

Wesleyan Honors Academy

Student Handbook

Welcome to Wesleyan Honors Academy! This handbook is designed to provide program information to Wesleyan Honors Academy students.

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Overview

Wesleyan Honors Academy seeks to promote Nebraska Wesleyan University's commitment to partnering relationships with secondary schools to provide talented and highly motivated high school students with a quality honors educational experience. The mission of Wesleyan Honors Academy complements the mission of Nebraska Wesleyan University to promote intellectual and personal growth within the context of liberal arts education.

Wesleyan Honors Academy (WHA) is a concurrent enrollment program that allows students to earn dual credit – both high school credit and college credit – for selected courses. Students enrolled in these courses earn high school credit through their own school and college credit through Nebraska Wesleyan University (NWU). Dual enrollment offers students an opportunity to adapt to college-level expectations and a rigorous academic curriculum while they are still in a supportive high school learning environment.

Students who register and complete Wesleyan Honors Academy courses at their high school receive a grade on a Nebraska Wesleyan University transcript. The earned credit counts toward a degree at Nebraska Wesleyan University or can be transferred to another college at the student's request.

Wesleyan Honors Academy courses are taught by highly qualified and motivated high school teachers who have been approved according to Nebraska Wesleyan University's faculty qualifications policy. The approval process includes an examination of academic credentials and experience, and all instructors are approved by the designated representative of the course's academic department at Nebraska Wesleyan University.

Nebraska Wesleyan University has been offering dual credit courses to Nebraska high school students since 1995.

Accreditation

Nebraska Wesleyan University is fully accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

Wesleyan Honors Academy also holds accreditation through the <u>National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships (NACEP)</u>. This means Wesleyan Honors Academy has met NACEP's rigorous program quality standards, which are recognized by four-year and two-year institutions across the U.S.

Nebraska Wesleyan University is the only institution in Nebraska to earn NACEP's Concurrent Enrollment Program (CEP) accreditation, ensuring Wesleyan Honors Academy maintains the highest quality in its concurrent enrollment (dual credit) programming. Our high school partners can be confident in these Wesleyan Honors Academy standards:

- Concurrent enrollment courses offered in the high school are equivalent to the courses offered on-campus by Nebraska Wesleyan University.
- Students enrolled in concurrent enrollment courses are held to the same standards of achievement as students in on-campus courses.
- Instructors teaching WHA courses through the concurrent enrollment program meet the rigorous academic requirements for adjunct faculty and instructors teaching at Nebraska Wesleyan University.

NACEP accreditation standards also encourage greater accountability for concurrent enrollment programs through required impact studies, student surveys, and course and program evaluation.

Since NACEP is recognized across the country, Wesleyan Honors Academy credits are likely to be more successfully transferred to out-of-state institutions. As with any transfer of college credits, however, it is important for students to work with their chosen colleges to ensure a smooth transfer process. See our website and the section below on Transferability of Credits for more guidance on transfer of WHA credit to other institutions.

Wesleyan Honors Academy Staff

If you are unable to find the information you need in this handbook, please feel free to contact Wesleyan Honors Academy.

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Student Eligibility

Wesleyan Honors Academy is designed for motivated high school students who are passionate about learning and excited by the challenges of earning college credit in these select advanced-level high school courses. All WHA instructors and courses for each high school are listed on the Wesleyan Honors Academy website.

We suggest high school students have a B+ or better average in their previous high school courses to enroll in an Honors Academy course. The high school teacher and counselor serve an important role in advising students interested in Honors Academy and assessing their likely level of success. Because students are accepted on campus with a floating ACT or SAT score, we do not require a base placement score for Concurrent Enrollment Program students. We depend on the high school's personnel to advise students regarding enrollment in Wesleyan Honors Academy courses.

It is important to remember that grades earned in WHA courses become part of a student's college transcript.

Student Accommodations: IEP or 504 Plan

Students *must* request accommodations from the Director of Student Accessibility Services at Nebraska Wesleyan University and provide documentation of disability to receive accommodations in Nebraska Wesleyan Honors Academy classes. The accommodations must be approved by the Director through an interactive process with the student. Students may have a parent, guardian, and/ or teacher to support them in the interactive process, but the student must be the active participant. The student may contact the Accessibility office at (402) 465-2149 or via email at mcruce@nebrwesleyan.edu.

