



Concurrent Enrollment

Student Handbook
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Mission

Empowering students, strengthening businesses, and enriching communities.

Vision

Improving the quality of life in the communities we serve.

Our Pledge

As a college, we will provide focus, meaning, and the skills necessary for qualified individuals to live competently in their communities.

The *Concurrent Enrollment Student Handbook* is an abridged version, designed for high school students, of Hawkeye's comprehensive *Student Handbook*. The *Student Handbook* can be found on the College website at <https://www.hawkeyecollege.edu/students/handbook>.

Questions or Concerns? Contact the Hawkeye High School Partnerships office by phone, email, or in person:

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Dear Concurrent Enrollment Student,

Congratulations!

By enrolling in college credit courses in high school, you're taking a big step toward your future.

Like thousands of your fellow students across Iowa and the country, you'll earn college credit, explore your career options, build your skills, and save money – all before you graduate from high school.

Hawkeye is thrilled to offer you this opportunity, and we're committed to your success. Hawkeye's High School Partnerships office works with your school to provide the best course offerings and assist you with the registration process.

Here's what you need to know:

- Your courses will be college-level, taught for college credit, with college expectations and rigor. Expect to commit more time and effort to your courses.
- Whether your teacher is at your high school, online, or at a Hawkeye location, concurrent faculty have met State of Iowa standards.
- The credits and grades you earn will create a Hawkeye transcript. They will also be recorded on your high school transcript and will affect your high school transcript, cumulative GPA, and progress toward graduation.
- You may be able to use your credits toward a degree at Hawkeye or another college. We're ready to help you explore your opportunities and plan for your future.

This handbook is your first source for vital information – how to register, resources for your success, and answers to your questions. Read it, keep it handy, and reach out to our office any time!

Best wishes for your success!

Sarah Topliff

Director of High School Partnerships

WHAT IS CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT?

“Concurrent enrollment” simply means college credit classes taken by high school students.

Courses could be offered at high schools, online, or at a Hawkeye location. At high schools, concurrent courses are taught by teachers approved by the College; they meet the same high standards required by the State of Iowa, and they work with Hawkeye’s faculty to ensure the quality and rigor of their courses.

Concurrent students can earn career and technical (CTE) or arts and science (A&S) credits, which may be applied toward degree programs at Hawkeye or other colleges. Our advisors are ready to help you explore, learn, and plan.

Iowa is a national leader in concurrent enrollment. *Senior Year Plus* provides your school and Hawkeye with guidance to ensure the courses you take meet state and national standards of quality.

REGISTRATION

Eligibility

To participate in concurrent enrollment, students must meet the following requirements:

- Be Iowa high school students; public, non-public, and home school students are eligible.
- Meet the same pre-requisite, co-requisite, and course registration and placement requirements as traditional college students.
- Meet proficiency guidelines established by the College and the State of Iowa; your school counselor will evaluate and verify proficiency for all students.
- Take the course for college credit; auditing is not permitted by Iowa law.
- Complete an application for enrollment through [DualEnroll](#).
- Submit assessment scores or high school transcripts, if applicable.
- Follow their school district’s policies regarding eligibility, textbooks and supplies.

Complete eligibility requirements are outlined in Iowa’s [Senior Year Plus](#) guide.

Registration Steps

High School Partnerships holds registration sessions at schools in fall and spring. Your school counselor will invite you to a session when it’s time for you to register.

- Before your registration session, work with your school counselor to choose the best courses for your college and career plans.
- Throughout this process, Hawkeye staff will work with you and your school counselor to complete required assessments and other registration steps.
- Create an account and complete an application at <https://hawkeyecollege.dualenroll.com/login>.

Choosing Courses

Your school maintains an “Approved Course List” showing the courses for which they will pay. Consult your counselor for more information about your options.

Community college courses fall into two basic categories:

- Career and Technical (CTE) – Courses required for specific career-related programs, such as nursing, automotive, and information technology.
- Arts and Science (A&S) – Courses needed for most programs at most colleges, such as writing, math, speech, and social sciences.

