

HOUSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE DUAL CREDIT

WHAT IS DUAL CREDIT/DUAL ENROLLEMENT?

- Opportunity for high school students to take college level courses at their campus
- Academic core courses are transferable to Texas public universities and some out of state colleges
- Grades earned in a DC/DE class go on 2 transcripts. Your high school transcript and your HCC college transcript or the UT transcript for UT On Ramps courses

DUAL CREDIT COURSES TO BE OFFERED AT ELKINS WITH HCC

- English 4 - 200 spots - earn 6 credits - 12 grade
- US History - 180 spots - earn 6 credits - 11 grade
- US Gov - 120 spots - earn 3 credits 12 grade
- Sociology - 60 spots - earn 3 credits 10-12
- Speech - 50 - earn 3 credits 10-12

- On-line/summer options
- Speech 10-12
- Sociology 10-12
- Psychology 10-12
- Economics 12 (requires both verbal and math test scores)
- Government 12
- College Algebra 12
- Humanities 11-12

The above listed courses are the ONLY courses students are eligible to take with HCC, any other course will be flagged and dropped!

DUAL ENROLLMENT COURSES TO BE OFFERED AT ELKINS WITH UT ON RAMPS

- Biology – 11th and 12th grade – earn 3 credits
- Chemistry – 10th-12th must have completed Biology – earn 3 credits
- Algebra 2 – must have completed Algebra 1 and Geometry – earn 3 credits
- Pre-Calculus – must have completed Algebra 1, Geometry and Algebra 2 – earn 3 credits
- Economics – 12th grade – earn 3 credits
- Dual Enrollment courses with UT OR are Inquiry based versus teacher led. It is non-traditional mode of learning where learning is student driven vs teacher driven.
- At the end of 2nd semester, students will be given the option to accept their grade on the UT transcript or to decline it.

WHAT NEEDS TO BE CONSIDERED WHEN CHOOSING TO TAKE AN HCC DUAL CREDIT CLASS?

- 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
- Parents cannot speak to the teacher/professor as they would with a high school teacher due to FERPA
- 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 D, 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 Powis and the student’s counselor will meet with them to assist in making the most responsible decision as these courses can have some consequences.

HOW DO I GET STARTED?

APPLY TO HCC

What do I do next??

Look for the most recent email sent out via Schoolinks and School Messenger. This is the most updated email based upon the newest information provided by HCC as of 1/8/25.

Specific instructions and forms will be attached.

All documents must be submitted directly to Ms Powis – do NOT respond to the Schoolinks email. Your forms will not be processed by anyone if you do.

When completing the HCC application, please be sure to use your SSN – we have noticed a problem in processing the applications when it is not used. If you do not have one, HCC will assign a P# in its place.

When doing course selection, you will choose the course you would take if you do not get into DC. DC courses will be added to your course selection as forms are received.

- Once you complete the HCC application, which must be done no later than 4/14/25 for, you will receive a 9-digit ID# called a W# via email within 24-48 hours from HCC. You must email this # along with the waiver, course choice form and TSI scores if needed to Ms Powis no later than May 16th to be eligible for the class. This is a HARD deadline set by HCC and there are no exceptions.
- **This makes your part complete. If you do not meet the college readiness guidelines, Ms Powis 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. If you do not apply to HCC by 4/14 and submit forms to Ms Powis by 5/16 or EARLIER, you will lose out on this opportunity! Please note that the summer courses have an earlier deadline of February 12, 2025, for document submission.
- If you receive 504 or Special Ed services, you must contact HCC's office of Ability Services – please see info in EHS College and Career & Counselor Schoology course in the DC Folder.

DO I HAVE TO PAY FOR A DUAL CREDIT CLASS?

FBISD covers all tuition for DC courses. If you live outside of the HCC tax area, there is a \$65 fee per course per semester for “out of district”, the district will also cover this cost. This is typically our Sugar Land residents.

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

All students must pay for books and/or materials. Each course instructor will inform students which books are required.

Please speak to your teachers about opting out of books.

****Please be sure to choose Stafford as our home HCC campus when doing the HCC application – anything else will cause additional fees to be added.**

CAN I DROP AN HCC DUAL CREDIT CLASS?

- Yes, there are 2 specific drop deadlines, which will be posted in Schoology. Please note that there are 2 different types of “drops”. The DROP deadline is 10 days from start of class – nothing will show on the HCC transcript. The next is a WITHDRAWAL, which is later into the class, and will show as a W (withdrawal) on the HCC transcript.
- Students that drop for a W will be charged a \$15 fee by FBISD.
- You have only 6 total W’s in your entire college career so think about whether or not these classes are best for you.

DC SUMMER OPTIONS

- Students may choose to take DC courses in the summer; however, options are limited to: Gov(2305)Econ(2301), Speech(1315), Psychology(2301) and Sociology(1301), College Algebra(math 1314). They have a June session and a July session. Students can take courses either online or face to face at HCC.
- There is now a limit of 2 DC courses in the summer.
- All paperwork for summer courses must be submitted no later than 2/12/25 for enrollment. If you need to test, you must do so in January as the turnaround for summer is very quick.
- Students will need to enroll themselves for summer courses. Directions will be provided to those taking summer courses and Ms Powis will be available to 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.
- Please remember these courses are college courses and deadlines and communication with your Professor is very important.