View the FAQ section of this document for additional information regarding student accommodations for a college course: Accommodation FAQs.

Program Benefits

Wesleyan Honors Academy has numerous benefits for students enrolling in WHA courses. We provide resources to promote student success throughout their WHA courses and to develop skills that will benefit them when they continue their education on a college campus.

Transferability of Credits

If possible, students should contact the Registrar at the colleges or universities they are

considering attending prior to enrolling in Honors Academy courses to ascertain how the course will transfer.

The <u>transfer.Nebraska.edu</u> portal is a good place to check transfer equivalencies for Nebraska Schools. See the Students & Families section of the <u>Wesleyan Honors Academy website</u> for more information.

While Nebraska Wesleyan cannot guarantee that another college or university will accept the transfer of credit from Wesleyan Honors Academy courses, experience has shown that the vast majority of colleges and universities do accept transfer grades of "C" or better. Wesleyan Honors Academy students have previously transferred credit to many public and private colleges and universities throughout the country, including University of Nebraska campuses.

As Nebraska's only dual credit program with NACEP's Concurrent Enrollment Program (CEP) accreditation, the credits earned with Wesleyan Honors Academy will transfer to most U.S. colleges and will do so in one or more of the following ways:

- 1. The hours will count towards the total hours required for graduation from that institution (general elective);
- 2. The course will replace a course required in the general education curriculum; and/or
- 3. The course will replace a course required in a major or minor at the accepting school.

It is important that the student clarify this information as soon as they know which school they will be attending. In most cases, the transferred NWU grade is not included in the GPA calculations at the accepting institution. If the student brings Honors Academy credit to Nebraska Wesleyan University, the course will count in the same area as the on-campus equivalent, and the grade will become part of the student's GPA calculations.

For information on transferring credits after a course is complete, see **Requesting Transcripts**.

Campus Resources & Events

A student ID card is provided when a student completes the registration process for their first Honors Academy course. This ID will display the student's identification number and should be retained until all Honors Academy courses have been completed or the student graduates high school.

The student can use their card and student ID number to access various resources available through Wesleyan Honors Academy, such as admission to athletic events and access to NWU's Cochrane-Woods Library and the Cochrane-Woods Library and the Cochrane-Woods Library and the Cochrane-Woods Library and the Cochrane-Woods Library and the Cochrane-Woods Library and the Cochrane-Woods Library and the Cochrane-Woods Library and the Cochrane-Woods Library and the Cochrane-Woods Library and the Cochrane-Woods Library and the Cochrane-Woods Library and the Cochrane-Woods Library and the Cochrane-Woods Library and the Cochrane-Woods Library and the Cochrane-Woods Library and the Cochrane-Woods Library and the Cochrane-Woods Library and the Cochrane-Woods Library and the Cochrane-Woods Library and the Cochrane-Woods Library and the Cochrane-Woods Library and the Cochrane-Woods Library a

<u>theatre@nebrwesleyan.edu</u> from your NWU email account. Information about Wesleyan events and programs can be found on the <u>NWU website</u>.

Replacement of the ID card is costly and may cause disruption to the student's services; please keep it secure. For safety and security, students may be required to present a student ID to campus security or University officials.

Students also receive a Wesleyan Honors Academy t-shirt each year they take WHA courses.

Students Who Attend Nebraska Wesleyan University

Wesleyan Honors Academy students who choose to attend Nebraska Wesleyan University as undergraduate students will receive an account credit for the amount of tuition they paid for Wesleyan Honors Academy courses. For example, if you took two 3-credit Honors Academy courses in high school, you'd get a credit in your NWU account for \$570 – the full cost of those six credit hours through Wesleyan Honors Academy!

Tuition paid by scholarships, such as the ACE scholarship, will not be credited.

Course Descriptions

There are currently 16 Nebraska Wesleyan University departments that offer Honors Academy courses. Over 55 separate courses are available in these areas. A school's ability to offer courses depends entirely on the qualification of its staff members and the administration's decision to allow qualified instructors to offer the courses. A given school may offer any of these courses listed on the Wesleyan Honors Academy website:

Wesleyan Honors Academy Course Descriptions

Course Listings by School

View the most up-to-date course listings by school on our website:

Course Listings by School

Student Registration

To enroll in Wesleyan Honors Academy and earn dual credit through Nebraska Wesleyan University, a student must complete and submit the online registration form found on the Honors Academy website: <a href="https://www.website:wha.com/wha.

