



AHS Advanced Academics

Presented by the AHS Counselors & CCRA



What are Advanced Academics?

Advanced academic courses are any courses above on-level.

- AAC: Advanced Academics Course (formerly pre-AP)
- AP: Advanced Placement
- DC: Dual Credit through Houston Community College
- OnRamps: Through the University of Texas



AAC: Advanced Academics Course

What is it?

AAC courses are meant to help students prepare to take Advanced Placement courses in the future. AAC courses cover content at a greater depth and difficulty level than the on-level course. Students in AAC courses can expect to have more homework and more assigned reading outside of class. AAC courses carry extra weight when GPA is calculated (5pts.).

Courses currently offered:

English I AAC, English II AAC

Algebra I AAC, Geometry AAC, Algebra II AAC

Biology AAC, Chemistry AAC, Forensic Science, Anatomy and Physiology

World Geography AAC, Psychology AAC – Social Studies Research (paired with AP Psychology)

Spanish III AAC, French III AAC, Chinese III AAC

Computer Science I AAC

Advanced Placement

What is it?

Advanced Placement Courses are college level courses that follow standards created by College Board.

These courses carry extra weight when calculated into your student's GPA (10 pts.). These courses move at a faster pace with a greater difficulty level than the on-level course. Students enrolled in these classes should expect to dedicate more time outside of class to study for the course.

When a student passes the course with a 70 or above, they will receive high school credit. To earn college credit, students must pay for and take the AP exam at the end of the course (May). Most colleges will accept a score of 3-5 for college credit. Students and parents can check the College Board website to see which colleges accept which scores and credits. AP courses are ideal for our students hoping to earn college credit while in high school, that plan to attend a college or university outside of Texas.

Advanced Placement

AP Courses currently offered

English III AP, English IV AP

AP Pre-Calculus, AP Statistics, AP Calc AB, AP Calc BC

AP Physics I, AP Chem, AP Bio, AP Physics C, AP Environ Science, AP Physics II

AP Human Geography, AP World History, AP U.S. History, AP Government, AP Economics, AP European History, AP Psychology (paired with AAC Psych)

AP Seminar, AP Research

AP Spanish Lang, AP Spanish Lit, AP French Lang, AP Chinese Lang

AP Computer Science A, AP Drawing Portfolio, AP 2D Design Portfolio, AP 3D Design Portfolio,

Dual Credit

- College course taken in high school therefore earning both college and high school credit
- Can be taken online or at HCC **with CCRA approval**
- Student must successfully complete and pass the course to earn credit.
- Taught by an FBISD teacher who is also employed by HCC or by an HCC professor who comes to the high school campus
- Carry extra weight (10pts.) on the GPA calculation

Courses currently offered at AHS:

- English IV
- College Algebra
- College Transitions/Learning Frameworks
- Speech
- US History

DUAL CREDIT COURSES APPROVED FOR FBISD STUDENTS

FBISD Course	HCC Course	Grade level	Term	Location
English IV (EL642)	Composition I & II (ENGL 1301 & 1302)	12	Fall & Spring	High School Campus only
US Government (SS4461)	Federal Government (GOVT 2305)	12	Summer I or II	HCC, HCC Online
			Fall or Spring	High School Campus, HCC, HCC Online
Economics (SS4561)	Principles of Macroeconomics (ECON 2301)	12	Summer I or II	HCC, HCC Online
			Fall or Spring	High School Campus, HCC, HCC Online
Independent Study Math (MA555)	College Algebra (MATH 1314) Pre-Requisite: Algebra II completion Spring term is DC portion at high school campus	11-12	Fall / Spring on HS Campus Fall or Spring at HCC	High School Campus ONLY
US History (SS43D)	US History I & II (HIST 1301 & 1302)	11-12	Fall & Spring	High School Campus ONLY (EOC course)
Professional Communications (CAT385)	Public Speaking (SPCH 1315)	10-12	Summer I or II	HCC, HCC Online
			Fall or Spring	High School Campus, HCC, HCC Online
Psychology (SS513)	General Psychology (PSYC 2301)	10-12	Summer I or II	HCC, HCC Online
			Fall or Spring	High School Campus, HCC, HCC Online
Sociology (SS523)	Introduction to Sociology (SOCI 1301)	10-12	Summer I or II	HCC, HCC Online
			Fall or Spring	High School Campus, HCC, HCC Online
Humanities (EL413D)	Introduction to the Humanities I (HUMA 1301)	10-12	Summer I or II	HCC, HCC Online
			Fall or Spring	High School Campus, HCC, HCC Online
College Transitions (LP111)	Learning Framework (EDUC 1300)	9-12	Fall or Spring	High School Campus, HCC, HCC Online

