

Advanced Academics

AT ALMETA CRAWFORD HIGH SCHOOL



What is Dual Credit / Dual Enrollment?



Opportunity for high school students to take college level courses while in high school



Academic core courses are transferable to Texas public universities and some out of state colleges



Grades earned in a DC/DE go on two transcripts: Your high school transcript and your HCC college transcript or the UT transcript for UT On Ramps courses.

Course Differences

Advanced Academic Course vs. Advanced Placement

AAC (Advanced Academic Course):

- Prepares students for AP courses.
- Moves at a faster pace than on-level courses.
- No college credit is granted.
- Weighted with 5 points in GPA and rank.
- Taught by FBISD campus teachers.
- No cost.

AP (Advanced Placement):

- College-level coursework in high school.
- Students can take an AP exam to potentially earn college credit.
- College credit depends on the AP exam score and the individual college's policy.
- Weighted with 10 points in GPA and rank.
- Taught by FBISD campus teachers.
- Students pay for AP exams.

Shared Features:

- Both are more rigorous than on-level courses.
- Both are taught by FBISD campus teachers.
- Both prepare students for college readiness.

Course Differences

Dual Credit vs. UT OnRamps

Dual Credit (DC):

- Students earn both high school and college credit by completing HCC courses.
- College credit is awarded if the student passes the course.
- Credits appear on both high school and HCC transcripts.
- Taught by FBISD campus teachers hired by HCC, with some adjunct professors teaching on campus.
- HCC DC tuition is covered by FBISD (additional fees may apply for out-of-district students).

UT OnRamps Dual Enrollment:

- Students earn high school and optional college credit through inquiry-based learning.
- Students can choose whether to accept or decline the college transcript at the end of the course.
- Taught by FBISD campus teachers in collaboration with University of Texas faculty.
- As of now, Free.

Shared Features:

- Both are weighted with 10 points in GPA and Rank.
- Both are more rigorous than on-level courses.
- Both are taught by FBISD campus teachers.
- Both prepare students for college readiness.
- Both are accepted at public Texas colleges and many private universities.

Dual Credit / Enrollment Courses at ACHS

We have 2 Dual Credit Courses:

1. US History
2. English 4

We have 2 UT OnRamps Courses:

1. US History
2. College Algebra

Courses offered at Crawford are dependent on student interest!

- If you are interested, PLEASE select DC/OnRamps courses during course selection.

Make sure to choose the other option as an alternate if your chosen course does not make the master schedule!

What to Consider Before Taking a Dual Credit Course

The state has removed all testing requirements for students to be eligible to take a DC course. We need to be very careful when opting to take these courses and consider the following:

Am I at the College Readiness Level based upon my PSAT 10 or 11 (verbal 460 math 510), SAT (verbal 480 math 530) or ACT (combined reading and ELA score of 40 and math 22)?

Would I be successful in an AAC or AP level course?

Since these are true college courses, they are:

Very rigorous

There are no grades in Skyward, only in Canvas the HCC system

Accommodations must be applied for through HCC

Students can be dropped for low attendance resulting in an FX on the transcript

Grades count towards both HS and college GPAs, therefore a F or FX can negatively impact financial aid eligibility, as both grades are considered failing at the collegiate level. This could lead to students starting their college careers on academic probation for not meeting "Satisfactory Academic Progress" standards potentially resulting in suspension or reduction of financial aid.

Because of this, we will still look at test scores to determine where students lie and if they are not college ready, Ms. Walea and the student's counselor will meet with them to assist in making the most responsible decision as these courses can have some consequences.

Pages from FBISD Course Selection Catalog

HOUSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE (HCC) DUAL CREDIT CORE COURSES

HCC dual credit courses being offered on an FBISD high school campus are dependent on available and qualified HCC Adjunct staff. Not all courses listed below are available at all campuses.

Please check with your school counselor for available courses at specific high schools.