Hawkeye's High School Partnerships team can help you choose courses that help you meet your college and career goals. Here are resources you can use to learn more about course options:

- Course Descriptions: www.hawkeyecollege.edu/academics/courses/course-descriptions
- Programs of Study: www.hawkeyecollege.edu/programs

ASSESSMENTS

Some courses, including those in English and Math, require placement to register. A complete guide to course requirements can be found at:

<https://www.hawkeyecollege.edu/business-community/evaluation-testing/admissions-assessments>

Hawkeye also accepts ACT, SAT, Accuplacer and ALEKS scores.

The Accuplacer is an assessment of reading, writing, and math skills. Hawkeye gives the Accuplacer on its main campus and other campus locations, and your counselor may be able to conduct it at your school. It's free the first time you take it; if you wish to retake any section of the test, there is a \$5 charge.

The ALEKS is an online assessment program designed to place students in mathematics courses based on their current math skills. It also provides personalized instruction to help improve upon current math skills. It's free the first time you take it and your account will be good for one year.

More information about the Accuplacer and ALEKS, including links to preparation materials, can be found at:

www.hawkeyecollege.edu/business-community/evaluation-testing/admissions-assessments

COURSE WITHDRAWALS

If you are considering withdrawing from a course, you must visit your school counselor.

Your school counselor will give you information about your district's deadlines and policies on dropping a course. Those dates and policies may differ significantly from Hawkeye's. It's extremely important that you get accurate, complete information about the consequences according to district policies.

For courses held online or at Hawkeye's main campus, withdrawal deadlines can be found at:

www.hawkeyecollege.edu/academics/records-registration/changing-your-course-schedule/withdraw

Courses held at your school or a Hawkeye location such as the Independence Center or the Western Outreach Center have different withdrawal deadlines. Consult your counselor (or the High School Partnerships office) to learn these dates.

Specific dates and policies will determine the outcome of your withdrawal. Possible outcomes include:

- Having the course removed entirely from your college transcript (an “X”).
- Receiving a “W” that remains on your transcript.
- Receiving an “F”.
- If you stop attending and fail to withdraw, you may receive a “Failure to Withdraw” (“FW”). This grade will be reflected on the college transcript and factored into the college GPA. “FW” grades may affect future financial aid

REPEATING A COURSE

If you receive an unsatisfactory grade, you may repeat the course at Hawkeye Community College or another accredited college, or receive credit by examination.

As Fall 2022, the best grade from your repeated course will be counted towards your academic record and transcript. The lower graded course will be marked as repeated and will not be counted in your current cumulative GPA. The course marked as repeated will be displayed with a >R on your academic transcript. This does not apply to courses designed to be repeated.

If you withdraw from a course or you are repeating for a better grade, your original grade will remain on your academic record. If you receive an unsatisfactory grade in a course designed to be repeated for additional credit, the new grade does not replace the old grade.

Your grades will be recorded on your official Hawkeye Community College transcript. Hawkeye faculty, including concurrent enrollment instructors at high schools, record grades according to the College's official grading system. These grades determine a student's GPA and academic progress.

Grade	Grade Pts	Notes
A	4.00	Excellent
A-	3.67	
B+	3.33	Above Average
B	3.00	
B-	2.67	
C+	2.33	Average
C	2.00	
C-	1.67	
D+	1.33	Below Average
D	1.00	
D-	0.67	
F	0.00	Failing
FW	0.00	Failure to Withdraw
I	0.00	Incomplete
N	0.00	Audit
P	0.00	Credit Earned/Pass
Q	0.00	No Credit/No Pass
W	0.00	Withdrew
<R	0.00	Course Repeated

These letter grades, descriptions, and points are used in all programs at Hawkeye Community College. An instructor or program may modify the grading system. Instructors are expected to inform you of their grading scale and procedures at the beginning of each course. The grading scale used by an instructor must be used for all students in a course and to all sections of a multi-section course.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

The integrity of an academic record rests on the principle that the grades awarded to students reflects only their own individual efforts and achievement. Students are required to perform the work specified by the instructor and are responsible for the content of work submitted, such as papers, reports, examinations, and other work. Violations of academic integrity include plagiarism and cheating.

Read Hawkeye's full policy at <https://www.hawkeyecollege.edu/students/handbook/academic-integrity>

FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS PRIVACY ACT (FERPA)

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) is a federal law that protects the privacy of a student's education records. The law applies to all schools that receive funds under an applicable program of the U.S. Department of Education.

