

# **FAQs**

What is ASU Prep Digital?

ASU Prep Digital is an accredited online high school for grades 9-12. Students work at their own pace from anywhere, as long as they have internet access.

- What can students study?

Students can take a single high school class or an ASU university online course or enroll in a high school diploma-granting program.

- Is a visa required for ASU Prep Digital?

No, students do not need a visa as they can study online from anywhere.

- What is the difference between full and part-time students?

Part-time students can take between 1 and 3 courses. Full-time students take a minimum of 4 and maximum of 7 courses a semester.

Can ASU Prep Digital Students apply to ASU?

Yes! Students with an ASU Prep Digital High School Diploma can apply to ASU.

# **ASU Prep Digital Costs**

- How much does ASU Prep Digital cost?

This depends on the type of course a student takes.

High School courses cost \$750 USD per 0.5 credits, \$1,500 USD per 1 credit. (Includes access to the course platform, teachers, professors and a Learning Success Coach.)

Standard tuition for full-time students (6 credits a year) is \$9,000 (\$750 x 12 half credits).

University courses cost \$1,000 USD plus \$75 University Course Fee per 3 credits. (Includes university faculty and Learning Success Coach.)

Will students in concurrent university courses need to pay for books as an additional fee?

This is dependent upon the teacher and what they require for the course. It differs by teacher.

#### When do students pay for their courses?

**High School Courses:** 

The student's guardian will receive an invoice after the 14-day grace period ends. The invoice needs to be paid within 30 days.

Concurrent College Courses:

The student's guardian will receive an invoice after the add/ drop period ends. The invoice needs to be paid within 30 days.

What is the grace period?

The grace period starts on the student's first day of class. It is a 14-day period in which a student can become familiar with the ASU Prep Digital platform and their classes. If the student decides to withdraw during the grace period, they are not invoiced for their programme. If a student decides to withdraw after the grace period, they are invoiced for their programme in full.

# **Applying to ASU Prep Digital**

 How do agents/ students/ parents address queries to ASU Prep Digital before submitting an application?

Agents should send queries to their Kaplan Market Manager/Admissions Representative. Kaplan will then take these forward to ASU Prep Digital to gather further feedback.

- What is the deadline to apply?

Deadlines and session dates can be found here: https://www.asuprepdigital.org/enrollment/

Note: Reminder that applications need to be submitted via Kaplan's application form.

How do students apply with Kaplan?

Select 'ASU Prep Digital (for high school students)' on the ASU Kaplan application form: https://www.kaplanpathways.com/colleges/arizona-state-university-pathways/application-form/

What is required for a complete application?

Part-time enrollment High school courses – completed Kaplan application

Full-time enrollment High school courses – completed Kaplan application, high school transcript (and translation if transcript is not in English), High School transcript evaluation form

**Note:** Students applying for full-time ASU Prep Digital study, or the Dual Diploma program will need to have their high school transcripts evaluated by a third party, which is payable by the student. This evaluation will only be completed after the 2-week grace period ends and the student confirms continuing enrollment. During the 2-week grace period, students will be placed on 1-2 compulsory courses, before the transcript evaluation is completed. The student will also need a transcript

evaluation during their final year of study. More information will be provided to the student at the time of application.

ASU Concurrent University courses – completed Kaplan application, English proficiency scores (minimum scores needed as per ASU UG requirement), Letter of Recommendation from student's school of record (this needs to state that the student is academically ready to take college courses)

- Can students who are American citizens or green card holders apply for ASU Prep Digital?

Yes, they can apply but commission would not be able to be paid for the student.

Who will the student work with at ASU Prep Digital?

ASU Prep Digital will assign a Learning Success Coach who will work with the student to enroll in the course and monitor the student throughout the course. Students will also have an ASU Prep Digital teacher for each course in which they are enrolled.

# **High School Courses**

- Is there a list of courses students can choose from?

High School courses can be found here: https://www.asuprepdigital.org/high-school-courses/

- Can schools work with ASU Prep Digital?

Yes. Schools can place ASU Prep Digital into their existing curriculum.

- How many credits does a student need to be awarded the ASU Prep Digital High School Diploma?

From Fall 2022 onwards, 22 credits in total. **Note**: If a student wants to receive an ASU Prep Digital diploma, then at least 6 credits need to be earned while studying at ASU Prep Digital. This is regardless of the number of credits earned before starting at ASU Prep Digital.

- Does ASU Prep Digital offer a US High School Dual Diploma option?

Yes. ASU Prep Digital can work with students to identify what courses they would need to take to be awarded a US High School Diploma in addition to their home country high school qualification. Students enrolling in ASU Prep Digital's Dual Diploma program will take a minimum of 6 credits. Course enrollment plan will be determined by a third-party transcript evaluation.

What diploma do students receive upon graduation?

An official ASU Prep Digital High School Diploma. ASU Prep Digital is a publicly funded charter school. A diploma from ASU Prep Digital is the same as earning a U.S. diploma from a traditional high school.

# - Can an ASU Prep Digital student apply to other universities or do they have to apply for ASU?

Students with an ASU Prep Digital High School Diploma can apply to any university which accepts a US High School Diploma.

