

An Introduction to Dual Enrollment

HCC DE website:

<http://www.hccfl.edu/dualenrollment>

BDCHS DE webpage:

<http://bdchsstudentservices.weebly.com/dualenrollment.html>

Dual enrollment

- A program where a high school student may take classes at Hillsborough Community College (HCC)
- College and high school credit may be earned
- A student does not pay for tuition or textbooks
- Classes only last one semester and students register on a semester by semester basis
 - HCC terms: Fall, Spring, Summer
- Transportation is available Fall and Spring semesters at certain times
- **A student must have at least a 3.0 unweighted (state) GPA at the time of application**

More Information

- Students will attend class with college students of different ages and backgrounds
- The HCC learning environment may have the student explore diverse and wide ranging ideas that require maturity and understanding of multiple perspectives

Opportunities

- Regular dual enrollment allows students to take up to 10 credits per semester
 - 1 class is typically 3 credits; 10 credits ~ 3 classes
- Students may only take DE classes at USF if HCC does not offer the specific course
 - The student must meet the more rigorous USF DE eligibility requirements
- High school students have the potential to earn an A.A. degree with careful planning, talking with HCC advisors, and starting DE early
- A special type of dual enrollment is Early Admission
 - High school Seniors may be full-time HCC or USF students and take all classes at the college
 - Must meet specific criteria specified by each school

AP or dual enrollment?

- Instead of discussing which is better, one should think about which is better-suited for a particular student
- If uncertain, a student may try both and then make a decision, or keep doing both!

AP	Dual Enrollment
College-level courses	College courses
Class size: ~15-25	Class size: ~25-35
Potential for college credit (dependent on AP exam and future college)	College credit earned for passing course
At high school campus	At college campus; access to HCC classes
No potential for A.A. Degree; can be counted towards an A.A. though	May earn A.A. Degree
Grade only shows on H.S. transcript	Grade shows on H.S. & college transcripts
No transportation needed	Must find transportation
With high school students	With college students
Only working with one school	Must work with two schools

Words of advice

- This is the beginning of your college career
 - **HCC classes go on your high school AND college transcripts**
 - They are rigorous courses and sometimes your grade is only composed of a few exams
- A class is typically 3 credits
 - You may take up to 10 credits per semester
 - We recommend taking only 3 or 6 credits (1 or 2 classes) your first semester to make sure DE is a good fit
- **HCC and BDCHS strongly encourage new DE students to first take an “SLS” – Student Life Skills – course (ex. SLS1501) and/or CGS1000 – Intro to Computers**

Important Dates

- Review the HCC academic calendar
- Review the BDCHS academic calendar
- Be aware of dates for
 - Submitting dual enrollment paperwork
 - Class registration
 - Submitting class work
 - Tests
 - Drop/Add period for scheduling
 - Withdraw deadline

Questions?

- HCC Dual Enrollment Office
 - 813-253-7121 OR 813-253-7062
 - dualenrollment@hccfl.edu
- Ask the BDCHS DE Supervisor