Frequently Asked Questions

Are Dual Credit courses hard?

A Dual Credit course is a college-level course, which means that it is rigorous and challenging; however, you get to go out of the classroom and have learning experiences with dedicated faculty who want to prepare you for wherever you want to go academically and professionally. It may be difficult at first, but with all the support you receive from your faculty and staff, you’ll do great!

How many courses can I take?

Technically you can take up to 19 credit hours per semester without seeking administrative approval, but with Dual Credit students facing an already massive workload, we recommend no more than two courses per semester.

What are some of the degrees I can earn?

You can earn Workforce certifications, an Associate of Arts and Associate of Science degrees to name a few. Check the catalog for more degree plans.

Can I take summer courses?

Yes you can! Dual Credit students are still Galveston College students even after the high school academic year ends. Please note that taking summer courses may not result in earning both high school and college credit. Check with an advisor in April on the College’s request for accommodations can be made for any course.

Student Services

Galveston College offers a number of different services to Dual Credit students to help them succeed. Please feel free to take a quick look at the resources available below. A full list of student services can be found on the College website at https://gc.edu/student-services.

Services:
- The College Library offers students a number of different services that include:
  - Access to relevant books, articles, magazines and other material necessary for Dual Credit courses
  - Access to research databases
  - Librarians assistance in finding credible and meaningful sources for research assignments

Student Success Center:
- The Student Success Center is a free resource that offers tutoring in both general and subject specific content matter. Tutors are available to help whenever needed.
- The Testing Center is where you can take exams required by your courses unless otherwise stated by your instructor. The center is also available to use as a testing site for specific academic placement tests and other national exams.
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Student Advisor for accommodations and special needs:
- Student advisor for accommodations and special needs: https://gc.edu/student-services/counseling-career-center/students-with-special-needs/

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Departments of Note

ADMISSIONS (409) 944-1220
Information about applying to the college and college tours
COUNSELING & ADVISING CENTER (409) 944-1220
Information about majors/programs/offered, course requirements, and Texas Success Initiative (TSI) testing requirements
FINANCIAL AID (409) 944-1235
Information about grants, loans, scholarships, and other financial assistance
IT HELP DESK (409) 944-1352
Information on accessing and troubleshooting issues with computer applications, software, and hardware
LIBRARY (409) 944-1204
Information about applying to the college and college tours
STUDENT SERVICES (409) 944-1219
Information about programs, activities and student support services

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REAL EXPERIENCES.
REAL JOBS.
Online and face to face as well as completely online. Courses are offered in face to face formats, a blend of instructing full-time on Galveston College's campus. Campus that meet the same rigorous requirements for Dual Credit courses are approved college level classes that are enrolled in grades 9-12. Students who enroll in Dual Credit courses get access to some fantastic benefits:

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What courses can I take?

Course offerings vary by semester, but generally you can take the following subjects:

- English
- Government
- History
- Economics
- Biology
- Welding
- College Algebra
- Health Science

Dual Credit registration form and Dual Credit Program contract.

Before taking any Dual Credit courses, students must first consult with their high school counselor and campus Dual Credit Advisor to ensure eligibility requirements are met. As a part of this eligibility requirement, you will need to complete a waiver to ensure both the Dual Credit registration form and Dual Credit Program contract.

TSI Exemptions/Waivers

There are certain exemptions from taking the TSI exam. These exemptions are as follows:

- ACT® – A total score of 23 with a minimum of 19 in the corresponding sections of the English and/or mathematics.
- SAT® – A score of 480 in evidenced-based reading and writing and a math score of 530 (standard scores are not required).

TSI exam can be taken at the following locations:

- Proctoring locations: approved by Galveston College or Dual Credit Advisor, Galveston College’s campus, or any other test facility.

For in-person testing, visit the Admissions Office at Galveston College. For online testing, visit the Testing Center at Galveston College.

The Texas Success Initiative is a placement exam that helps assess college readiness. There are three components of the test: Reading, Writing, and Mathematics. For students to be considered eligible to take academic college level courses, you will need to follow the steps on each component of the TSI:

- Reading score of 31
- Writing score of 35
- Math score of 35

Here’s a Comparison Chart: AP vs. Dual Credit

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- The Testing Center at Galveston College (http://testing.galveston.edu) or at the Office of Admissions, the GC website admissions@gc.edu or complete the Texas Application for Admissions.

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- STAAR – A minimum score of 2000 on the English II end of course exam and a minimum score of 4000 on the English II end of course exam with successful completion of high school Algebra.

How are my courses recorded?

- College-level courses that grant college credit based on performance within the course. | College-level courses that grant college credit based on performance within the course. |

For more information, speak to your assigned Dual Credit Advisor.