

JUMP START

HANDBOOK

Your college journey





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About Jump Start

About

The Jump Start College program is a dual-enrollment opportunity for students in participating Nevada high schools. Students enroll in college courses through Western Nevada College while simultaneously earning high school credits. Jump Start College participants have the potential to complete up to 60 credits and earn a transfer associate degree through WNC.

Eligibility

Western Nevada College works with local high schools to identify achieving sophomore and junior students who have met grade requirements in Algebra II, are academically and socially mature, and are interested in the opportunity to "Jump Start" their college career while in high school.

These students are assessed to determine college English 101 readiness. Interested and eligible students and parents next attend a Parent Night information event, and lastly meet with WNC and high school counselors for final approval and course registration.



Jump Start Student

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New Student Orientation

Jump Start College students attend a New Student Orientation in the summer in order to help them prepare to make the transition to college classes. Jump Start courses are WNC courses and are taught by college faculty or high-school teachers. Students participate in a real college experience involving learning outcomes and expectations, while adhering to college policies and procedures. Credits are applied to an official college transcript, while dually transcribed toward high school graduation requirements.

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Student Success

Student success is a primary goal of all WNC programs. At the college level, student success requires strict adherence to academic standards and recognition of student responsibilities to help ensure students are prepared to succeed in subsequent WNC courses and at transfer institutions.

All college freshmen experience a period of significant adjustment as they adapt to the expectations of the college classroom, and Jump Start students are no different in this respect. The fast pace of the college schedule, a decrease in seat time in classes, and higher personal time management expectations can lead to some frustration early on. Students are encouraged to communicate directly with their instructors early and often and to take advantage of Academic Coaches and other resources throughout the semester to make effective adjustments in facilitating their own success.



First & Second Year Courses

3 First Year Courses

A three week accelerated course is offered to Jump Start College students prior to the beginning of the regular college semester. One of the primary purposes of offering the accelerated course is to help students transition to college curriculum, make essential connections with their peers, and earn three general education credits.

This schedule also affords students the opportunity to concentrate on four classes (12 credits) during the semester, essentially lightening the course load a bit for the regular semester. Every attempt is made by the college to offer accelerated courses prior to each semester; the variety of accelerated offerings is limited.

4 Second Year Courses

Second year students have the opportunity to complete the sixty college credits required to earn an associate degree which is tailored toward individual transfer program goals. A Jump Start College Advisor continues to meet with students each semester to advise regarding course selection, degree attainment, and graduation procedures. Second year Jump Start College course offerings vary from high school location, online, or on college campus.



First & Second Year Courses

5 Academic Advising

Jump Start students are required to meet with the WNC Jump Start Advisor every semester. The WNC Jump Start Advisor provides a transition to college support as well academic advising and assistance with course enrollment each semester. Counseling and career planning services are also available.

6 Example Schedules

Fall Semester Example

Com 101 Communications
Math 126 Precalculus I
ENG 101 Composition
HIST 101 US Constitution
EPY 150 Educational Psychology

Spring Semester Example

TBD Fine Arts
Math 127 Precalculus II
ENG 102 Composition II
HIST 102 US History
TBD Science



Academic Resources

7 Academic Coaches

Academic Coaches are college provided tutors who can help students with their classes. The Academic Coaches are available in-person and online. Online services are available Monday-Saturday.

8 Library & Media Services

Students may use the Joe Dini Library and Student Center on the WNC Carson Campus for research, study and computer access. Students in the Fallon area may use the Beck Library on the WNC Fallon Campus.

9 Disability Support Services

Jump Start College students may use the services provided by the Disability Support Services office, whose philosophy is to empower students to be successful in obtaining their educational goals. DSS provides necessary support to attain academic, vocational, and personal goals at WNC.



Disability Support Services

Grades

10 Grade Reporting

WNC Jump Start instructors use a platform called CANVAS for grade reporting, and in some cases, it is used to communicate announcements and course resources. Final official semester grades will be sent from the WNC Admissions and Records office to the high schools following each semester in order for the dual credits/grades to be reported on the high school transcript.

All students are required to submit screen shots of their grades into their Canvas for grade reporting. This will help the Jump Start Advisor to know how students are performing in their courses and provide support if necessary.