Verify that all information entered is correct before submitting the form. Errors may delay

enrollment. Once you have properly submitted the form, you will see a confirmation page and receive an email. (If you do not receive a confirmation email, contact Wesleyan Honors Academy to verify registration.) Keep the email for your records.

The online form includes the conditions of credit, including the title of the high school course and the comparable NWU course, the college credits available, tuition, and enrollment/withdrawal deadlines.

No payment is due at the time of registration. The Nebraska Wesleyan Business Office will mail an invoice for tuition on the 20th of each month once a student is enrolled. <u>See Tuition Payment information</u>.

Enrollment in Honors Academy for college credit is not a high school activity and is not required. Students may be enrolled in the advanced high school course and not in the Wesleyan Honors Academy course.

Registration Deadlines

Regular registrations must be entered by the registration deadline noted on the <u>Student</u> <u>Registration Brochure</u>. Regular registration for classes starting in August runs through the first Friday in October. For classes starting in January, the regular registration deadline is the second Friday in February. <u>View Important Dates for 2025-26</u>.

Late registrations will be accepted if completed by the specified late registration deadline. A \$15.00 late registration fee will be assessed and included in the bill for the course. Late registrants do not receive a t-shirt or student ID card.

Students wishing to add, drop, or withdraw from a course after the stated deadlines must submit a request through the University's Academic Petition process. <u>Learn more about petitioning to add, drop, or withdraw from a course</u>.

NWU Account Access

All Wesleyan Honors Academy students are issued a Nebraska Wesleyan University account in order to access the necessary University systems. After a student's registration is processed (typically 1-3 business days), the student will receive an account activation email at the address used on the registration form. The email will come from no-reply@nebrwesleyan.edu. For detailed guidance regarding student accounts and gaining access, utilize our wha.student Orientation Course.

Students should activate their accounts immediately and save their username and password in a secure location. Due to security requirements, passwords are required to be changed on a regular basis. Students will receive email reminders in advance of password expiration.

Students can access the following resources with their NWU account:

- NWU library and library databases
- Free tutoring services
- <u>Self-Service</u> (enrollment information, final grades, tax forms)
- Okta: Control login information for all NWU apps and services.
- Office 365: Access Microsoft Office tools, like Word, Excel, and PowerPoint.
- Course Evaluations (available near the end of the course)

Tuition Payment

Tuition is \$95.00 per credit hour. **There are no additional fees or expenses for WHA courses**. Once students receive the bill in the mail, they can make a payment using one of these payment options:

- 1. **Mail:** Pay by check or money order made out to Nebraska Wesleyan University and mailed to NWU Business Office, 5000 St. Paul Ave, Lincoln, NE 68504.
- 2. **Online:** Pay with a credit card or electronic check at https://www.nebrwesleyan.edu/wha-payment.
- 3. **Over the Phone**: Pay with a credit/debit card by calling the NWU Business Office at 402-465-2119.
- 4. **Scholarships:** Students demonstrating financial need may be eligible for the ACE Scholarship.

ACE Scholarship

Students demonstrating financial need may apply for and receive an <u>ACE (Accessing College Early) scholarship</u> available through the Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Post-Secondary Education. Students should contact their high school counselor to complete the scholarship application as soon as possible. **The student must be enrolled in the college course to be considered**. The ACE application must be completed by December 15 for courses beginning in the fall (August/October) and by May 15 for courses beginning in the spring (January/March).

Students applying for this scholarship must <u>register for the course</u> through Wesleyan Honors Academy AND <u>complete the ACE application process</u>.

Student Policies and Procedures

Grades

The student is issued a letter grade by the high school instructor at the conclusion of the course. Grades are available on the transcript at the end of the term. See the 2025-2026 Important
Dates listing for availability. Grades will also be viewable in Self-Service once available.

Pass/Fail

Grades on a Pass/Fail or Pass/No Pass basis are not allowed for Wesleyan Honors Academy courses. Even if a student takes the advanced high school course on a pass/fail basis, they may not do so for the Nebraska Wesleyan Honors Academy course. The high school teacher must record a letter grade on the transcript, per Nebraska Wesleyan's grading policy.