#### - Is there a grace period before students will be invoiced for tuition?

A 14-day grace period starts on the first day of class and applies to both full and part-time students. Invoices are sent after the grace period ends and must be paid within 30 days. More information on the grace period can be found under the 'ASU Prep Digital Costs' section.

## - How long do high school courses take to complete?

The standard length per course is 16-18 weeks, to match the standard High School semester. At this pace, students would need to spend 5 hours per week on coursework for each course.

Fast track students can complete courses in 6-8 weeks but this would not be applicable for all students.

Students must complete a minimum of 3 weeks of seat time for each course.

## - Can students take Part A and Part B of the same course at the same time?

No, students must take Part A first and then Part B of the same course.

## - What schedule do full-time students start in January follow?

For full-time students starting in January, the typical schedule is to take Spring and Fall courses. Summer courses are available for many courses but are optional.

# - Can international students attend live classes?

Yes. Each teacher hosts a one-hour live lesson per week which are great opportunities to ask questions and for subject-related conversations with teachers and students. For a student taking six courses, that is six hours of live lesson opportunity each week. Students are encouraged to attend live lessons, but it is not required. If a student cannot attend for any reason, they can watch the recordings and are not penalized for missing live classes.

#### Is additional support available if a student struggles with a subject?

Yes. If a student is ever struggling, they should reach out to their teacher or Learning Success Coach who will be able to assist by email, phone or video call as needed. The Learning Success Coach can help with creating individual pace charts for students who may struggle with time management.

#### Can students interact together outside of classes?

ASU PD has clubs that both part-time and full-time students can join. More information can be found <u>here</u>.

Full-time students will also have "homeroom" one hour per week which is more social in nature. Common topics of discussion may include tips and tricks, study habits, student spotlights. Homeroom is encouraged but not required of full-time students.

Can international diploma students attend an ASU Prep Digital graduation ceremony?

Yes, any ASU Prep Digital graduate who wishes to travel to graduation is welcome. Should the ceremony be online, they are welcome to participate in that ceremony also. The Learning Success Coach will be able to advise on ceremony date and location.

# **ASU Concurrent University Courses**

- Does ASU Prep Digital offer ASU Concurrent University courses?

Yes, ASU Prep Digital offers an accelerated path toward college admission. It also offers students concurrent enrollment.

- What is concurrent enrollment?

Concurrent enrollment allows students to earn high school and ASU university credit at the same time, depending on the class chosen. Students can study from a choice of 200+ ASU courses.

- Are any ASU Concurrent University courses included for full-time ASU Prep Digital High School Diploma Students?

Yes. For full-time Diploma students, 2 ASU Concurrent University courses a semester are covered by the student's tuition.

- What is the difference between enrolling in a college course through ASU Prep Digital and taking directly from ASU?

ASU Prep Digital concurrent college classes are designed to offer opportunities and support to high school students. Prep Digital has developed service models to make sure that students can successfully complete the classes and earn credits. ASU Prep Digital is committed to providing excellent learning experiences to students.

- What ASU university courses can students take?

This can be found here: https://www.asuprepdigital.org/university-courses/

What ASU university courses are available per session?

Students can search for available classes per session and review prerequisites (if applicable) <a href="here">here</a>. Students can choose either iCourses or ASU Online Classes.

Session dates can be reviewed against ASU's Academic Calendar.

#### Is there a difference between ASU iCourses and ASU Online courses?

ASU Online courses are taken by ASU Online students. ASU iCourses can be taken by on-campus students. However, there is no difference in the course content for students taking a concurrent university course through ASU Prep Digital.

#### Will a student need to take a Math placement test?

Yes for concurrent enrollment in ASU Math courses, students will need take the ASU Math Placement test: <a href="https://students.asu.edu/math">https://students.asu.edu/math</a>. Students will need an ASUrite ID for this which will be provided through ASU Prep Digital.

## Will a student need to take a foreign language placement assessment?

Yes, for concurrent foreign language courses, students will need to the ASU foreign language placement assessment: <a href="https://silc.asu.edu/student-life/academic-advising/placement-testing">https://silc.asu.edu/student-life/academic-advising/placement-testing</a>

## What is the prerequisite for ENG 101?

The prerequisite for ENG 101 is one of the following: TOEFL score 560PBT/250CBT/100iBT or higher, or IELTS score >=6.5, or ACT ENG score >=19, or SAT Verbal score >=520 (SAT Verbal score >=470 if before 2016), or Accuplacer score 5-7, or WAC 101 or 107 w/C or better OR Visiting University Student

#### Can a student's concurrent enrollment ASU credits be transferred to another university?

Yes, ASU college credits can be transferred to other universities. Students receive official ASU transcripts for college level classes.

## How long do university courses take to complete?

This depends on the sessions in which students are enrolled at ASU. A student taking a standard 3 credit course over 14 weeks can expect to spend up to 18 hours a week on that course. Courses are offered in condensed Sessions A and B which run about 8 weeks and Session C which runs about 16 weeks.

#### - Why are timelines different for ASU Concurrent Courses?

ASU Prep Digital students take ASU Concurrent courses alongside ASU college-level students. For this reason, the ASU academic calendar needs to be followed.