

High School Students:
Distance Education/Dual Enrollment Information Request

The purpose of this request is to gather a clear understanding of the process by which high school students – individually or through institutional agreements with school districts – may enroll in classes and receive credit at NSHE institutions. Please respond to the questions below for your institution and feel free to provide any additional detail or context necessary within each topic.

1. Structure

- (a) Does your institution have a dual enrollment/credit agreement with local school district(s)? If so, please specify the school district and provide details of how the dual enrollment/credit is offered under the agreement, including whether the students access the courses through their high school, a district website, etc....
- (b) Can high school students access your courses for dual enrollment/credit outside of such an agreement?

The University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) Early Studies Program, hosted by the Academic Success Center (ASC), provides the opportunity for individual Nevada high school students (from any public or private high school and home school program) the opportunity to enroll as a non-degree seeking student and attend regular UNLV classes for which they meet the prerequisites. These courses tend to be 100- and 200-level courses. Early Studies students are eligible to receive ASC student support services such as academic advising, tutoring, academic success coaching, and much more. Here is more information on the Early Studies Program: <http://www.unlv.edu/asc/early-studies>

There is not a specific agreement with school districts at this time, however, the Clark County School District (CCSD) has been very supportive. They created a system-wide CCSD dual credit approval list. Our CCSD contact point is Jill Hersha, CCSD Curriculum and Professional Development Division, jillhersha@interact.ccsd.net / 702-799-8441.

- (a) What fees are charged to the student for the dual enrollment/credit classes under the agreement with local school districts? Are these fees discounted? Are the fees paid by the school district, the high school or the student? Who pays any related fees for books, parking, etc...? Are students taking these classes required pay any other student fees? If yes, please specify.
- (b) What fees are charged to high school students enrolling in classes at your institution outside of an agreement with the local school district? Are these fees discounted? Please specify which fees are charged, including any student fees.

Early Studies students pay the same amount as the general UNLV in-state non-degree seeking students. The tuition and fees for UNLV courses vary by course; here is an estimate calculator: <http://tuition.cashiering.unlv.edu/Home/Calculator>. Unfortunately, there are no Early Studies scholarships at this time. If an NSHE employee is eligible for grant-in-aid (tuition/fee discount), the employee's high school dependent can utilize the grant-in-aid (pending HR approval).

Furthermore, the Early Studies Program does have a longstanding partnership with the Nevada Virtual Academy (NVVA) and they pay for a group of self-selected, qualify students to take UNLV courses.

2. Admission –What is the process for admitting high school students participating either through agreements with a local school district or individually?

To enter the Early Studies Program, high school students:

- Apply as a UNLV Non-Degree Seeking Student. There is a \$30 application fee.
- Complete, sign, and submit the Early Studies Program Student Participation Form.
- Meet with an ASC Academic Advisor before the semester/session begins.
- Enroll in UNLV classes (no more than 8 credits per semester).

The program is recommended for high school students with a cumulative GPA greater than 3.0.

3. **Classes**

- (a) Are there any restrictions on the classes high school students at your institution have access to through the dual enrollment/credit agreement with the school district? If yes, please specify. In particular, do students have access to upper division and distance education classes?
- (b) If there is no formal agreement, are there any such restrictions on the classes a high school student may take?
- (c) Can a high school student who has not taken the ACT and/or the pre-requisites for an upper division class (e.g. differential equations) still enroll in the class for credit if a review of the student's high school transcript indicates the student is prepared to take the class? If not, are there any other options for this student to access the class/what happens in these situations?

Early Studies students follow the same enrollment parameters as other UNLV non-degree seeking students (<https://www.unlv.edu/admissions/non-degree>). In general, Early Studies students can only take courses for which they meet the prerequisites. For placement into a UNLV math course, they can take the ACT, SAT, or the UNLV placement through ALEKS. They can take a course with any type of delivery: in-person, online, or hybrid.

4. **Credit**

- (a) Does the student automatically receive credit at your institution and the high school for all classes taken at your institution?
- (b) Are there any restrictions in how this credit is applied towards the student's program of study if the student enrolls in your institution after graduating from high school?

The credit is assigned automatically on the Early Study student's permanent transcript, but the high school handles the credit assignment on their end.

5. **Partnerships at the High Schools** – Does your institution offer any classes on a high school campus (separate from an NSHE campus) for high school students? If so, please explain how this process works, including who teaches the courses, any fees, and what credit is offered at your institution and the high school?

The Early Studies Program does not offer classes on high school campuses at this time.

6. **High Schools on College Campus/Jump Start** – Some institutions (CSN, TMCC and WNC, for example) have high schools on their campuses. Other institutions offer “Jump Start” programs. Please explain how these programs function, including admissions, fees and credit for courses.

UNLV does not have a high school on their campus like CSN, TMCC, and WNC.

7. **Other Information** – Please feel free to provide any other related information on dual enrollment/credit for high school students at your institution.

Thank you for your interest in the UNLV Early Studies Program. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us:

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