



Franciscan University **HIGH SCHOOL** Advantage Program

Frequently Asked Questions 2023-2024

1. What is the Franciscan Advantage Program?

- The Franciscan Advantage Program allows qualified students to enroll in Franciscan University courses that align with their existing high school curriculum, prior to high school graduation.
- Eliminates geographic barriers to Franciscan University learning and resources.
- Decreases the cost of a Franciscan University education to families.
- Enhances the access to Franciscan University education and formation for students and families.

2. Who will teach the Franciscan Advantage courses?

- Your high school teachers will teach the course.
- Students will concurrently enroll in a Franciscan Advantage course and complete Franciscan assessments.
- Direct instruction between Franciscan University faculty and the high school students is limited.

3. Where/when will Franciscan Advantage courses be taught?

- These courses will be taught at the student's school during the normal school day.
- Students are enrolled concurrently in their high school class and the Franciscan class.

4. What is the cost?

- As a result of the partnership between Franciscan University and high schools across the nation, Franciscan Advantage course tuition is \$100 per credit hour (\$300 per 3-credit course) for the 2023-2024 academic year. This will be billed directly by Franciscan University.

5. How many credits may a student earn?

- Currently, students may earn up to 36 credits at Franciscan University prior to high school graduation. The program could expand across additional disciplines in future years.



6. How will student learning be evaluated by Franciscan?

- Franciscan University faculty will create a midterm exam and final exam, which will be administered on the University's learning management system during the normal school day. Students will need to use two-factor authentication for security purposes.

7. Where can students use these Franciscan credits?

- Credits earned are immediately applied to Franciscan University. In most cases, credits earned at Franciscan are transferable to other colleges and universities. Each college or university has its own policies regarding transferability of credits. Each student may request a transcript with grades and credits earned.

8. What are the timelines for enrollment and completion of courses?

- Priority course registration must be completed NO LATER than September 15, 2023, and all Franciscan Advantage coursework must be completed no later than May 31, 2024.

9. What other benefits are available for students in the Franciscan Advantage Program?

- Franciscan Advantage students can also take part in our unique Franciscan Life Online for community and faith formation.

10. What are the eligibility requirements?

- The minimum age of 16 and in junior or senior year of high school.
- Possess a cumulative 2.4 GPA or higher (on a 4.0 scale).
- Recommendation from the partnering high school.

11. What is Franciscan University of Steubenville?

- Franciscan University is one of only 15 Catholic universities endorsed by the Cardinal Newman Society.
- Franciscan University was founded in 1946 by friars of the Third Order Regular of St. Francis of Penance (TOR) of the Province of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.
- Franciscan University integrates excellent academic programs with a dynamic faith environment to serve 2,500 students from all 50 states and 17 countries on campus and an additional 900 students online.
- Franciscan University offers 45 undergraduate degrees, 12 graduate programs, and 17 online programs.

12. Who is your point of contact at Franciscan University?

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