

# HIGH SCHOOL Advantage Program



## PARTNERSHIP COURSES Frequently Asked Questions

### **What is the Franciscan University High School Advantage Partnership 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.

### **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.

### **Where and 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.

### **What is the cost?**

- As a result of the partnership between Franciscan University and high schools across the nation, Franciscan Advantage Partnership course tuition is \$150 per credit hour. You will pay this cost directly to Franciscan University.

### **How many credits may a student earn?**

- Currently, students may earn up to 29 credits at Franciscan University prior to high school graduation.
- Students earn grades and an official transcript.

### **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.

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### **Questions?**

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### **What other benefits are available for students in the Franciscan Advantage Program?**

- Students who complete and pass one course automatically receive a \$2,000 scholarship each year for four years at Franciscan University.
- Students who complete and pass three courses are automatically accepted into Franciscan University.
- Students can also take part in our unique Franciscan Life Online for community and faith formation.

### **What are the timelines for the application registration, drop, and withdraw?**

- Priority course registration must be completed no later than Wednesday, September 30, 2026.
- The last day to officially drop a course is Wednesday, January 20, 2027. This allows for 100% refund and no record on transcripts.
- The last day to officially withdraw from a course is Wednesday, March 24, 2027. This allows for 50% refund and a "W" on transcripts but does not impact GPA.

### **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 by going to [franciscan.edu/registrar](http://franciscan.edu/registrar). Select "Transcript Request." Next, click "Transcripts from Parchment" and follow the prompts to order your credentials. Current students can go to The Port or go to [port.franciscan.edu](http://port.franciscan.edu) and select the link for "Transcript Request" under student. Please create a new account using a personal email, not a Franciscan University email.

### **What are the eligibility requirements?**

- Junior or senior year in high school. • Minimum age of 16.
- Possess a cumulative 2.4 GPA or higher (on a 4.0 scale).

### **What is Franciscan University of Steubenville?**

- 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 18 countries on campus and an additional 1,300 students online.
- Franciscan University offers 45 undergraduate degrees, 10 graduate, 2 doctorate, and 17 online programs.

### **Who is your point of contact at Franciscan University?**

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