Frequently Asked Questions

Why should I take dual credit courses?
You can save money on college tuition by taking classes close to home at a reasonable cost. Alvin Community College’s tuition is significantly less than most Texas universities. You can experience college before you graduate from high school. You can gain the technical skills necessary to get a job right out of high school.

How many classes can I take?
You can choose up to two dual credit courses per semester. If you wish to take more than two courses you will need to see your dual credit counselor. Students desiring to take more than 2 courses must meet the following criteria:

- New to Dual Credit—must have an 85+ high school average
- Current Dual Credit Student—must have a 3.0 cumulative college GPA

Will the grades I receive in a dual credit course appear on my high school transcript?
While the student will receive a letter grade from the college, all the dual credit courses will also have a corresponding numeric grade that will be delivered to the ISD. Grades will appear on both student high school and college transcripts.

Will my dual credit classes transfer?
Dual Credit Academic Core classes are guaranteed to transfer with a grade C or higher to any Texas Public Colleges & Universities. Some universities will accept “D” grades. It is up to the student to make this determination. Private and out of state schools will make their own determination according to their admission requirements. Our overwhelming experience over the past several years has been that any courses identified as academic courses will transfer without loss of credit towards a baccalaureate degree to any Texas Public accredited college. Many workforce education courses, e.g. welding, EMT, medical terminology, culinary, BCIS, keyboarding are not designed for transfer to a baccalaureate and may not.

What are hours and how do I know how many I have?
College courses are calculated by hours for credit. Most college courses are worth 3hrs; those worth 4hrs usually have a lab attached; and there are some 1hr courses. The second number in the sequence of the course lets you know how many hours you are earning. Ex: History 1301=3hrs; Spanish 1411=4hrs).

Can I take courses during the summer?
Yes! You may register for summer courses through your ACC Advisor or online through WebACCess. It is important that you determine if the course is approved for Dual Credit or if it can only be applied to a college degree.

My email, phone number, or address has changed, how do I update that information?
A Student Data Change Request can be completed online from WebACCess or with your high school based ACC Academic Advisor.
Will my high school accommodations be utilized during my dual credit courses?
High school Accommodations/modifications will not be honored in dual credit classes. Contact Eileen Cross, the ACC Office of Disabilities Coordinator to discuss any test and/or classroom accommodations for all dual credit classes. Call 281-756-3533 or email for an appointment: ECross@alvincollege.edu

Will the GPA I earn in my dual credit classes affect my admissions into the college of my choice?
High school policies apply regarding the awarding of high school credit, and college policies apply regarding the awarding of college credit. Be sure that you are aware of both sets of policies.

Will it affect Financial Aid?

How do I pay for classes?
After you have completed all other steps for dual credit, you will receive your fee statement reflecting the courses you selected and are enrolled in, along with deadlines, payment plan information, instructions on how to use the ACC online payment system, and textbook information (if applicable).

Are dual credit courses hard?
Dual Credit courses are college level courses. They are more rigorous but achievable with hard work, good study habits and turning your work in ON TIME!

Where do I go to purchase textbooks?
Visit the ACC College store online at http://www.alvinccstore.com/

If I paid for my dual credit course but need to withdraw, will I get a refund?
Visit http://www.alvincollege.edu/tuition/refund_policy_credit.htm to learn more about the ACC refund policies.

What if I'm a home school or private school student and want to take college courses?
Many home school students and students from private schools take college courses. Contact Stephanie Stockstill 281-756-3527 for information on enrollment.

What can you tell me about taking college classes online?
Students can expect to spend about 10 hours a week online for a 3 credit hour course. Professor expectations vary regarding their requirements and it is best to contact the professor so you have a clear understanding of what the class requires. The distance learning environment is very different from the classroom as you need to be a self motivated student to be successful. Students are not generally advised to take online courses, especially if under Senior level.