

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 **Partnership** (not the “dual enrollment” option). FUS will bill their fee separately.
- **Complete the FUS online application:** <https://franciscan.edu/advantage/>. You will receive a **student login to the FUS system** soon after applying.
- 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 semesters. Calculus and Chemistry with Lab are each 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 **final exam taken through the FUS student login**. **Parents should confirm this date with FUS.**
- Must be a high school junior or senior with at least 2.4 cumulative GPA (self-reported).
- **Students will access study resources on the FUS system.** Do not underestimate the effort required to do well on the college exams!
- Take the online midterm (35-40% of grade) and final (60-65% of grade) exams **through the FUS student login**. The exam grades will be averaged together for the FUS course grade. Students will also take HSC exams for their high school grade as usual. The HSC grades are separate and distinct from the FUS transcript.

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 a course is dropped the week after the midterm exam. Contact Tom Costello tjcostello@franciscan.edu at FUS to verify the deadline or to drop a course. **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