HCC Course Number	HCC Course	College Hours	FBISD Course Number	FBISD Course	FBISD Credit	FBISD Associated Program	Comment
ECON 2301	Principles of Economics (Macro)	3	SS4561 or SS4562	Economics	0.5	District	Course can be taken on a HS or HCC Campus
EDUC 1300	Learning Framework	3	LP111	College Transitions	0.5	District	Course can be taken on a HS or HCC Campus
ENG 1301	English Composition I	3	EL64D1	English IV A	0.5	District	Must be taught by a FBISD embedded instructor as it is the English IV course
ENG 1302	English Composition II	3	EL64D2	English IV B	0.5	District	Must be taught by a FBISD embedded instructor as it is the English IV course
Huma 1301	Humanities	3	EL431D	Humanities	.5	District	Course can be taken on a HS or HCC Campus
GOVT 2305	Federal Government	3	SS4461 or SS4462	US Government	0.5	District	Course can be taken on a HS or HCC Campus
HIST 1301	United States History I	3	SS43D1	US History	0.5	District	Must be taught by a FBISD embedded instructor as it is due to History EOC requirement
HIST 1302	United States History II	3	SS43D2	US History	0.5	District	Must be taught by a FBISD embedded instructor as it is due to History EOC requirement
ISTE 1402	Computer Programming - SWIFT	4	TA610	Mobile Application Development	1	District	Course can be taken on a HS or HCC Campus
MATH 1314	College Algebra	3	MA5552	Independent Math Study	1	District	College Credit Awarded in spring semester. Must be taught by FBISD embedded staff due to Independent Study component (MA5551)
PSYC 2301	General Psychology	3	SS5513	Psychology	0.5	District	Course can be taken on a HS or HCC Campus
SOCI 1301	Introduction to Sociology	3	SS5523	Sociology	0.5	District	Course can be taken on a HS or HCC Campus
SPCH 1315	Public Speaking	3	CAT385	Professional Communications	0.5	District	Course can be taken on a HS or HCC Campus

UT OnRamps Dual Enrollment Courses

FBISD Course Number	FBISD Course Title	FBISD Credit	UT Course Number	TCCN Course Code	UT Course Title	UT Course Credit Hours	Eligible Grade Levels & Prerequisites
EL142T	ELA IV	1	RHE 306/309	ENGL 1301/1302	Rhetoric	6 (3 per semester)	12th grade: Completion of English I, II, and III
SS452T	Economics	1	ECO 304K	ECON 2302	Economics	3	12th grade No Prerequisites
SC391T	Earth Space Science	1	GEO 302E	N/A	Geoscience: Earth, Wind, and Fire	3	10-12th grade Biology or IPC
SS432T	US History	1	HIS 315K/315L	HIST 1301/1302	United States History	6 (3 per semester)	11th grade and completion of English I and II
MA232T	Algebra II	1	M 301	MATH 1314	College Algebra	3	11th grade Algebra I and Geometry
MA24T	Pre-Calculus	1	M 305G	MATH 2312	Discovery Precalculus: Preparation for Calculus	3	12th grade Algebra I and II Geometry
MA450T	Statistics	1	SDS 301	MATH 1342	Elementary Statistical Methods	3	11th grade Algebra I, Geometry Recommended Algebra II
SC351T	Biology	1	BIO 311C/106M	BIOL 1306/1106	Introductory Biology I + Lab	4 (3 for lecture, 1 for lab)	11th grade Biology and Chemistry
SC332T	Chemistry	1	CH 301/104M	CHEM 1311/1111	College Chemistry I & Lab	4 (3 for lecture, 1 for lab)	10-12th grade Algebra I
SC361T	Scientific Research and Design First Time Taken	1	CH 302/104N	CHEM 1312/1112	Chemistry II & Lab	4 (3 for lecture, 1 for lab)	11-12th grade OnRamps Chemistry I or AP Chemistry
SC342T	Physics	1	PHY 302K/102M	PHYS 1301/1101	Physics I: Mechanics, Heat, and Sound + Lab	4 (3 for lecture, 1 for lab)	11th grade Algebra I, Geometry Recommended Algebra II or Pre-Calculus
SC431T	Scientific Research and Design Second Time Taken	F1	PHY 302L	PHYS 1302	Physics II: Electromagnetism, Optics, and Nuclear Physics	3	Physics, OnRamps Physics I, AP Physics I, Algebra II, or Geometry. Precalculus recommended.

These are the FBISD Course numbers for Course Selection

How to Get Started?



1

Select the course(s) you want to take in [SchoolLinks](#) during the course selection process.



2

Look for an email from Ms. Walea with specific instructions and forms will be attached.



3

Follow the instructions and pay attention to deadlines – Summer class paperwork is due much earlier than Fall class paperwork. If you want to take both Summer and Fall classes, you will submit the paperwork twice!



What's Next?

