

2025-2026 DUAL CREDIT INFORMATION

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What is Dual Credit?

College course taken in high school therefore earning both college and high school credit

Can be taught on the high school campus by a FBISD teacher who is also employed by HCC OR by an HCC professor. Students can also take the class directly at HCC online if approved by Mrs. Richter.

Dual credit courses are college classes **first** and high school classes **second**. Students and teachers are required to follow all HCC policies, i.e., attendance, grading, academic honesty, etc.

Benefits of Dual Credit

Student saves on tuition and fees by reducing the time to complete a degree

Weighted credit on high school GPA (10 PTS)

Student receives college credit and high school credit simultaneously for successfully completed course

Student graduates from high school with transferable college credits

Student fast-tracks undergraduate or workforce degrees

Student has access to a full range of college student support services while in high school to aid them in a smooth transition to college after graduation

The following score guidelines are used as a college readiness measure. Although a qualifying score is NOT required to take dual credit classes, students should use the recommendations below to gauge their potential success at a college level class.

EOC <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ English II 4000+✓ Algebra I 4000+ ✓ Passing Algebra II	SAT <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ EBRW: 480+✓ Math: 530+
PSAT <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ EBRW: 460+✓ Math: 510+	ACT <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Combined Eng/Rdg: 40✓ Math: 22

Recommended Success Guidelines for Dual Credit

AHS Dual Credit Courses

Austin currently offers these dual credit courses that can be part of a student's daily schedule.

Grade Level: Sophomore, Juniors, & Seniors

- College Transitions (EDUC 1300)
- Professional Communications (SPCH 1315)

Grade Level: Seniors Only

- English Composition I (ENGL 1301)→Fall
- English Composition II (ENGL 1302)→Spring
- College Algebra (MATH 1314)→Spring only but with an independent study math class in the fall term slot

How is Dual Credit Applied at the College?

Prior to enrolling in any course, check with the institution you plan to attend for specific policies regarding the transfer of dual credit courses.

The transferring university will determine if only the course transfers or if the course and the GPA transfers.

Some 4-year institutions will not accept a grade of D in dual credit courses. It is important to work hard to earn “A” or “B” in a DC course.

Dual Credit Grading

- HCC provides FBISD with grades each semester for all DC classes AHS students take.
- Grades will not be seen in Skyward until the end of the semester; however, students can see their grade in the HCC platform, Canvas.
- HCC will issue a letter grade which will be converted, entered onto the student's FBISD transcript, and calculated into the GPA. See chart for conversion.

HCC Letter Grade	FBISD Grade for Course
A	96
B	86
C	76
D	70
F	59

Dual Credit Grading

Earning below a “C” in a dual credit course could adversely affect FAFSA and financial aid eligibility following high school graduation, including scholarships, grants, and student loans.

Students with an HCC GPA lower than a 2.0 (C average) can be placed on academic probation or suspension.

Students who fail a dual credit course will need to retake the course in high school (if required for graduation) as well as in college, at full cost.

The HCC/FBISD grading policy is subject to change at any time pending FBISD BOT approval.

If you have already taken a regular credit class, you cannot repeat it as dual credit. For example, psychology or speech

Dropping/ Withdrawing & Additional Fees

Students who drop a dual credit course during the first three (3) weeks of the HCC semester will be enrolled in the corresponding FBISD regular level course.

Students withdrawing from a dual credit course AFTER the first three (3) weeks of the HCC semester will be enrolled in the corresponding FBISD online credit recovery course.

Students who drop/withdraw from a course are subject to a \$15 administrative fee, payable to HCC.

FBISD covers tuition for classes on the approved HCC/FBISD dual credit list; however, students are responsible for any course materials/textbook fees associated with the class.

Registration Process: How Do You Get Started?

- *Registration for ALL of the following will take place during course selection time.*

- *Summer 2025*
- *Fall 2025*
- *Spring 2026*

Students must:

Update/edit your fall & spring DC classes in SchooLinks during verification window:
March 3-7th

Attend DC information session or make-up virtual session

Apply to HCC as a DC student through ApplyTexas and obtain HCC ID #

Complete all forms by the deadline

Pay attention to emails, messages, and deadlines sent throughout this process

Next Steps & Deadlines

1. Obtain the paperwork packet. Complete the process listed on the cover sheet.
2. Double check that you selected the DC class in your SchoolLinks course selection for the fall/spring ones
3. All deadlines to participate in DC must be met! Turn in paperwork to me by March 26th
4. Check your school email and SL messages for any updates or information from me.



QUESTIONS?

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