FERPA prohibits instructors and other college employees from providing most kinds of information about a student's enrollment to parents/guardians unless the student has signed a release form. You may choose to grant access to your academic records to a parent or guardian. The first time you complete the DualEnroll application, you will have the option to complete this information. If you wish to either make updates to what was provided or provide information for the first time (after a DualEnroll application was submitted, please contact the High School Partnerships office

To take concurrent enrollment courses, students grant designated high school personnel permission to discuss issues in the classroom and receive grades. Hawkeye advises high school counselors to refer students to their instructors with course-related questions or concerns. Instructors may also communicate with the school counselor regarding a specific student.

More information about FERPA can be found at:

www.hawkeyecollege.edu/academics/records-registration/records/privacy-of-your-records

TEXTBOOKS AND OTHER REQUIRED MATERIALS

Concurrent courses, including those taught by approved high school instructors, must use College-approved textbooks. Your school district will provide your textbook for all concurrent enrollment courses.

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

Academic Support

As a concurrent student, you have access to many of Hawkeye's academic support resources, including:

- Tutoring (www.hawkeyecollege.edu/students/services/tutoring)
- The Hawkeye Library (www.hawkeyecollege.edu/academics/library)
- Advising – Hawkeye's advisors can help you plan for concurrent enrollment and beyond. Learn how your courses can prepare you for a college major and a career!

Student Tutoring and Computer (STC) Lab

The Center for Learning and Academic Success is located on Hawkeye's main campus in Bremer Hall 127, and can be reached by calling 319-296-4029.

The [Student Tutoring and Computer](#) (STC) lab provides learning assistance and support to all current credit students. STC services are designed to help students with academic related activities, and help develop the educational skills and strategies essential for academic achievement. Faculty are encouraged to refer students to the STC for instruction for Canvas, tutoring and study skills. Staff are available to provide instruction in the lab or in the classroom and are responsive to faculty requests for student instruction.

The STC lab offers current Hawkeye students access to more than 80 computers, scanners, printers and a wide variety of software applications used to support the many academic program

areas across campus. It is not open to the public. Computers are available on a first-come basis. Computer lab coordinators are available to assist students with computer software related questions.

Workstations and study tables are also available for students who bring in laptops.

Professional tutoring is available and free to students in the STC lab. Students will find tutors for math, chemistry, A & P, health sciences, business and writing. ACCUPLACER and TEAS prep are available as well. Peer tutoring is also available for many subject areas.

Regular Hours - Fall 2023 | Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:30pm

For tutoring help 24 hours a day, students can utilize Brainfuse. With Brainfuse, students can:

- Access a live, personal session with a Brainfuse tutor in Live Help
- Schedule a personal session with a tutor of your choice in Live Help.
- Submit your writing for any class to our Writing Lab.
- Get questions answered in subjects such as math, bilingual math, biology, chemistry, physics, anatomy and physiology, economics, accounting, statistics and writing

Student Accessibility Services

To learn more about services available to disabled students, contact the Student Accessibility Services Coordinator:

Student Services

Hawkeye Center 208

319-296-4014

accessibility@hawkeyecollege.edu

TECHNICAL SUPPORT

My Hawkeye and Hawkeye Email

[My Hawkeye](#) is your access point to college information and resources, including:

- Your official college email.
- Your schedule, grades, and other academic information.

When you log in for the first time, use the following:

- Username – yourfirstname.yourlastname
- Password – “Hawkeye” followed by your six-digit date of birth
 - Example: January 2, 2003 = Hawkeye010203
 - You will be required to select a new password after your first login. Password Reset Assistance
- Weekdays: 319-296-4029.
- Weeknights and Sundays: 319-296-4006

Your Hawkeye email is yourfirstname.yourlastname@hawkeyecollege.edu and is a Gmail account.

Canvas

Canvas is Hawkeye’s online learning management system. Instructors use it to provide required course materials, assignments, tests and quizzes, the course syllabus, and grades.

You can access Canvas through My Hawkeye; your login credentials will be the same in both systems. There are free Canvas apps available for both Apple and Android devices, as well.

Important: If you need to reset your password, do so in My Hawkeye, not in Canvas.