Add, Drop, or Withdraw from a Course

To determine the deadlines for your courses, view the **Important Dates** listing.

Students who need to register for a course prior to the late registration deadline can do so through the online registration form: WHA Registration.

Students who want to drop a course before the stated deadlines should <u>contact the Wesleyan</u> Honors Academy staff.

Students wishing to add, drop, or withdraw from a course after the stated deadlines must submit a request through the University's Academic Petition process. Petitions may be completed on the Wesleyan Honors Academy website: Drop/Add/Withdraw Petition. The student must have a legitimate reason for the request.

The petition must be approved by the high school instructor, the Director of Wesleyan Honors Academy, and the NWU Dean of Undergraduate Studies. If permission to add a course is granted, the student must pay for the credit and the late registration fee immediately. All petitions must be submitted by December 1 for the fall courses and by May 1 for year-long and spring courses.

Dropping or Withdrawing from a Course

A successfully dropped course (<u>prior to the deadline</u>) includes a tuition refund. Leaving a class after the drop deadline requires using the <u>petition</u> process for a Withdrawal. There is no refund of tuition with a withdrawal, and a "W" will appear on the student's transcript.

If a student ends enrollment in the high school course (due to schedule changes or transfer) and does not complete the <u>petition</u> to drop the college course, a grade of "F" will appear on the transcript.

Adding a Course after the Deadline

No student may add a course for dual credit once the high school course has ended, unless the omission was the result of an NWU processing error. If the high school course is still in session, the student may complete a <u>petition</u> to add the course.

Students, avoid missing your opportunity to earn dual credit by registering for the course on

time and verifying your registration in <u>Self-Service</u> and with your high school instructor.

Requesting Transcripts

If a student elects to attend a college or university other than Nebraska Wesleyan University, they will need to request a transcript from the NWU Registrar's Office. **Transcripts of academic records are available to students and alumni whose accounts are paid in full.**

Access unofficial transcripts in <u>Self-Service</u> or <u>order official transcripts on our website</u>.

Contact the NWU Registrar's Office at 402-465-2243 or registrar@nebrwesleyan.edu with transcript questions.

FAQs for Teachers, Students, and Counselors

What courses are available to students?

Current courses available at each school can be viewed on our Wesleyan Honors Academy website: Honors Academy Courses & Instructors.

Who teaches the courses?

High school faculty who have applied and been accepted as adjunct faculty at Nebraska Wesleyan teach the courses. They also submit a course application that must be approved by the department liaison on Wesleyan's campus. Honors Academy courses are deemed to have a curriculum equivalent to the comparable Nebraska Wesleyan course, and are therefore at least as rigorous as those taught to first-year students on campuses across the country.

What are some of the benefits of taking Wesleyan Honors Academy courses in High School?

Many high school students are already taking advanced/honors courses in high school. Taking that course for dual credit allows students to avoid taking the course again in college. By earning credits toward their college degree before arriving on campus, students can lessen the heavy course loads that most first-year students face. This is helpful academically and also gives a student more time to participate in sports, clubs, or other co-curricular activities on campus. There is also a significant cost savings per credit hour compared with tuition rates on campuses.

Why participate in Honors Academy instead of (or in addition to) taking the AP exam?

Both a passing grade in a dual credit class and a satisfactory score on the AP exam result in college credit. While the AP exam requires one chance to pass a high-stakes test to determine whether or not credit is earned, Honors Academy students are awarded credit based on the grade earned throughout the entire class. They know what their grade is and are able to seek

assistance along the way rather than dealing with the pressure of a one-time test that may not accurately measure their knowledge.

Students who earn WHA credit also typically earn credit hours towards the number needed to graduate from college. This is not always the case with courses fulfilled through the AP exam.

What is the tuition rate for Wesleyan Honors Academy classes?

The tuition rate for 2025-2026 is \$95 per credit hour. Unlike some other dual enrollment programs, WHA courses do not require any additional fees or book expenses.

Do other institutions accept Wesleyan Honors Academy credit for transfer?

Acceptance of credit is always the purview of the receiving institution; however, approximately 90+% of colleges and universities across the country accept dual-credit courses. We encourage students to check our <u>transfer resources</u> and consult with the institution they plan to attend prior to registering for dual credit.

