

Requirements and Benefits of the Homeschool Connections College Credit Partnership with Franciscan University of Steubenville (FUS)

You will find a list of Homeschool Connections courses that are eligible for college credit by searching our live courses for “college credit” at

<https://caravel.homeschoolconnections.com/catalog/>

*****Note: Recorded courses are not eligible for college credit.**

Student requirements:

- Enroll **both** with Homeschool Connections at <https://caravel.homeschoolconnections.com/catalog/> and with the Franciscan Advantage program. FUS will bill their fee separately.
- Read the FAQ and **complete the online application for Franciscan Advantage:** <https://franciscan.edu/advantage/>
- The cost is \$150 per credit billed by FUS, in addition to normal Homeschool Connections fees paid at HSC registration. Most courses are 3 credits for the two-semester. Chemistry with Lab is 4 credits. US History is 6 credits and *is taught at the college pace*.
- Students must be 16 years old by the date of the course final exam. **Parents should confirm this date with FUS.**
- Must be a high school junior or senior
- Must have at least 2.4 cumulative GPA (self-reported, transcript not required)
- Students will have a login to access study resources on the FUS system. Two-factor identification will be required for exams.
- Take the online midterm (35-40% of grade) and final (60-65% of grade) exams from the equivalent FUS course. The exam grades will be averaged together for the FUS course grade. Students will also receive a Homeschool Connections grade as usual.

Student benefits:

- Significant tuition discount from the FUS on-campus rate
- Official FUS transcript for the course
- \$2000/year scholarship for four years, if accepted to FUS after passing just one Advantage Program course
- Automatic acceptance to FUS if the student takes three or more Advantage courses, with a 3.0 GPA for those courses
- 100% FUS refund with no transcript record if the course is dropped by Jan. 21, 2026, which is after the midterm exam. Please contact Tom Costello tjcostello@franciscan.edu at FUS to drop the course. From March 22 to 27, 2026, students may withdraw and receive a 50% FUS refund and a W on the transcript, which does not factor into GPA. **Note:** The HSC refund policy is separate: <https://homeschoolconnections.com/faqs/>
- Option to retake an Advantage Program course on campus and have the earlier grade dropped from the transcript