



# What is AP, Dual Enrollment, and Concurrent Enrollment?



# Let's start with some terms:

AP = Advanced Placement

- These are college level courses taught within high schools by high school teachers.
- The curriculum has been approved through College Board.
- Students take the class then have the option to take a national AP exam at the end of the year to possibly earn college credit.
- The deadline to sign up for the exam is around Nov 1 (may vary slightly year to year). After that date, ordering an exam incurs an additional \$40 late fee. The exam is approximately \$81 (can vary slightly each year). There is a reduced rate for free/reduced lunch students.

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## Dual Enrollment

- These are Bellevue East courses that can also earn college credit through UNO for an additional fee (\$250).
- Teachers have advanced degrees in their area and have been approved by UNO to meet their standards for the course.
- Some of our classes are offered both through UNO and and through Metro; some are one or the other.
- <https://www.unomaha.edu/dual-enrollment/index.php>

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## Concurrent Enrollment

- These are Bellevue East courses that can also earn college credit through Metro Community College (free through 2025 due to LB 1015).
- Teachers have advanced degrees in their area and have been approved by Metro to meet their standards for the course.
- Some of our classes are offered both through UNO and through Metro; some are one or the other.
- Concurrent and Dual essentially mean the same thing--just different terms for UNO and Metro.

# Dual Enrollment (UNO) vs Concurrent Enrollment (Metro)

## UNO:

Cost is \$250 per UNO semester (some classes are 1 UNO semester, some are 2)

Students earn the actual grade on a UNO transcript (i.e. a B in AP Eng 12 equates to a B on the UNO transcript)

Transfers to majority of universities

If it's an AP class, the \$250 also covers the cost of AP exam (comes as a refund after the exam).

## Metro:

Cost is free (LB 1015) through 2024-25

Students earn their grade on a Metro transcript; transfers as a P (pass) to a 4-year college

Transfers to universities in the area; may not transfer to out of state or private schools

Does cover the cost of the AP exam

# So, should you do UNO or Metro Enrollment (if both are offered for same class)?

There are factors to consider:

- Cost of the class (\$250 vs free)
- What are your plans after high school?
- If you're going to college, where?
- Are you taking the AP exam?
- The best thing to do is to reach out to colleges you may attend and see what credits they will accept (Metro vs UNO credits).
- You can also check [Transferology.com](https://transferology.com).
- More than 27 Metro credits can impact freshman scholarship opportunities.

## From the UNO Dual Enrollment site:

**Students are encouraged to ask the colleges or universities the following five important questions:**

1. Does your institution accept Dual Enrollment credit?
2. If yes, how would you take Dual Enrollment credit from UNO? (i.e. course number and name)
3. If no, ask about Advanced Placement® Exam policies
4. Will I be considered a freshman regardless of the number of credits I bring in? (Make sure that you would still be eligible for all freshman scholarships.)
5. Would the credits I bring to college count against the overall length and amount of any scholarships that I might receive?



# Advanced Placement, Dual Enrollment, Concurrent Enrollment

Our AP classes:

- Some are only available as an AP option and are not offered as Dual Enrollment (i.e. only way to earn college credit is by taking and passing the AP exam).
- Some AP classes are dual enrolled through Metro. Some are dual enrolled through UNO. Some are dual enrolled through both.



# Dual Enrollment Advantages:

AP Exam not required to earn college credit

Don't have to pass the exam to get college credit

Cheaper than college tuition

Accepted at UNO, UNL, UNK and the state colleges (Wayne, Peru, Chadron)

Can start college as a sophomore or junior

# AP Test Advantages:

Tests knowledge of course material

Transfers more universally to colleges, especially out of state and private schools

Can opt out of sending scores to colleges

Gain experience taking college level courses and college level exams

Research shows students that take AP classes/tests do much better in college even if they don't pass the AP exam

Cheaper than college tuition

# Dual Enrollment Disadvantages:

Credit may not be accepted at all schools (sometimes an issue if going far out of state or to private universities) whereas AP scores are accepted at all colleges

Legally obligated to send a transcript to other colleges if you start one through UNO or Metro

Grade starts college transcript and college GPA regardless of the grade (i.e. could start a college transcript with a D)

If a student earns a lot of dual enrollment, they bypass freshmen year status in college. A student may not be ready to start sophomore or junior level classes in college.

# AP Test Disadvantages:

## AP Disadvantages (if only doing the test and not doing dual enrollment also):

Must do well on AP exam to earn college credit (Score of 3, 4 or 5 is passing but some colleges will only take 4 or 5)

Colleges have different policies specific to AP courses (i.e. may only accept certain exams for elective credit vs core credit)

Ex: UNL will accept a 3 for most AP exams but will only accept a 4 or 5 for World History and American History

## Additional information:

- UNO has a drop date about half way through the semester where you can disenroll from the UNO class. There is no refund but grade won't stay on transcript that way. Usually, it goes on the transcript as a W (withdrawal).
- Metro has a drop date that is closer to the end of the semester where you can disenroll from the Metro class. It will usually go on the Metro transcript as a W (withdrawal).
- There are scholarships available if you qualify for free or reduced lunch or have certain other financial hardships that will cover the \$250 UNO fee.

## **If I dual enroll, should I still take the AP exam?**

Depending on where you attend college, doing both dual enrollment and the AP exam increases your chances of receiving college credit. For example, if you attend the NU system or a Nebraska state college (Wayne, Chadron, or Peru), your dual enrollment credit through UNO or Metro should count. However, if you go farther away or go to a private institution, they may not accept the dual local enrollment credit, but they will take your AP exam credit, if you pass. Also, taking the exam helps prepare you for college level comprehensive exams.

# Other Metro options

Frank Kumor Center options:

- Open to juniors and seniors (apply in Feb previous year)
- Certified Nursing Assistant program, Education program, Automotive Repair program, Aviation program
- Receive high school and Metro credit
- FREE tuition and books
- Take morning classes at East then go to the Frank Kumor Center in afternoon (transportation provided)

# Other Metro options

## Career Academy options:

- Open to juniors and seniors (apply in Feb previous year)
- Dozens of programs
- Receive high school and Metro credit
- FREE tuition and books
- Take morning classes at East then go to one of the Metro campuses in the afternoon (transportation not provided)



# Metro Contact

Alyssa Wiese is our Metro Navigator and can answer all things Metro, whether about Concurrent Enrollment, Metro scholarships, Metro registration, etc. Her email is [awiese@mccneb.edu](mailto:awiese@mccneb.edu).

Metro site for Bellevue East:

<https://sites.google.com/view/mcc-at-bps/bellevue-east-high-school>

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