How do students transfer Honors Academy credits to other institutions?

NWU offers an expedited process of delivering transcripts which allows students to order transcripts at their convenience from any location with an internet connection. Transcript requests will be made online through the National Student Clearinghouse. Place your order here: Order Transcripts. Contact the Nebraska Wesleyan University Registrar's Office with any questions at 402-465-2243 or registrar@nebrwesleyan.edu.

What does a student need to do in order to drop or withdraw from a Wesleyan Honors Academy course?

Students who need to drop a course must contact both the high school and Wesleyan Honors **Academy.** Remember, students are concurrently enrolled in both systems. The registration and drop deadlines for all courses are listed on the email registration confirmation form and in the 2025-2026 Important Dates list.

Dropped courses do not show up on a transcript and tuition is refunded. To drop a course prior to the deadline, students can <u>contact the Wesleyan Honors Academy office</u>. After the drop deadline, students may <u>complete a petition</u> to **withdraw** from a course, but a "W" will show up on the student's transcript and tuition is forfeited. Failure to follow proper drop/withdrawal procedures may result in a grade of "F" for the course.

How do students register for Honors Academy courses?

<u>Registration brochures</u> are provided to Wesleyan Honors Academy faculty for distribution in

their classrooms. Students register online to enroll in Nebraska Wesleyan dual enrollment courses by visiting https://www.nebrwesleyan.edu and completing the registration form.

Once students have submitted the online registration form, they should **save/print** a copy of the confirmation to keep for future reference. They will also receive a confirmation email.

The regular registration deadline for classes starting in August is the first Friday in October. For classes starting in January, the regular registration deadline is the second Friday in February. Additional registration, drop, add, and withdrawal deadlines can be found here: 2025-2026 Important Dates flyer.

Payment for the applicable tuition will be billed on the 20th of the month and must be paid by the end of the course.

If students, parents, or anyone involved in registration have any questions or need assistance, please have them contact the Wesleyan Honors Academy office at 402-465-7605.

Students with an IEP or 504 Plan

What is the process to request accommodations for a high school student in the Nebraska Wesleyan Honors Academy?

Students *must* request accommodations from the Director of Student Accessibility Services at Nebraska Wesleyan University and provide documentation of disability to receive accommodations in Nebraska Wesleyan Academy classes. The accommodations must be approved by the Director through an interactive process. The student needs to self identify as a person with a disability and provide evidence of that disability, then necessary accommodations are based on the removal of a barrier. This is different from high school accommodations, which are success-oriented and provide whatever support is necessary to achieve satisfactory grades and test scores. College course accommodations do not fundamentally alter the nature of the class, but are reasonable in nature to remove a barrier. The focus is on making sure students have equal access to participate in college courses.

The student may contact the Accessibility office at (402) 465-2149 or via email at mcruce@nebrwesleyan.edu. As many high school students have not yet developed strong self-advocacy skills, the Accessibility Office welcomes parents or guardians to be a coach with their student in the accommodations process. This offers families some input with the understanding that their role is more limited in college than it is in high school.

What constitutes documentation of disability?

The most common forms of documentation received from high school students are current multidisciplinary team reports, IEPs, or 504 Plans, which are used only to verify disability. Any shared documentation *must* contain the diagnosis/exceptionality. The supporting documentation which the school used to determine the plan or a letter from a school official, denoting the reason for the issuance of the plan, must be included. Other forms of documentation may be accepted. The Director of Student Accessibility Services reserves the right to ask for further information. Documentation must be received in our office and the interactive process completed prior to accommodations being provided.

When should a high school student request accommodations?

Students should request accommodations immediately after they have decided to take a college class. Accommodations cannot be retroactively implemented to alter unsatisfactory progress, so it is strongly recommended that the student have all accommodations in place prior to the start of their college class.

Will the student receive the same accommodations as they do in high school?

Not necessarily. The student is earning college credit for the class, therefore, accommodations are governed under the rules for post-secondary education and the Americans with Disabilities Act. Accommodations are granted on a case-by-case basis. It is important to remember that the IEP does not continue into college. Some accommodations provided at the high school may also be appropriate at the college level. Most common accommodations include, but are not limited to, extended test time and non-disruptive test environment. However, at the high school there may be supports and services provided that go beyond reasonable accommodation and would not be appropriate at the college level. Those accommodations that modify the curriculum or give a student an unfair advantage are not permitted. Common modifications of curriculum include, but are not limited to, reduced test answers, retake of tests for mastery, or unlimited time for assignments or tests. Again, any accommodations are granted on a case-by-case basis.

