

**Program Overview**

Started in 1981, UW in the High School (UWHS) builds partnerships between academic units on campus and high schools across Washington State to offer UW coursework to high school students. Courses range from Astronomy to Comparative Literature, Latin to Computer Science. The UW courses are taught in the high school classroom by qualified high school teachers, who are first approved and trained by the sponsoring academic department. Teachers use UW curriculum, activities, texts, tests, and grading scales to ensure that the UW courses taught in the high school setting are equivalent as possible to those same courses taught on campus. This self-sustaining “college in the high school” program relies entirely on student course fees. The high school students can register to earn UW credit at a much-reduced cost: $320/course for 2014-15. The student’s course, credits, and grades are recorded on a UW transcript just as if they had taken the course on campus. While many UWHS students eventually attend UW, most students enroll at other colleges and universities. The UW credits they earned through UWHS are widely transferrable across the country.

**Student Surveys**

Each year, UWHS conducts a survey of the students one year after completing a UW course in their high school. This survey – along with other surveys of students, principals, counselors, and teachers – helps us to maintain our program’s accreditation through the National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships ([NACEP](http://www.nacep.org/)). Here are a few highlights from the survey of 2012-13 students.

* ***By taking the UWHS course, I was better prepared academically for college.***77% of students agreed or strongly agreed.
* ***The UWHS courses were at least as challenging as the courses I enrolled in at my current college or university.*** 81% agreed.
* **Transferring UW credits earned through UWHS is largely successful.**Students reported transferring their UW credit to a wide range of colleges and universities, including: Pacific Lutheran, Central Washington, Loyola Marymount, Brigham Young, South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, Marymount, Oregon, Lewis Clark, Gonzaga, Montana State, George Washington, and California Polytechnic.
* **Nearly 93% would recommend UWHS to current high school students.**
* **A few student comments:**
* *UW in the High School is an extremely unique experience that gave me a glimpse at college courses and provided me with a knowledge of the level of work that would be expected of me in college.  I also had to learn new study techniques, which I am grateful that I learned before I entered college.  One of the most beneficial classes I took was a writing course, where I learned techniques for technical writing, skills for which I began using immediately upon entering college.*
* *It gave me insight to the work load I was going to have in college. And I am now done with my first quarter and can say that the classes were very similar.*
* *It was fun, a window into college course and it solidified my decision to attend the U.*

Every three years, we also conduct a survey of students FOUR years after they have completed UW coursework through UWHS. Here are a few highlights from the most recent report.

* **Many students have plans to pursue advanced degrees**: nearly 60% for masters and 23% for doctoral.
* **The majority of students cited that their UW credits** **counted** toward their degree (82%), exempted them from a required course (72%), or enabled them to enroll in a more advanced course (50%).
* One of the strong areas developed through UWHS coursework? **Writing skills.** Nearly two-thirds of students agreed or strongly agreed.
* **One comment from a UW graduate:**

*I enjoyed the feeling of taking a college class and getting the 5 credits the accompanied it. They helped me graduate a quarter early from the UW. I also took UWHS Spanish and became a Spanish major.*

**Earning Credit and Grade Success**

* More than 90% of students who register for UW credit in a UWHS course earn at least a 2.0, with UW credits that can be applied towards a degree.
* The average grade earned by a student taking a UW course through UWHS is approximately 3.1, which is the approximate average grade earned in these courses on campus.

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