

Things To Know About Dual Credit

Parent/Guardian Information

We know you want the best for your student. As a parent, you are helping make decisions about their future. Like most parents, you are probably concerned with the rising costs of higher education.

Dual credit allows your son or daughter to earn college credit while attending high school. Students have the potential to earn an average of 24 college credit hours that are transferable to any Texas college or university.



College Attendance Policies

Be sure you understand and follow your instructor's attendance policy. In contrast to high school, SWTJC does not distinguish between excused and unexcused absences. If you miss class because you are ill or attend a school function, those absences will count against you. Your instructor may also have a tardy policy. It is important that you stay in communication with the instructor to avoid any problems regarding attendance.



College standards

College courses are both interesting and challenging. You will learn a great deal, but you will be expected to work hard. Dual Credit students are expected to perform at the college level and to honor all deadlines.

College Grades

Pay careful attention to your instructor's system for assigning grades as indicated in the course syllabus. If you do poorly on a test or assignment, most college instructors will not allow you to repeat the work in order to improve your grade. You should not expect to receive extra credit for attendance. Also, your instructor may not allow you to do extra work.

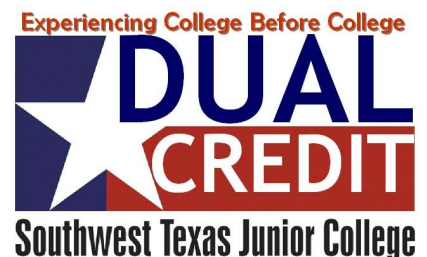
The grades you earn in a dual credit course will become part of your permanent college record.

Adding/Dropping a Course

Dual Credit students wishing to add or drop a Dual credit course must first obtain permission of a designated school official. Once approval has been given a SWTJC Add/Drop Form must be completed with appropriate signatures. The school counselor will submit form to Outreach Coordinator. Once received, the coordinator will drop the students. Students can't come to SWTJC and drop the class.

Withdrawing

Students who do not officially withdraw from a course, but stop attending, will technically still be enrolled in the course (s). It is important that a student officially withdraw from the course, to avoid receiving a failing grade.



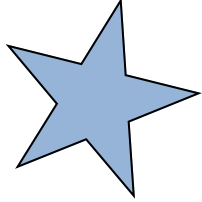
Payment of Tuition and Fees

Payment for Dual Credit courses is due at the time of registration or prior to the college's official first day of class. Payment arrangements vary with each district. Students responsible for their tuition who wish to pay by installment must make arrangements using the FACTS payment program prior to the start of the first class.

Refund of Fees and Charges

Dual credit students seeking refunds for tuition and fees paid are subject to the college's policies and procedures.





FOUR REASONS FOR GETTING A HEAD START ON COLLEGE

- College "Perks".** You are an official college student, having access to the full range of services offered by SWTJC.
- Convenience.** Courses are taught at the high school campus, at the college, or online depending on the arrangements made with your high school.
- Low Cost.** Taking dual credit courses costs less than regular college courses. Tuition rates at SWTJC are a fraction of the cost of that at four-year schools.
- Getting Ahead.** Dual Credit courses are college level academic and technical courses taken by high school students for which high school and college credit are earned at the same time.

STEPS TO APPLY FOR DUAL CREDIT

- Speak to your High School Counselor
- Apply online www.applytexas.org
- Attend Dual Credit Mandatory Orientation
- Present a passing score on any of the following approved college readiness assessment instruments:

STAAR Algebra II 4000 English III 2000	TSI Assessment MATH 350 Reading 351	TSI Assessment Writing 363/4 Or 5 on essay is passing	EOC ENGL II R 2000 OR E 2000 Algebra II 4000
SAT MATH 500 CR 500 COMB 1070	ACT MATH 19 CR 19 COMP 23	* PSAT MATH 19 CR 19 COMB 23	*PLAN MATH 50 CR 50 COMP 107
		* 1YEAR EXEMPTION FOR JUNIORS ONLY	* 1YR EXEMPTION FOR JUNIORS ONLY



DUAL CREDIT COURSES

OFFERED AT SWTJC

ENGLISH 1301 & 1302
 ENGLISH 2322 & 2323
 HISTORY 1301 & 1302
 GOVERNMENT 2301
 ECONOMICS 2301
 PSYCHOLOGY 2314
 SOCIOLOGY 1301
 MATH 1314 & 1316
 CRIMINAL JUSTICE 1310 & 2314
 CHEMISTRY 1311 & 1312

*** Other courses not listed may be available for dual credit through local agreements between a high school and SWTJC.**

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