Who assists with accommodations in a concurrent class?

Nebraska Wesleyan University utilizes a process used by most colleges. Accommodations for students who are taking concurrent classes as part of their regular high school schedule will have their accommodations coordinated between the Nebraska Wesleyan faculty member/teacher and the Special Education staff at the high school. The course teacher, school counselor, student, and NWU Honors Academy Director will receive a letter of accommodation (Confidential Instructor Notification) for the student via email. It is expected that only those accommodations granted by the college be given to the student. The Director of Student Accessibility Services is always willing to work with high school staff to find solutions to any challenges. Changes to accommodations can be considered at the student's request, but

justification for the change must be in documentation provided by the student, and the interactive process with the Director of Student Accessibility Services would establish the need for changes. Again, any changes would not be retroactive, so once a test is done it could not be retaken with additional accommodations.

Important Dates for 2025-2026

Click here to access the printable PDF version.



2025-2026 Important Dates

August 1	ACE Scholarship – Fall Application Opens: Fall and full-year courses Financially eligible students can apply (register for dual credit first).	
October 3	DEADLINE for Regular Fall Registration: Courses beginning in August	
	DEADLINE TO DROP: Courses beginning in <u>August</u>	
October 17	LATE DEADLINE for Fall Registration: Courses beginning in August	
	Added courses after this date are by petition only.	
October 31	DEADLINE for Registration: Courses beginning in October	
November 14	The period of the production courses beginning in getterer	
	Added courses after this date are by petition only.	
November 15	ACE Scholarship – Spring Application Opens: Spring courses	
	Financially eligible students can apply (register for dual credit first).	
December 1	DEADLINE to Submit an Add/Withdraw Petition: Courses ending in <u>December</u>	
December 15	ACE Application Fall Deadline: Fall and full-year courses	
January 5	Grades due by 5 p.m.: Courses ending in <u>December</u>	
January 10	First Semester Transcripts Available	
	Accounts must be paid in full.	
February 13	DEADLINE for Regular Spring Registration: Courses beginning in <u>January</u>	
	DEADLINE TO DROP: Courses beginning in <u>January</u>	
February 27	LATE DEADLINE for Spring Registration: Courses beginning in <u>January</u>	
	Added courses after this date are by petition only.	
March 27	DEADLINE for Registration : Courses beginning in <u>March</u>	
April 10	LATE DEADLINE for Registration: Courses beginning in March	
	Added courses after this date are by petition only.	
May 1	DEADLINE to Submit an Add/Withdraw Petition: Courses ending in May	
May 15	ACE Application Spring Deadline: Spring courses	
May 26	Grades due by 5 p.m.: Courses ending in May	
June 1	2025-26 Transcripts Available	
	Accounts must be paid in full.	
Date TBD	WHA Summer Professional Development Workshop	

NWU Policies

Additional Nebraska Wesleyan University policies can be found on your course syllabus and on the <u>Nebraska Wesleyan website</u>.

NWU Computer Technology Use Policy

(last revised: June 14, 2021)

Policy Statement

While NWU respects the privacy of its community members, safety, liability, and business concerns may require NWU to access any electronic files or e-mail or other electronic communication on its systems. All materials on or in NWU computers are the property of NWU and accessible by NWU administration. This policy applies equally to students, faculty, staff and guests on campus. Any hardware or software purchased with NWU funds, including but not limited to NWU professional development funds or Student-Faculty collaborative research funds, are the property of NWU and must be returned after the completion of the student's degree or the employee's employment.

NWU Computing Resources

For purposes of this policy, the phrase NWU Computing Resources means any device, network, technology, or software made available to you by NWU, either for a charge or at no additional cost, including but not limited to wireless networks services, printers, audio visual technology, NWU laptops, workstations, mainframe computers, classroom and grading software, and office suite software such as word processing, spreadsheet, and presentation software provided by NWU.

What can you do?

