Top Seven Reasons to Enroll in a UW in the High School Course

#1 Earn University of Washington Credits
These aren’t just “college credits.” These are UW credits, recognized by most colleges and universities across the country. Plus, if you matriculate to UW – as more than 1/3 of UWHS students do – your UW credits are guaranteed.

#2 Establish a UW Transcript
Registering for this course sets you up as a UW student. You receive a permanent UW ID number; can gain access to the UW library system; and establish an official UW transcript you can send to colleges and universities that you apply to.

#3 Earn Your Grade Gradually
Your grade is determined by your effort over the whole course – not a final test. With more than 3,400 enrollments in 2008-09, the average grade was 3.1. More than 92% of these students successfully completed their coursework and earned UW credit.

#4 Learn Alongside Your Peers
The UW course is taught here in this classroom with your fellow high school students. If you need a study partner or want to talk about the upcoming test or share notes, your support system is here. As one student put it, “I really enjoyed the experience because it was an environment where I was with other students that were serious about their education.”

#5 Challenge Yourself
UW in the High School is fully accredited by the National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships. This accreditation demonstrates that UWHS meets or exceeds rigorous national standards of quality in the areas of curriculum, instructors, students, assessment, and program evaluation. One UWHS student, five years later and after completing a Bachelors degree, wrote that UWHS gave her a “huge advantage” over her classmates in college.

#6 Experience Excellence in Teaching
Your teacher has been trained by the UW to teach this course, and is recognized as a University of Washington Extension Lecturer. Through this program, your teacher gains access to UW libraries and partners with UW specialists in the course curriculum, tests, and grading scales. As a student, you are rewarded with a university-level learning experience.

And finally, #7 Save Money on College
UWHS credits cost less than half of regular-tuition UW credits. This 5-credit course costs either $299 or $308, plus $35 to register. That’s less than $70 a credit!