

▶ About

The University of Nebraska High School (UNHS), part of the University of Nebraska System, is a career and college-preparatory high school offering accredited, high-quality online education and academic services to students worldwide.

Established in 1929, UNHS was originally created to help students in rural Nebraska fulfill graduation requirements through correspondence courses. As the school grew, it expanded its service to students throughout the United States and the world.

UNHS was the first distance education high school to receive regional accreditation. It awarded its first diploma to a student in West Germany in 1967, and moved online in 2001 to provide better access to students worldwide.

For more than 96 years, UNHS has continued to deliver high school courses to students around the world. UNHS has become an internationally-recognized leader in distance education, working closely with schools and students in all 50 U.S. states and more than 100 countries.

▶ Accreditation

UNHS is a diploma-awarding high school accredited by Cognia® (formerly AdvancED®). Combined, the two organizations offer more than 130 years of experience. Cognia® offers accreditation and certification, assessment, professional learning, and improvement services to institutions and other education providers. As a global nonprofit working in over 80 countries, Cognia® serves 36,000 institutions, nearly 25 million students, and five million educators every day.

In addition, UNHS is accredited by the Nebraska Department of Education (NDE) and follows Nebraska standards. To maintain this accreditation, UNHS continues to meet stringent standards in the areas of curriculum, staffing, instruction, awarding of credit hours, and diploma granting.

▶ Approvals & Standards

- Advanced Placement® (AP®) Courses
- Dual Credit Courses
- ISTE® Standards
- NCAA®-Approved Courses
- UC A-G Approved Courses
- Tier 1 U.S. Military Status

▶ Administration



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▶ Academic Advisers

UNHS academic advisers engage with diploma students, parents, and support networks to assist students as they pursue a UNHS high school diploma and prepare for the transition to college. Advisers provide guidance on choosing appropriate courses to fulfill graduation requirements. All UNHS students should consult with their adviser on course selection, including freshmen and transfer students.

From transcript evaluations, course selection, and strategies for academic success to NCAA® initial eligibility requirements and preparing for college, UNHS advisers are a tremendous resource for students. Diploma students should work with advisers to design the appropriate program of study for their needs. Please reach out to advisers with any questions at unhsadviser@nebraska.edu.

▶ Graduation Requirements

Students must earn a minimum of 200 credits in order to graduate. Graduation requirements are based on Nebraska Department of Education requirements. College-preparatory students use the electives to complete additional math, science, and world language courses.

Subjects	Credit Hours	Carnegie Units
Language Arts	40	4.0
Social Studies/History	30	3.0
Mathematics	30	3.0
Sciences	30	3.0
Multicultural Studies	5	0.5
Financial Skills	5	0.5
Career Education	5	0.5
Computer Science & Technology Education ¹	5	0.5
Electives	50	5.0

¹ *Computer Science & Technology Education: Required for all UNHS students graduating on or after July 1, 2027.*

▶ Grading Scale

Letter Grade	Percent Scale	Grade Scale	AP® Grade Scale
A+	98 - 100	4.0	5.0
A	93 - 97	4.0	5.0
B+	90 - 92	3.5	4.5
B	85 - 89	3.0	4.0
C+	82 - 84	2.5	3.5
C	77 - 81	2.0	3.0
D+	74 - 76	1.5	1.5
D	70 - 73	1.0	1.0
F	69 or below	0.0	0.0

▶ College-Prep Courses

UNHS courses are rigorous and involve advanced reading and writing, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills.

English & Language Arts:

- Ninth Grade English 1 & 2
- Tenth Grade English 1 & 2
- Eleventh Grade English 1 & 2
- Twelfth Grade English 1 & 2
- Short Stories
- Multicultural Literature
- Effective Speech Communication
- Effective Reader Skills
- American Literature Studies
- AP® English Literature & Composition 1 & 2

Mathematics

- First Year Algebra 1 & 2
- Geometry 1 & 2
- Second Year Algebra 1 & 2
- Financial Algebra
- Introduction to Statistics
- Precalculus: Analytic Geometry & Algebra
- Precalculus: Trigonometry

Natural Sciences:

- Physical Science 1 & 2
- Biology 1 & 2
- Chemistry 1 & 2
- Physics 1 & 2
- Astronomy
- Earth Science
- Precalculus: Trigonometry
- Ocean Biology

Social Studies:

- Civics
- World Cultures 1 & 2
- World Geography 1 & 2
- World History 1 & 2
- American History 1 & 2
- American Government: Theories, Policies, & Politics
- American Government: National Level
- Economics
- International Relations

World Languages:

- Chinese 1 & 2
- French 1, 2, 3 & 4
- German 1 & 2
- Latin 1 & 2
- Spanish 1, 2, 3 & 4

▶ AP® Courses

UNHS AP® courses are designed to provide high school students with college-level curriculum and prepare them to take the AP® Exams. UNHS does not administer AP® Exams and exams are not required for the completion of UNHS courses. Students choosing to take AP® Exams are responsible for registering and should be able to make exam arrangements at a nearby school that administers them.

For the most up-to-date information on registering for AP® Exams and earning an AP® International Diploma, refer to the College Board® website at www.collegeboard.org.

▶ Dual Credit Courses

UNHS partners with the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) to offer students the opportunity to earn high school and college credit for UNHS courses. Students will need to have a 3.0 or higher GPA and enroll in and pay the required UNO tuition for the dual credit course(s) at UNO during specified enrollment dates. Upon successful completion of the course(s), students will be able to request an official UNO transcript.

For approved courses, eligibility requirements, application instructions and deadlines, please visit highschool.nebraska.edu/dual-credit.

- AP® Calculus AB 1
- AP® Calculus AB 2
- AP® U.S. History 1
- AP® U.S. History 2
- AP® Computer Science A 1
- AP® Computer Science A 2
- AP® Computer Science Principles
- AP® French Language & Culture
- Introduction to Sports Medicine
- Medical Terminology
- Psychology
- Sociology

▶ New & Updated Courses

- AP® Computer Science Principles – **New Course**
- Artificial Intelligence – **New Course**
- Computing Foundations – **New Course**
- First Year German
- Introduction to Business Management
- Intro to Computer Science Coding
- Introduction to Patient Care – **New Course**
- Pre-Engineering
- Third Year Spanish
- World Cultures 1
- World Cultures 2



▶ Class Rank & Grade Point Average

Due to open enrollment, UNHS does not determine class rank. AP® courses are weighted on a 5.0 GPA scale and receive an extra 1.0 GPA mark for the top three grades – A through C (see table on the front). Each student's cumulative GPA is based only on UNHS course completion.

▶ Honor Roll

As an accredited online high school, UNHS publishes honor roll twice a year. To qualify, students must be seeking a UNHS diploma and complete 25 credits or more, earning a grade of B or better in all courses during the designated time periods. Time periods run August 1 through January 31 and February 1 through July 31.

▶ ACT & SAT Information

For information about the ACT exam, go to www.act.org.
For information about the SAT exam, go to www.collegeboard.org.

▶ Post-Secondary Education Plans

Since 2010, UNHS students have reported plans to attend various colleges and universities around the world. View the list at highschool.nebraska.edu/colleges.



Total number of students enrolled from July 2024 through June 2025: **3,167**



Average size of graduating class during the last three years: **264**