- You may use NWU Computing Resources for activities relevant to your role at NWU.
- You may use NWU Computing Resources for academic and educational purposes, including involvement in professional organizations.
- You must use NWU Computing Resources in an ethical and responsible manner and respect the rights and members of the NWU community and the larger internet community.
- You may use NWU Computing Resources only while you are a currently enrolled student, an employee, or a faculty emeritus of Nebraska Wesleyan University, or as a participant in an on-going program of the University.
- You must abide by all security restrictions on NWU Computing Resources.

What can you NOT do?

- You may not allow another person to use your username and password, nor use another person's username and password, to access NWU computing resources.
- You may not use NWU computing resources to support or advocate any commercial, political, or nonprofit organization without the written permission of the NWU Administration.
- You may not use NWU computing resources for any illegal or deceptive purpose including, but not limited to, unauthorized copying of software.
- You may not violate other NWU policies, including but not limited to policies against the harassment of others, in your use of NWU computing resources.
- You may not be wasteful of NWU computing resources, use them unfairly, or disrupt their intended use.
- You may not intentionally damage NWU computing resources.
- You may not use NWU computing resources for unauthorized access to other resources.
- You may not attempt or commit any criminal act using NWU computing resources.
- You may not use NWU computing resources to violate the intellectual property rights of others, such as illegal downloading of information or files.
- You may not access Tor, I2P, hidden services, "the dark Web," or similar services designed to obscure your identity or location.
- You may not install any software on a NWU device without the approval of NWU.
- You may not attempt to defeat or circumvent any security measure implemented by NWU.

What happens if you don't comply?

- Failure to comply with these guidelines will result in disciplinary action according to standard University policies and procedures.
- The Code of Student Conduct includes as conduct subject to disciplinary sanctions that relating to theft or other abuse of University computer resources.

Drug and Alcohol Policy

Nebraska Wesleyan University urges its members to exercise mature judgment and social responsibility when making decisions regarding the use of alcoholic beverages and other drugs, and will implement appropriate procedures to protect the interests of the students and the University community. Such procedures may include a screening process or the request for an evaluation from a qualified professional to determine the seriousness of the problem. This University community prohibits the sale, possession, distribution or use of illegal drugs by students, faculty or staff.

Violations of law and/or violations of the Code of Student Conduct shall be adjudicated by the proper judicial bodies. Consumption or possession of alcohol is prohibited in any public area. It is a violation of the laws of the State of Nebraska and the alcohol policy for students under the legal drinking age (21 years of age) to consume or possess alcoholic beverages. It is also illegal for a person under the age of 21 to be present at gatherings where alcohol is present. The University will take action against students involved in procuring alcoholic beverages for minors.

Guests are bound by the same rules regarding alcoholic beverages and illegal drugs. Violators will be asked to leave the campus and/or referred to local authorities.

Violations may be referred directly to local authorities and/or action may be taken by the University. The University Judiciary will impose sanctions on students for violations of the Alcohol and Drug Policy consistent with local, state and federal law. These sanctions may include disciplinary warning, disciplinary probation, fines, restitution, revocation of privileges or restriction of activities, disciplinary suspension or expulsion as well as termination of the residence hall contract. Local authorities may impose legal sanctions that may include incarceration and/or fines for those found guilty of violating local, state and federal law.

The health risks of using illegal drugs and/or alcohol are difficult to predict due to the unknown chemicals involved in these substances. Beverage alcohol is a central nervous system depressant. It slows down bodily functions such as heart rate, pulse and respiration. Drinking large enough amounts of alcohol over a period of time can produce psychological and physical dependence or alcoholism. Prolonged heavy drinking can lead to stomach irritation, ulcers, malnutrition, high blood pressure, lowered resistance to disease, and possible irreversible brain and nervous system damage. Alcohol can be harmful to unborn babies, resulting in fetal alcohol syndrome.

There is also a wide range of health risks associated with the use of illegal drugs such as marijuana, cocaine and anabolic steroids. The diminishment of intellectual ability, long-term genetic damage and other health risks may be severe and lead to permanent impairment or even death.

For information and access to counseling, treatment, support groups and rehabilitation programs contact Student Health Services (ext. 2375), the Career and Counseling Center (ext. 2224) and/or the Lincoln Council on Alcoholism and Drugs (402-475-2694).

To view the complete NWU Alcohol and Drug Policy, visit the **NWU website**.