



**A STEP TO THE U**

Enrolled Alta High students can earn college credit from University of Utah

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# University of Utah and Alta High School

A new and innovative Early College High School partnership and academic pathway



One Year Program  
Begins Summer 2020  
Ends Summer 2021



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A new Hybrid High School Framework and Design

# What is Step2TheU?



- An opportunity for juniors in high school to take up to 30 semester credits through the University of Utah in one year with an integrated learning emphasis in Culture and Leadership, and earn 36 total semester hours if they opt to continue attending UofU.
- Courses are taught by University of Utah Faculty and begin the summer (2020) after end of junior year of high school.
- Students complete coursework at the end of the summer after graduation (2021)
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- Students can take 12 semester credits (4 classes) each summer block with one math class during both fall and spring of senior year.

# What are the Benefits to Step2TheU?



- University classes from university professors
- Earn 30 semester university credits and 3 full high school credits
- Access general education classes in a class size of 35
- Save approximately \$15-20,000 in tuition and fees
- Reduce the amount of time in university studies (up to a year and a half)
- Graduate with a Bachelor's Degree in 2 ½ years
- Network with university professors and researchers on campus
- Attend Step2TheU unique campus activities (i.e., athletic events, specialized campus tours, tutoring, department tours, etc.)
- Engaging in university learning in a common cohort with integrated curriculum
- Wrap around “U” supports (peer mentor, University Academic Advising, etc.)

# How do I apply for Step2TheU?



Applications are available at the Alta High School website and must be completed before Feb. 03, 2020.



Application includes the following:

- A completed and signed application by student and parent/guardian
- Alta High School Transcript – showing cumulative GPA
- Academic Resume (i.e., achievement, leadership, participation, etc.)
- One Letter of Recommendation
- Response to Two Essay Prompts:
  - Why are you interested in participating? (500 word max)
  - Describe a period of time you've had to demonstrate resiliency and what you learned from the experience?

# Who is eligible for Step2TheU?

- A junior in high school who is:
  - Ready for a challenge
  - Hard working
  - Motivated
  - Resilient
  - A good communicator
  - Interested in:
    - saving money for college
    - graduating from college earlier
    - graduating at the University of Utah
    - attending a tier-one PAC-12 research institution
    - maximizing their academic experience



# What criteria will be used in determining acceptance into Step2TheU?

## Academic Preparation and Performance

### Rigorous courses in high school

- Core Academic Classes
- Honors (H)
- Advanced Placement (AP)
- Concurrent Enrollment (CE)

### Grade Trend

- Improvement over time

### Cumulative GPA (Grade Point Average)

### Academic Awards and Distinctions

- Academic Resume

### Intellectual Pursuits and Creative Endeavors

## Personal Achievements and Characteristics

- Integrity, maturity, motivation, and resilience
- Commitment to school and/or community engagement, positive citizenship, and leadership
- Involvement in student clubs, organizations, programs, athletics, and other extra-curricular activities
- Familial Responsibilities
- Extraordinary circumstances
- Ability to contribute to and benefit from culturally and intellectually diverse learning community

# How will be my application be screened and evaluated for Step2TheU?

- The full application including requested documents is due to the Alta Counseling Center on Feb. 03, 2020.
- Each application will be assigned a number for anonymous screening to make the process as fair and equitable as possible.
- A committee comprised of both Alta and University of Utah faculty members will begin screening and ranking applications after the deadline and notify students of their acceptance or waitlist status 30-60 days thereafter.
- “Culture and Leadership” and “Global Citizenship” are the two cohorts/strands will be available for the selected 70 students.



# What classes will I be taking in Step2TheU?

<p><b>Summer One</b> <b>2020</b></p> <p><b>All classes are 3 semester credits</b></p> <p><b>Writing 1010 or 2010</b> Depending upon ACT Score <b>Behavioral Science (BF)</b> <b>Humanities (HF)</b> <b>Fine Arts (FF)</b></p>	<p><b>Summer Two</b> <b>2021</b></p> <p><b>All classes are 3 semester credits</b></p> <p><b>American Institutions (AI)</b> <b>Behavioral Science (BF)</b> <b>Humanities (HF)</b> <b>Physical/Life Science</b></p>
<p><b>Fall 2020</b></p> <p><b>Mathematics (CE or Online)</b></p>	<p><b>Spring 2021</b></p> <p><b>Mathematics (CE or Online)</b></p>

# What is the time commitment in the summer?

## Example Weekly Schedule:

- Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday – 5 - 6 hours a day
- One small cohort of students who will be collectively focused on an integrated learning approach with a community based project application as the culminating project.
- All four summer courses will be integrated to maximize the learning experience vs. four separate classes operating as silos.

## Possible start and end dates for first summer semester:

- Second week of June through the first week of August



# What is the total cost of Step2TheU?

- The total cost for Step2TheU is \$5 per semester credit for all classes taken prior to graduation (\$90.00 for 18 semester credits)
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> summer block (after graduation) is \$10 a semester credit for a total cost of \$120 for 12 semester credits.
- A typical cost for a 30 semester credit schedule would cost an in-state resident approximately \$15-20,000 in tuition, fees, parking and books.
- Students and parents can pay semester credit charges at the start at each semester term:
  - Payments will be made to the Continuing Education Department at the University of Utah.



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