



DUAL CREDIT PROGRAM GUIDE

PARENTS AND STUDENTS SCHOOL YEAR 2021-22

What is Dual Credit?

Elgin Community College and its partner School Districts offer several dual credit programs that allow high school students to enroll in college courses. Students earn simultaneous high school and college credit. The programs provide a way to save time and money towards attaining a higher education, experience college life, and prepare for a successful transition after high school.

A quick summary of the programs available are outlined below. Each Dual Credit program offers a unique opportunity to students. Depending on students' academic, behavioral, or social needs.

Full-Time Dual Credit Program

- Senior enrollment (One-year program)
- Junior enrollment (Two-year program)
- Earn 30+ transferable credits each year
- Minimum of 12 credit hours each semester
- Courses are chosen from the Associate of Arts or Science degree plan

Part-Time Program: General Education

- Senior Enrollment - All qualifying students
- Junior Enrollment - Dual Language students only
- Courses offered at the high school building
- Enrolled in 1-2 courses each semester
- Maximum of 7 credit hours each semester
- Courses available in English, Math and Spanish

How Do I Get Started?

In learning about each program, it is important students meet with their high school counselor and discuss the specifics of each program. Below is a summary of the programs' structure, expectations, and qualifications. Students should direct questions about the program options to their high school counselor.

This information should help students determine which option best aligns with their academic plan and interests. For dual credit options where the student attends classes on the ECC campus, students are responsible for their transportation. A representative from the high school will share information about tuition, fees, and other costs related to the different dual credit programs.

Each School District or Private School determines the dual credit programs that students are eligible to participate in as part of their high school education. School District U-46 has elected to offer the following options in partnership with Elgin Community College.

FULL-TIME DUAL CREDIT PROGRAM

High school juniors and seniors enroll in a minimum of 12 college credits each semester. Juniors must stay on pace to complete the 60-credit hour degree requirement within their two academic years (i.e. 15 credit hours in each fall/spring semester). All courses are completed at the ECC main campus. These courses meet the postsecondary requirements of the general education core curriculum as well as high school graduation.

Students work in partnership with the ECC Academic Advising Office and the U-46 lead counselor to choose the appropriate transferable courses. Students that enroll as juniors need to complete the course requirements to earn an Associate in Arts or Associate in Science degree. School District U-46 approves the enrollment of their students. Enrollment is limited – For more questions, please contact your high school representative.

PART-TIME DUAL CREDIT PROGRAM

High school juniors (Dual Language students only) and seniors enroll in courses each semester. Courses offered at the high schools are selected from a variety of academic disciplines, including general education (i.e., English and math).

Students choose courses with the help of their high school counselor to ensure courses selected meet high school requirements. School District U-46 approves the enrollment of their students. Enrollment is limited (course offerings vary by high school – For more questions, please contact your high school representative).

FULL-TIME DUAL CREDIT

- School District U-46 will pay all ECC fees and tuition costs, families are responsible for all U-46 registration fees
- Students are responsible for the cost of their books and meals at ECC
- Students cannot apply for federal financial aid to pay for any costs associated with dual credit
- Students enroll in 4-5 courses each semester at the ECC campus
- Courses add up to a minimum of 12 credit hours each semester
- Students may earn 30+ transferable credits
- Students earn both high school and college credit that will count towards high school graduation
- Dual credit courses will appear on a student's high school and ECC transcript
- All dual credit courses are weighted and included in a student's high school GPA
- Students complete COL 101-College Success during their first semester
- Students are required to attend Friday meetings with the U-46 lead counselor every semester they are at ECC
- Course options are selected by ECC and the school district to ensure they meet the student's high school graduation requirements. Students are required to take the US Constitution test.
- Students meet with ECC's academic advising department to develop an academic plan
- Students are responsible for transportation to and from ECC for their classes and to their high school for any after school activities
- Students may participate in IHSA sports at their high school
- Students can participate in clubs and activities at ECC but not competitive sports
- Students will be in classes with high school and college students

2-YEAR PROGRAM ONLY

- All the above and
- Complete 60 credits/degree requirements in two years (i.e. 15 credits per semester)
- Summer courses may be required between junior and senior year

Courses will be scheduled Monday-Friday. Students may be in class from 8:00 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Some courses may be scheduled outside of this timeframe. If courses are offered outside of this timeframe, the dual credit office will ensure that students and school counselors are informed in advance. Students are expected to commit to this timeframe and must understand that scheduling of classes is managed by the dual credit office.

