

RUNNING START PROGRAM



OVERVIEW

Franklin College offers high school students a unique opportunity to begin their college education on our campus. Through the Running Start program, high school juniors and seniors can take college courses in English, math, the humanities, computing and social and natural sciences. Running Start students receive college credit for these classes, which may be applied toward a degree at Franklin College or other institutions accepting the transfer credit. Convenient class times allow students to arrange Running Start courses around their high school schedules and activities.

Some common classes for Running Start students, with credit hours in parentheses, are:

LA 101 Reading and Writing Critically (4)	CMP 142 Python for Computing and Data Science II (3)
LA 111 Public Speaking (3)	FRE 110 Elementary French I (4)
LA 103 Quantitative Reasoning (4)	FRE 111 Elementary French II (4)
PSY 117 General Psychology (4)	FRE 210 Intermediate French I (4)
SOC 118 Introduction to Sociology (4)	FRE 211 Intermediate French II (4)
MAT 135 Calculus (4)	SPA 110 Elementary College Spanish I (4)
MAT 142 Calculus II (4)	SPA 111 Elementary College Spanish II (4)
MAT 253 Calculus III (4)	SPA 210 Intermediate Spanish (4)
CHE121/123 General Chemistry 1 & Lab (5)	SPA 211 Intermediate Reading, Writing and Discussion (4)
CMP 130 Introduction to Computing (3)	
CMP 141 Python for Computing and Data Science I (3)	

Students may take any course for which they meet the prerequisites. Students taking a math or foreign language class can take a placement test to ensure they are taking the appropriate level course.

2026-27 Fall and Spring Semesters:

Fall classes run 8/31 - 12/17
Spring classes run 2/1 - 5/20

2026-27 Summer Sessions:

First session runs 6/1 - 7/2
Second session runs 7/7 - 8/6

THE APPLICATION + REGISTRATION PROCESS

1. Students must first complete the Running Start application online at **FranklinCollege.edu/apply-RS**. As part of the online process, they will submit a high school transcript and send an electronic request to have a guidance counselor complete a recommendation. Students will also need to pay a \$40 application fee online or through the Franklin College Office of Business and Finance.
2. Once accepted into the program, students must submit a \$50 enrollment deposit online or through the office of business and finance. This amount will be applied toward tuition costs when they are billed.
3. Students should contact the Franklin College Office of Academic Records at 317.738.8019 to discuss course scheduling. Students can register for fall classes as early as April 1 and spring classes as early as November 1.

QUESTIONS:

Contact Youth Programs Coordinator Mackenzie Taylor at 317.738.8861 or **mtaylor@FranklinCollege.edu**.

TUITION COSTS:

Fall and Spring 2025-2026: \$480 per course (maximum of two courses per semester)*

Summer sessions: \$300 per credit hour

*Costs are subject to change. Additional fees apply for lab science courses and courses more than 4 credit hours.

THE BENEFITS

Running Start allows students to:

- receive a valuable introduction to the college classroom and expectations.
- get a jump-start on general education courses, which are required on most college campuses.
- learn to navigate college before undertaking a full course load.
- obtain credits that transfer to many other colleges and universities, thus allowing students to obtain additional majors or minors without worrying about the cost of extra semesters in school.

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