

# AP/Dual Credit/OnRamps: What's the Difference?

	AP Curriculum	HCC Dual Credit	UT OnRamps (Dual Enrollment)
<b>Description</b>	The AP Program allows students to take college-level courses and the related AP exam, to potentially earn college credit while still in high school.	Dual Credit allows students to simultaneously earn high school and college credit by successfully completing HCC courses.	UT OnRamps is a dual enrollment program that allows students to earn high school and potentially earn college credit through UT Austin while still in high school.
<b>High School and College Credit</b>	High school credit is earned and college credit is typically granted when students pass the AP exam with a score of 3 or higher. Individual colleges and universities, not the College Board nor the AP program, grant course credit and placement.	High school credit is earned and college credit is awarded when the student passes the course. The individual colleges and universities determine if the credit is accepted as Texas Core Credit or elective credit.	High school credit is earned and students have the option of accepting or declining college credit from UT if they pass the college portion of the course. The college and HS portions and grades may differ. This counts as Texas Core Credit at all Texas public universities and colleges.
<b>Instructors</b>	Courses are taught by campus teachers trained by The College Board.	Taught by campus teachers who are accredited through HCC or by HCC adjunct professors.	Taught by campus teachers trained by UT Austin professors.
<b>College or University Acceptance</b>	Accepted throughout the nation.  Usually requires a score of 3 or higher on the AP exam. See individual college/university for their policy. Some may require higher than a score of 3 depending on the major.	May transfer to public colleges and universities in Texas, and many private institutions.  Some colleges and universities may not accept. Some will accept as course while others may accept as an elective. Check with individual college for academic requirements.	Accepted at any public university in Texas.  Accepted at most private universities. Check with individual college for academic requirements.
<b>Location</b>	AP courses are taught on the THS Campus in person.	Dual credit courses are taught on the THS Campus in person by campus teachers or by adjunct HCC professors.	UT OnRamps courses are taught at THS by a THS teacher who collaborates with a UT professor.

<b>Eligibility</b>	Open to any student. Students are expected to have the skills and knowledge from prior courses and be motivated to work outside the school day on college-level material.	Students must qualify by taking the TSIA, or by having a STAAR EOC waiver or SAT score to exempt. The TSI test is offered on campus free of charge at THS. Students are expected to be motivated to work outside the school day on college level material.	Open to students who show high achievement in the regular classroom, and who wish to experience a college level course and are motivated to work outside of the school day on college level material.
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<b>Cost</b>	AP courses are free. There is a \$98 fee to take the corresponding AP exam (per exam).	Dual Credit courses are free if zoned within the HCC taxing district, otherwise the fee is \$65 per course.	FBISD will cover the costs of UT OnRamps Dual Enrollment courses for the 2024-2025 school year.
<b>Textbooks</b>	Provided by the school.	Students are responsible for textbook costs.	Provided by the district.
<b>Impact on High School GPA</b>	This is a weighted GPA-Tier 1 course and is weighted an additional 10 points on the GPA scale.	This is a weighted GPA-Tier 1 course and is weighted an additional 10 points on the GPA scale.	This is a weighted GPA-Tier 1 course and is weighted an additional 10 points on the GPA scale.

On Ramps/Dual Enrollment Courses Offered at THS:

US History

Physics

English IV

Algebra II

HCC/Dual Credit Courses Offered at THS: *(available to students during their 12<sup>th</sup> grade year only)*

Government/Psychology

Economics/Sociology

English IV