

# DUAL CREDIT FAQs

## 1. What is dual credit?

Dual credit gives students the opportunity to earn college credit at the same time they are earning high school credit. For example, if they take Psychology, they will earn 3 college credit hours and 0.5 credit of high school social studies since it is a single semester class.

## 2. Who is eligible to take dual credit?

Dual credit courses are offered to Juniors and Seniors. The student must have a 3.0 GPA or a 2.5 GPA with administration and parent approval. DC College English requires a minimum ACT score of 18 on both English and Reading sections. DC College Algebra requires a minimum ACT score of 20 on the math section. If students do not have these scores, they make take the Accuplacer. The counselor will conference with these students as needed. All scores must be met before payment is accepted.

## 3. What college is the dual credit through?

All dual credit classes are through Moberly Area Community College. Seniors in Personal Finance also have the opportunity to earn credit through Missouri State University and students in Animal Science can earn it through University of Central Missouri. These are both completely separate processes, and they will learn more about that once they begin the class.

## 4. How much does dual credit cost?

MACC offers these classes to high school students at a very reduced rate. For the 19-20 school year, the cost was \$78 per credit hour but that could change for 20-21. All courses are 3 or 4 credit hours. Some courses have an online book fee or lab fee.

## 5. What is a dual credit class like?

These are college classes so they are more rigorous and rely heavily on student responsibility. For the 20-21 school year, we are offering three classes in house, taught by SoBoCo teachers: DC American Lit (11th grade), DC College English (12th grade), American History (11th grade). Since these are offered in seat, they cannot be taken online. The rest of the classes offered are online. Students are allotted one period in their day for each online class they are taking where they are assigned to a room and expected to work on their online course. You will hear these hours referred to as DCON for dual credit online.

## 6. Will dual credit transfer to any college?

It is a good idea to research schools that you are considering and seeing how a specific course will transfer. They will all transfer, but some may only transfer as elective credits. Many colleges have a Course Equivalency Evaluator where you can see what a MACC course would be at another institution. It is highly recommended to keep this in mind when choosing courses. While they are at a reduced rate, it is still vital to choose courses that will best benefit the student down the road. Your counselor is happy to help evaluate course choices.

7. What else do I need to know about dual credit courses?

- The online courses take a certain amount of student discipline, motivation, and responsibility. Their teacher is the college professor and they don't always show the same attention that a highschool teacher might. Therefore, there is no one to check if the student is falling behind. It is also the student's responsibility to communicate with the professor when they need help or have an issue, as well as communicating with their DCON teacher and/or counselor if they need a test proctored.
- Every course is a semester long. We will go through the process of choosing classes, enrolling, and making payment in August/September AND December/January. For example, if a student's schedule says they are enrolled in DC College English for the full year, they are technically taking Composition I first semester and Composition II second semester, which are separate college courses and a total of 6 credit hours (3 per sem.).
- If a student stops participating in a course or fails it, they will be dropped. If this happens, the student will receive an F on their high school transcript, a Withdrawn status on their college transcript, and still be financially responsible for the course.
- These are college courses and will begin college transcripts. Students should be conscious of the grade they are earning because it will follow them throughout the rest of their college journey.

8. What courses are offered online by MACC for the first semester of 20-21?

ART101	Art Appreciation I
BIO101	Biology
BIO105	Conservation Biology
BIO205	Human Anatomy
BUS100	Intro to Business
CIT101	Computer Essentials
ECN101	Macroeconomics
GEO101	Geography
HSC171	Medical Terminology
LAL275	Mythology
PHI150	Intro to Philosophy
PHI152	Intro to Ethics
PSY101	Psychology
SOC101	Sociology
SPK101	Public Speaking

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