11 Official Transcripts

All WNC course grades will be posted on the students college transcript. As students are preparing to transfer from WNC to other post-secondary institutions, they will request official transcripts on the WNC, Admissions and Records web page: <https://www.wnc.edu/admissions/records.php>



Request Transcripts QR Code



Family & High School

12 Parents

Parents and guardians of Jump Start students are an essential part of the team that supports the students success. It is important to be reassuring to your son or daughter and express confidence that he or she can succeed in the college environment. Talk about study skills and time management, and encourage him or her to utilize WNC campus resources. Also encourage your student to approach instructors for help. It takes time to learn how to be a college student, how to study, how to manage time, how to make adjustments to improve grades.

Be patient and understanding because this process requires about one semester until students adjust to effectively balancing college classes with the high school experience. Because it is the student's responsibility to communicate with instructors, this change is often a significant adjustment for parents as well. Parents are invited to contact the Jump Start Advisor for assistance with the transition.

13 High School

Jump Start students continue to receive support from their high school administrative and counseling team. Dual credits grades and credits are monitored and transcribe for high school graduation.

High school student resources and activities continue to be available. The students are responsible for accessing information and resources at the high school in order to stay involved in school events. Students with concerns or complaints about their Jump Start classes should contact the Jump Start Advisor and high school counselor.



College Culture

Academic Calendar

Jump Start College's courses are offered during the college semester calendar and therefore may not correspond with high school calendars. Students are expected to attend and participate in courses when colleges is in session while their high school is not. Accelerated classes are typically offered during the three week period preceding the regular semester.

Inclement Weather

Students should be aware of the procedures that WNC faculty and staff will follow in the event of campus closure due to inclement weather or other emergency. In some cases, campus closures do not correspond with high school campus closures. Campus closure notices will be posted on the college home page.

Cancelled Classes

There are times when the campus is open, but the instructor has cancelled a class. When a Jump Start class is cancelled, every effort is made by the instructor or Jump Start staff to notify the students.

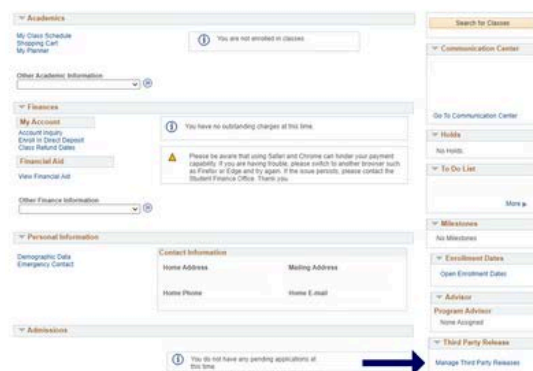
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Third Party Release Form

In order to authorize an individual WNC staff member or department to disclose information about the student's WNC educational record to another individual or agency, students should designate Admissions and Records, Financial Aid, the Business Office, and/or Counseling Services to disclose information in myWNC under "Manage Third Party Release" in the myWNC Student Center.

Steps to add Third Party Release

- Log into MyWNC Login
 - Use your WNC student number
 - EX: w5001002000
- Click on Student Center
- Click on "Manage Third Party Releases"
- Click on "ADD Third Party Release"
- Type in contact information
- Select the offices you wish to allow access
 - Recommended "All Student Services"
- Click Save





Financial Information

Student Protected Groups

Designated Jump Start students will not be dropped from classes when an amount due is shown on the account, however the balance must be paid prior to registration for the following semester.

Program Costs

Most high schools offer some level of tuition and/or textbook assistance, but amount vary by school and by year. Please contact your high school counselor or administration for current information.

Billing

Each Student Center account in MyWNC will show a balance due until the district has been billed for fees that it has agreed to pay. Students will be responsible for any fees that have not been invoiced to the school district.



Additional Information

Textbooks

Students can access their textbooks through WNC's Bookstore. The "Textbook Lookup" allows the student to search for their textbooks by either course section or using their college ID.



WNC Book Store

Student ID Cards

A WNC Identification card allows access to Dini Student Center services as well as discounts from local businesses.

ID cards can be obtained at the Student Desk, located in the Dini Building at WNC Carson City. A current government issued form of identification, such as a driver's license or passport is required.



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