



APPLYING FOR ADMISSION AS A HIGH SCHOOL SPECIAL STUDENT

A high school student who wishes to take university courses while still in high school may apply to enroll as a High School Special Student. To apply as a High School Special Student, the student must submit the following:

1. The UW System Application for Undergraduate Admission;
2. An official high school transcript;
3. A letter of recommendation from the high school counselor or principal;
4. If the ACT exam has been completed, an ACT score report should be included.

For admission to the University, High School Special Students must normally rank in the top quarter of their class and have completed the junior year. High school courses completed and ACT scores may also be considered in the evaluation of High School Special Students. Students with strong academic records who have not yet completed the junior year may be considered on a case-by-case basis. If approved for admission, High School Special Students are generally allowed to register for freshman and sophomore level university courses on a space available basis, provided they meet course prerequisites. High School Special Students are responsible for payment of course tuition and required fees.

APPLYING FOR ADMISSION AS A WISCONSIN YOUTH OPTIONS PROGRAM STUDENT

Students enrolled in Wisconsin public high schools may request approval from their school district to take university courses through the Wisconsin Youth Options Program (YOP). Students must file the YOP Program Plan and Report (available from the high school counselor or principal) with their high school to request approval of YOP courses. This form is to be submitted to the high school before March 1 if applying for fall semester courses, and before October 1 if applying for spring semester courses. The high school reviews the courses requested to determine whether or not they are comparable to courses offered in the high school. The high school pays the tuition for courses deemed not comparable to courses offered in the high school. The school district may establish policy limiting the number of credits for which the school district pays to 18 semester credits in total during the junior and senior years. If a student receives a failing grade or drops a course for which the school district has made payment, the school district may request reimbursement from the student, or from the student's parent or guardian, for all costs related to the course. Students who fail to provide reimbursement for a dropped or failed course are not eligible to continue in the YOP.

After receiving school approval of the YOP course requests, the student must submit the following to the UW-River Falls Admissions Office to be considered for admission to the University as a YOP student:

1. The completed Youth Options Program Plan and Report form, approved by the school district;
2. The University of Wisconsin System Application for Undergraduate Admission;
3. An official high school transcript;
4. If the ACT exam has been completed, an ACT score report should also be included;
5. A student statement of goals and intentions for YOP enrollment.

YOP applicants must normally rank in the top quarter of their high school class for admission to UW-River Falls. High school courses completed and ACT scores may also be considered in the evaluation of YOP applicants. If approved for admission, YOP students may generally be considered for enrollment in freshman and sophomore level university courses on a space available basis, provided they meet course prerequisites. Placement testing may be required to determine appropriate course level for students wishing to study in areas such as math or foreign languages. Scores on College Board Advanced Placement Program (AP) exams may also be used to determine course placement.