

# Frequently Asked Questions

## Application and Admission to Program

How are students accepted into AMCS? Lottery? First



**Can AMCS help me graduate early from high school?**

Yes. For every semester college course, you will receive one credit. We recommend not graduating from high school and continue to take college course until you graduate as scheduled.

**Affiliate Schools** (Neighborhood School)

**Can AMCS students take a course at their affiliate school?**

Yes, students may request to take one course at their affiliate school.

**Can I take a King Tech**

### **Can AMCS students qualify for the UA Scholars program at their affiliate school?**

It depends. If they attend their affiliate school as a junior and fall within the top 10% of their class, they should be included when reporting to the UA Scholars program at the end of the school year. If they attend AMCS as a junior and qualify amongst their AMCS cohort, they will be included in the submission form for AMCS.

## **Cost to Participate in AMCS**

### **Do AMCS students have to pay for college tuition or textbooks?**

It depends. ASD covers these costs for most General Education Requirements (GERs) during the Fall and Spring semesters. A list of approved UAA courses will be provided to students before registering for classes. Students can meet all ASD graduation requirements and potentially earn an Associate's Degree or certificate through the approved list courses. Based on academic needs, additional courses may be petitioned to the AMCS principal.

Students can opt to register for classes, not on the approved list; however, the student will be responsible for the course tuition and any associated textbooks. Registering for non-approved courses must be done in consultation with the AMCS counselor and the UAA Academic Advisor.

Students can also enroll in summer classes at UAA but will be financially responsible for tuition, books, and fees.

### **Can AMCS students take evening classes?**

Yes, if they meet the minimum placement requirements.

## **Transportation**

### **Is bus transportation provided?**

Yes. Students can take their regular bus route to their affiliate high school and catch the bus to the King Tech High School. From KTHS, students can ride a bus to the UAA campus. The reverse route is available in the afternoon. A more detailed description of the bus service, including departure and arrival times, is available on the website.

## Courses, Schedules, Transcripts, Grades, and Seals

### **How late in the day do classes run until?**

ASD classes run from 7:30 am-2:00 pm while UAA classes start as early as 7am and end around 10 pm. UAA also offers courses during the weekend.

### **Can a student be enrolled in King Tech and AMCS as well as their school?**

Yes. The student would be enrolled full-time student in AMCS. Working with the ASD counselor student would determine if the King Tech courses fit into his/her schedule. Students are allowed one single course enrollment with their affiliate school.

### **Are ASD students in regular UAA courses with all UAA students?**

Yes. AMCS students will attend courses that are published in the UAA class schedule. UAA does not offer classes for just ASD students. The purpose of this program is to assist students in the college environment.

### **Are classes at AMCS in person (when it is not COVID)?**

Before COVID, courses were all taught in person. Currently, we are returning to in-person instruction, but we will also be incorporating blended courses that will use both online and in-person learning when appropriate.

### **Since some classes will be offered online due to covid, will they have to make that choice ahead of time, or can they come into class one day and the next do the class online?**

Both UAA and ASD will determine if the course will be delivered in person, online, or a combination of the two. UAA course schedule and your advisor/counselor can help students in determining how a course will be delivered before enrolling in a class. Once enrolled, the student is required to participate and attend the course as indicated in the class schedule.

### **Can students choose to take only online classes?**

When available, students may take all online courses; however, students must discuss this with their UAA advisor in detail as most college courses require independence, time management, and discipline skills.

### **When enrolled in UAA classes, do you go to different parts of the campus?**

Yes.

### **Does FERPA prevent our professors from talking directly with our parents?**

No. FERPA ensures the student information is protected. Students can give permission for UAA staff and faculty to share their information with their parents through the completion of a Release of Information Form. P4 Tfu0 c55fu0 c55fu0 c55fu0 c55f5QqFhen

**How do I know what classes to take?**

You will work with the AMCS counselor and UAA advisor to select courses that meet your

**What is the maximum number of classes a student can take at UAA per semester?**

Students usually take between 2-4 courses in their first semester and based on performance, the student may opt to take an additional course the next semester. UAA allows students to enroll up to 19 credits per semester without academic approval. However, AMCS students will need principal's approval to enroll in 16 or more credits per semester.

**Can a student just start the program with one class?**

Yes, as long as the student is enrolled full-time in the program. Therefore, the student will need to be enrolled in four high school courses along with one college course.

**Are college courses weighted?**

No. College courses do not have extra weight in GPA calculations.

**Are there any AP credits associated with or available in the AMCS program?**

No. AMCS utilizes UAA courses; however, students may take AP courses as a single course enrollment at their affiliate high school. Students need to speak with an ASD counselor.

**If you have taken two years of high school language are you automatically put into the second level?**

No. UAA requests the student enroll in the 100-level course and then requests the student make an appointment with the language department to have an assessment of proficiency in the language. If the skills are appropriate, the department will approve enrollment in the 200-level course.

**Does the AMCS program accept International Student Exchange students?**

No. International Exchange Students are not eligible to enroll at AMCS.

**Will Q reflect mid-quarter grades or only final grades?**

Q will only reflect the course's final grade.

**Do UAA courses affect my GPA?**

Yes. The grade you receive in a college course will be entered on your high school transcript and used to calculate the GPA.

**Do AMCS students have UAA transcripts as well as ASD high school transcripts?**

Yes. AMCS students build a UAA college transcript at the same time as their high school transcript. UAA grades will be posted on their college transcript. At the end of each semester, college grades will be posted to the student's high school transcript.

**How transferable are the college credits that students earn outside of UA?**

Most of the general education courses are transferable; however, the ultimate decision regarding what transfers outside of UA system lies with the institution the student plans attend. Students are encouraged to contact the college and speak with an admission counselor to determine what UAA course(s) might satisfy a degree requirement.

**Can AMCS students earn a Seal of Biliteracy?**

Yes. Seniors should complete the Seal of Biliteracy application. Students will need to take the STAMP test during their junior or senior year to qualify. If students are not in a world language class at their affiliate school, they will need to coordinate with the affiliate school.



## AMCS & High School Diploma Requirements

### How does AMCS determine if a student is enrolled full-time?

To answer this question, it is important to understand how credits are applied to a student's transcript at the end of a semester:

- Students earn .5 credit each semester for completing a high school course.
- Students earn 1.0 credit each semester for completing a 3-credit college course because it is equivalent to a yearlong high school course.

A high school student enrolled in *six* semester-long classes, or *three*, 3-credit college classes are considered full-time. Many AMCS students will take a blend of college and high school classes. They will be considered full-time if they are enrolled in a combination of classes totaling 3.0 credits for the semester. It is especially important to understand that, under ASAA eligibility rules, an athlete must be enrolled in the equivalent of *five* semester-long classes (2.5 credits) to maintain athl

