

Dual Enrollment & Early College Programs

Our high school works with a number of colleges and universities to give students the opportunity to earn college credit while still in high school through dual enrollment and early college programs. College credit is also recognized as one of the seven College and Career Readiness Indicators. Participating in these programs can help students make progress toward a college degree while also completing certain high school graduation requirements.

Dual Enrollment Equivalency Options - [click here to see what dual enrollment courses satisfy high school credits](#)

Start by Choosing the Right Course

Selecting a course should be the first priority when exploring dual enrollment. Colleges and universities have a wide variety of classes available, but college credit does not automatically mean that a course will satisfy a high school graduation requirement.

Students who want a course to count for both high school and college credit should confirm that the course is approved by the Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE) for high school credit.

The Dual Enrollment Equivalency Options spreadsheet is a helpful resource for exploring possibilities. Students can use it to see how various college courses may apply toward their high school requirements. Because the spreadsheet may not include every available course or university, students should use it as a guide and confirm the course with Dr. Wooten before enrolling.

Starting Dual Enrollment as a Sophomore

Many dual enrollment core courses are intended for students in their junior or senior year. However, sophomores may have opportunities to begin earning college credit as well.

For example, HIS 201, or an equivalent course offered by a participating university, may be used to satisfy the U.S. History 10 requirement when approved.

Sophomores may also want to consider beginning with elective opportunities such as world languages or career and technical education courses. These options can provide a manageable way to experience college-level coursework while getting an early start on earning college credit.

Early College Opportunities at UA and Auburn

Students interested in attending the University of Alabama or Auburn University after graduation may want to explore their early college programs.

The University of Alabama's Early College program and Auburn University's Auburn First program offer opportunities for students to earn college credit and potentially work toward an automatic admission pathway. The requirements are not the same for each university.

Students should carefully review the requirements for the program they are considering. These may include completing a certain number or type of college credits, meeting GPA standards, and, in Auburn's case, completing a math placement assessment.

University advisors can help students make sure they are selecting courses and completing requirements that align with their future plans.

Getting Started: Your Dual Enrollment Checklist

Research your college options.

Identify the college or university that interests you and review its dual enrollment or early college program. When applying, make sure you select the dual enrollment student option rather than applying as a traditional college freshman.

The Dual Enrollment Reference Chart can help you compare participating colleges based on factors such as GPA requirements, tuition, available courses, and admission opportunities.

Apply and complete required paperwork.

Follow the college's application and enrollment instructions. You may need to submit a transcript through Parchment and complete additional forms specific to that institution.

Because requirements vary from one college to another, carefully review the checklist provided by your selected university. If a school-specific form requires counselor verification or completion, submit it to Dr. Wooten.

Confirm how the course will apply to high school.

Before registering, make sure you know whether the course will provide college credit only or both college and high school credit. Students seeking high school credit must have the course equivalency confirmed by Dr. Wooten before enrollment.

Register as early as possible.

Complete your registration and payment through the college or university. Confirm the course number, section, delivery method, and meeting schedule with the college's dual enrollment office.

Be especially careful when choosing between online and in-person sections. Some AUM English Composition courses, for example, may be offered at the high school.

Classes can reach capacity quickly—even courses taught on our campus—so students should pay close attention to registration deadlines and enroll as soon as registration opens.

Report your enrollment.

Once you have successfully registered, provide Dr. W with confirmation of your enrollment. This documentation helps ensure that your high school records accurately reflect your participation in the college program.

Stay connected with your college.

After enrolling, regularly check the email address and student account provided by the college. Important information about assignments, deadlines, registration, course changes, and other requirements will be communicated through the college's systems.

Make the Most of the Opportunity

Dual enrollment can be an excellent way to challenge yourself academically, earn transferable college credit, and make progress toward graduation. The key is to plan carefully, confirm requirements before registering, meet deadlines, and communicate regularly with both your counselor and the college or university.

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If you have questions about dual enrollment, please reach out to Dr. Wooten at cristal.wooten@acboe.net