA Eligibility on our website:* <https://highschool.nebraska.edu/courses/ncaa-information>
- *Helpful NCAA Progress Record:* <https://highschool.nebraska.edu/-/media/projects/unhs/pdfs/unhs-ncaaprogresschart.pdf?la=en>
- *Approved NCAA Courses:* <https://highschoolstore.nebraska.edu/SearchFilter.aspx?subjectarea=All%20Subject%20Areas&coursetype=NCAA%20Approved&word=>

Additional Information:

- UNHS hours are Monday-Friday, 8am to 5pm CST and closed most major holidays- we typically follow the same calendar closures as the University of Nebraska.
- **UNHS Forms & Policies:** <https://highschool.nebraska.edu/forms-and-policies>
- **Study Skills Resources:** <http://highschool.nebraska.edu/resources/study-skills>
- **UNHS Newsletters:** <http://highschool.nebraska.edu/about-unhs/news-and-events/newsletters>
- **Academic Advising:** UNHSAdviser@nebraska.edu
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