Benefits of Enrolling in Dual Credit Courses?

- Many private universities in Texas and out-of-state colleges accept in the Texas core.
 - Note: Students will need to submit a copy of the course syllabus to the university in addition to their HCC transcript.
- 10 additional GPA points for dual credit courses.
- Students typically do better in a dual credit course than they do in a college course taken on a college campus.
- Students can save \$1000s in the cost of tuition by taking the dual credit course in high school with a minimal fee.

Important Information About Dual Credit

- Tuition is free of charge; students are responsible for textbook fees though if required for the course
- All HCC policies, i.e., attendance, grading, academic honesty apply
- If a student fails a dual credit course, an F is listed on his/her high school transcript **and** college transcript.
- Grades will not be seen in Skyward until the end of the semester; however, students can see their grade in the HC platform Canvas.
- ***Students who do not meet campus deadlines or who do not have a qualifying score will be removed from the DC course and placed in an FBISD on-level course.***

HCC DC Registration Process

- Must meet HCC and campus deadlines for the following:
 - Attending a dual credit information session
 - Registering for DC classes during course selection time
 - Applying to HCC through the Apply Texas website
 - Submitting all HCC/FBISD paperwork
- *Only courses on the approved HCC/FBISD agreed upon course list will count as dual credit.
- More information about this process will be sent out in January/February.

AP or DC?

- Some courses, such as English IV, have both an AP and DC option.
- When choosing between AP and DC consider the following:
 - If you took an AP exam in that content area and scored a 3-5, which course will it count as in college? Is it the same course the DC class will count as? If so, you should consider taking AP so that you can earn a new college credit instead of a duplicate.
 - If you plan to attend college outside of Texas, it is likely your credits from HCC (DC class) will not be accepted outside of the state.
 - College credits earned via the AP exam are more widely accepted across the U.S.

OnRamps- Dual Enrollment

What is it?

OnRamps is a program through the University of Texas. Students will be eligible to earn high school credit and college credit at the same time. The high school teacher will teach and grade for the high school credit and the college professor will teach and grade for college credit. At the end of the course students can choose to accept the college credit or to not accept it. The college credit piece will be taught remotely by a professor from the University of Texas, during the student's class period at AHS on assigned days.

OnRamps - Dual Enrollment

Courses offered at Austin High School:

- US Government: SS442T
- US History: SS432T
- Algebra II: MA232T
- Pre-Calculus: Ma242T
- Statistics: MA450T
- Biology: SC351T
- Chemistry I: SC332T

How do students sign up?



Students can select On Ramps during course selection in the spring. It is imperative that students and parents make sure they meet any prerequisites for the courses (these can be found in the FBISD course selection guide).

It is important to remember: If your student signs up for an AAC or AP class, there is a level down window at the end of the first grading period where they can request to move to the on-level course if they meet the designated criteria. After that point they must remain in the AAC or AP course until the end of the semester. There are a few AP classes that do not have a level down equivalent, in which case the student must remain in the class all year.





THANK YOU!

Have a question or would like more information? Please reach out to your student's counselor.

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