1. Submit your Dual Credit application to HCC through Apply Texas. Be sure to select the correct Term (Summer 2026 or Fall 2026 – do not apply for both...only the earliest).
 - a) When completing the HCC application, please be sure to use your Social Security number in the application if you have one – we have noticed a problem in processing applications when it is not used.
 - If you do not have one, HCC will assign a P# in its place, but you will need to keep this secure and handy.
2. Submit your paperwork to Ms. Walea in Room H102

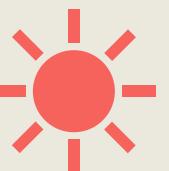
What's Next? (continued)



If you do not meet the college readiness guidelines, Ms. Walea and your counselor will discuss this with you personally so that you make the most responsible decision for you.



Please be aware that the DC classes are capped by HCC and there are limited spots, so seats will be given on a first come first serve basis.



Please note that the summer courses have an earlier deadline of February 20, 2026, for document submission. Fall classes deadline is April 15, 2026.

Cost of Courses



HCC provides an in-district tuition waiver for DC students; FBISD covers the out-of-district fee that HCC charges. This is not paid by FBISD until after you have completed the semester course – so do not pay this portion of fees owed on your HCC account.



All DC students must pay for their textbooks. Each instructor will inform students which books are required. Some are included in the HCC Canvas platform – be advised that there will still be a fee involved and will show up on your HCC account as payment due (Course Materials Fee). This part you must pay.



Please have a conversation with your instructor about Opting out of the provided textbook in Canvas if you would rather purchase your own hard copy.



UT OnRamps – as of now, there is no cost for students.

Grading

- The letter grade earned for a dual credit course taken at a college campus or on a high school campus taught by HCC adjunct faculty (NOT an FBISD teacher) will be calculated into the student's high school GPA according to current grading scale policies as follows:

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

- Students will be awarded an extra 10 points weight to their high school GPA at the end of the semester. This extra 10 points is NOT added to the final course grade.

Can I Drop/Withdraw From a Course?

Yes – there are two specific drop deadlines for HCC Courses.

DROP is 10 days from the start of class – nothing will show on your HCC transcript; your counselor can transfer you to a regular course if this is a class required for graduation

WITHDRAW is later into the semester and will show as a W on your HCC transcript; depending on when you withdraw, you may need to be enrolled in an online Edgenuity class to complete the credit needed.

Students who drop for a W will be charged a \$15 fee by FBISD.

You can only have 6 total W's in your entire college career so think about whether or not these classes are best for you.

You can also be put on academic probation if you fail a class, or your grades are consistently below a 2.0 (D).

On Ramps courses – students have the option of accepting or not accepting the college credit toward the end of the semester.

Dual Credit Summer Options

Students may choose to take DC courses in the summer – options are limited, and subject to change before end of 26-27 school year:

Federal Government - GOVT 2305, Macroeconomics - ECON 2301, Public Speaking - SPCH 1315, Intro to Psychology - PSYC 2301, Intro to Sociology – SOCI 1301, Intro to Humanities – HUMA 1301

There is a session in June and a session in July. Students can take courses either online or F2F. The July session could overlap with the beginning of FBISD classes so F2F classes should be taken after 3pm if in July.

All Summer paperwork must be completed by February 20, 2026. Students will be required to self-enroll for summer classes. Directions for this will be provided by Ms. Walea, who will assist as needed.

Students taking online courses **MUST log in the 1st day and every day after or they risk being dropped for non-attendance and an FX given as a grade (equivalent to a 59 in FBISD).**

Students with Disabilities

- Specific policies have been established to enable students with documented disabilities who are otherwise qualified, to request accommodations which would allow them equal access to the College under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.
- Dual credit students who qualify for 504 or special education services with FBISD MUST contact the HCC's Office of Ability Services to have accommodation put in place in dual credit courses.
- Students who wish to declare a disABILITY are encouraged to adhere to the following:
 1. Request accommodations with Ability Services as early as possible.
 2. Present the accommodation letter provided by the ADA Counselor to each course instructor.
 3. Meet the timelines and procedural requirements for self identifying, providing documentation and presenting the letter of accommodation(s).
 4. Self-advocate for services or refer faculty to Ability Services if there are questions.
 5. Students who adhere to the procedures help to expedite the receipt of appropriate accommodations as early as possible
- HCC Ability Services DOES NOT offer students all of the accommodations and modifications offered by FBISD.
<https://www.hccs.edu/support-services/ability-services/>

Questions?

Please contact Ms. Walea or visit the CCR Center!



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