

## Accreditation

### Is Apex Learning Virtual School Accredited?

Apex Learning Virtual School (ALVS) is committed to high standards, academic excellence, and success for all students. Since 1999, Apex Learning has been accredited by the Northwest Accreditation Commission (NWAC), an accreditation division of Cognia (previously AdvancEd). This certificate of accreditation recognizes Apex Learning for promoting and maintaining a well-balanced educational program and for exceeding standards considered essential for quality education.

### Is the Apex Learning Virtual School program approved by the NCAA?

ALVS courses with instruction provided by Apex Learning teachers have been approved by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) as meeting the requirements for the initial eligibility certification status for high school student-athletes wishing to compete in college. Please visit the NCAA Eligibility Center and enter “Apex Learning” as the school name to review the list of NCAA-approved courses.

### Is Apex Learning Virtual School UCOP approved?

The University of California Office of the President (UCOP) has certified Apex Learning standards-based courses in “a-g” instructional areas to fully prepare students for first-year university programs.

For more information, visit the UCOP Doorways site: <https://hs-articulation.ucop.edu/agcourselist>.

Enter “Apex Learning” into the Institution Name field to view approved courses.

## Pricing

### How much do individual courses cost?

Individual courses are \$350 per semester. Materials (if required) are additional.

### Do students need to purchase textbooks?

Required or optional materials are listed by course in the online catalog. These materials can be purchased at any retail establishment or at the Apex Learning Bookstore.

## Course Enrollment

### How do students know what courses to take?

Students can talk to their guidance counselor at their school to find out what courses are needed to meet graduation requirements. The syllabus for each course can be found in the course catalog: <https://www.apexlearningvs.com/course-catalog/>.

### How do students register for courses?

To enroll, students go to the ALVS online catalog: <https://www.apexlearningvs.com/course-catalog/>. Choose your subject then select a course and which semesters you would like to register for, and continue with the checkout process. You will receive an email with instructions after the registration has been received and processed.

### When can students start the courses?

Courses start every Monday, year-round. You can register at anytime, and it takes up to 2 days to receive your sign in credentials.

### How long does each course last?

A semester lasts up to 18 weeks. During the summer term (May – July), the standard semester course duration is 9 weeks, but can be extended if needed.

### Can students accelerate and finish courses faster?

Courses are self-paced, and students may work ahead of schedule to complete a course.

### Are courses different during the summer term?

Courses from the ALVS catalog are available year-round, and the course content is the same for summer school. Typically, the summer term course duration is 9 weeks; however, the standard 18-week duration is available upon request.

## Course Structure

### What is the workload like?

The amount of time students will spend varies by course. The time commitment is similar to what a student might spend in class at a local high school. See specific information here: <https://www.apexlearningvs.com/curriculum/>.

### Can students work at their own pace? Do assignments have due dates?

With 24/7 access to the learning platform, students are able to work at their own pace. They can work ahead of schedule and are not held back by the assignment calendar. Deadlines and due dates for assignments and tests keep students on track. Each student has their own calendar that indicates due dates. ALVS provides students the tools to complete their course on time and with the best chance of academic success.

### How do courses work?

Students complete courses through an online learning platform, where they work at their own pace toward scheduled due dates. A teacher facilitates each course at a distance.

Students watch educational video clips, practice skills, interact with the content, and check their understanding through diagnostic tools. Each course contains computer-scored and teacher-scored activities and tests that are submitted electronically. Students have 24/7 access to the course content and are not required to be online at a specific time, unless they wish to take advantage of their teacher's posted office hours.

### Will students have a live teacher?

Yes. With an average of 21 years of teaching experience — seven of those years online — ALVS teachers provide expertise students can rely on. Instructors get to know students well so that the support and challenge provided are truly individualized. Teachers monitor students' progress to ensure they understand concepts, and continually guide students to improve important problem-solving and communication skills.

## Course Progress and Credit

### Will students get credit for courses taken via Apex Learning Virtual School? Will local schools accept these courses?

Yes. In the past several years, all local schools that accept online high school courses for credit have accepted ALVS courses. (Note: Student must be currently enrolled at a local high school.) As online learning has become more widespread and accepted, schools have become increasingly open to accepting credits, particularly from online schools such as ALVS which is nationally accredited and NCAA, UC and College Board® approved. Call your local school counselor if you want to confirm your student's eligibility for a credit directly with their local school or, if it's easier feel free to use this [ALVS Course Credit form](#).

### Can parents and guardians receive progress reports for a student's course?

While a student is enrolled in a course, a weekly progress report is emailed to a designated academic coach. The coach is a responsible adult, such as a parent, who helps the student remain on track and stay motivated. The coach could also be a school staff member if enrollment is initiated through the recommendation of a local school. The coach can use this easy-to-read report as a tool to monitor student progress. Reports are currently unavailable for World Language courses offered through Middlebury.

### Can students earn a diploma at Apex Learning Virtual School?

Yes. ALVS is a fully accredited private middle and high school. Students can apply to ALVS to earn a college preparatory diploma through the full-time program. Details can be found here: <https://www.apexlearningvs.com/our-full-time-academy/>.

## Further Questions

We're happy to answer any additional questions you may have. Please call toll-free at 1(855) 550-2547 or email [ALVS@apexlearning.com](mailto:ALVS@apexlearning.com).

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