Class sections (days, times, and instructors) are pre-selected by ECC to meet the needs of the program. Class schedules will not accommodate students' work schedules if it falls

within the timeframe noted above. The ECC academic calendar may differ from the school districts' calendar.

PROGRAM QUALIFICATIONS

- Must be and remain a School District U-46 student in good standing
 - Current sophomore or junior at the time of application
 - Have at least a 3.00 unweighted high school GPA at the of application and enrollment
 - Must maintain a 2.00 GPA while enrolled at ECC
 - Demonstrate college-readiness – Reading, English, and Mathematics
 - Must have qualifying scores – PSAT/SAT/ACT or ECC Placement Tests
 - Meet other high school requirements as noted by district policies
 - All students must submit a dual credit U-46 agreement
 - Enrollment is limited and determined by the school district
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PART-TIME DUAL CREDIT

IN-HIGH SCHOOL

- Current junior OR sophomore/junior in the Dual Language program at the time of application
- Students enroll in 1-2 courses each semester at their high school
- Maximum of 7 credit hours each semester
- Students earn both high school and college credit that will count towards high school graduation
- Dual credit courses will appear on a student's high school and ECC transcript
- All dual credit courses are weighted and included in a student's high school GPA
- Course options offered at the high school
- Course options are pre-selected by the school district
- Enrollment is limited and determined by the school district

PROGRAM QUALIFICATIONS

- Current sophomore or junior at the time of application
- GPA Requirement: 3.00 unweighted high school GPA
- Demonstrate college-readiness – Reading, English, and Mathematics
- Must have qualifying scores (if applicable) – PSAT/SAT/ACT or ECC Placement Tests
- Meet other high school requirements as noted by district policies

PART-TIME IN-HIGH SCHOOL DUAL CREDIT COURSES

The course options available to part-time dual credit students are listed below. Course descriptions are available at www.elgin.edu/catalog.

Course	Course Prefix & Number	ECC Credit Hours	General Education	Elective	Prerequisite
COMMUNICATIONS					
English Composition I	ENG 101	3	✓	✓	
English Composition II	ENG 102	3	✓	✓	✓
MATHEMATICS					
College Algebra	MTH 112	4		✓	✓
Trigonometry	MTH 114	3		✓	✓
Statistics I	MTH 120	4	✓	✓	✓
Calculus for Business/Social Science	MTH 126	4	✓	✓	
Calculus with Analytic Geometry I	MTH 190	5	✓	✓	✓
MODERN LANGUAGES (Seniors and Dual Language students only)					
Intermediate Spanish II	SPN 202	4	✓	✓	✓
Spanish Conversation Composition	SPN 261	3		✓	✓
Latin American Civilization	SPN 271	3		✓	
Introduction to Spanish Literature	SPN 275	3		✓	

Course availability varies by high school building. The following information is helpful when selecting courses:

General Education: These courses fulfill a general education core requirement. As part of students' baccalaureate education, a series of courses in varying disciplines are required prior/during the completion of specified (i.e. Major/Minor) courses that are selected for the program of study that is being completed. These courses have a high transferability rate and are typically completed within the first couple of years in college. **NOTE: All courses can be credited as electives.**

Elective: These courses help a student towards the successful completion of their required elective hours. Each program/institution sets a minimum of courses that students must complete separate from general education and major/minor specific courses. Often, these courses serve to fulfill a prerequisite in a math or science sequence.

Prerequisite: These courses are required in order to continue in the specified sequence (i.e. Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, and/or Physics). Students must earn at least a "C". The courses will also satisfy either a general education core requirement or be credited as electives.

What Is Next?

1. Review the dual credit program options carefully
2. Talk with your parents/guardians about the program options to identify which may work best for you
3. If you have questions, contact your school counselor

Interested in Full-Time Dual Credit at ECC

1. Complete the Full-Time Dual Credit U46 Initial Interest [Survey](#) found here using your U-46 email address by December 11, 2020.
2. Once you have completed the Full-Time Dual Credit Initial Interest form, you will receive the Dual Credit Application and Testing Guide. It will provide you with instructions on the next steps for the program
3. All requirements must be completed by February 15, 2021 to be considered for the full-time program.
4. Admission decisions communicated by March 5, 2021.
5. No late submissions are accepted.

Interested in Part-Time Dual Credit in the high school

1. Review the course selection sheets provided by your school and choose the part-time dual credit courses at the high school. These courses are designated dual credit with a DC in front of their name i.e. DC English 101
2. Tell your counselor that you are interested in the part-time dual credit courses during your registration meeting
3. You will receive part time dual credit application instructions in late January/early February.