

Dual Credit at WCJC

The Dual Credit Program is a great way to start earning college credit at a reduced price.

Dual credit courses are college courses for which a student may also earn high school credit.

They are not high school courses for which they can earn college credit.

Many dual credit courses are courses in the WCJC Core Curriculum that transfer to a university.

Others are vocational/technical courses that are part of an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) or certificate program.

Students who are good candidates for dual credit classes have the following qualities:

- Highly motivated
- Very mature
- Organized
- Possess excellent study and time management skills

As added benefits of taking a dual credit classes, students will learn:

- How to use a course syllabus
- How to address an issue or express a concern (self-advocacy)
- How to balance high school curriculum and college classes
- How to be successful in college courses

Things to think about:

- Students are registered for classes each semester (not for an entire school year). Classes are also paid for each semester.
- Each course requires a textbook; some require other course materials
- Students are expected to spend at least 2 hours for every hour they are in class in order to do well

Each college course has tuition and/or fees associated with it. In-district students pay only the General Services Fee for classes. They do not pay Tuition or the Technology Fee. Out-of-district students pay the General Services Fee and the Technology Fee, but do not pay Tuition or the Out-of-District Fee.

This translates into a huge savings for students taking classes while in high school!

In-district refers to students whose parents reside in Wharton County or within the Needville school district.

Out-of-district refers to students outside of Wharton County or the Needville school district.

Current fees for dual credit students:

General Service Fee = \$63 per credit hour (a 3-credit-hour class has a general service fee of \$189)

Technology Fee = \$60 per semester regardless of how many hours are taken

Total In-district per 3-credit hour class = \$189

Total Out-of-district per 3-credit-hour class = \$249

Current tuition and fees for regular students:

Tuition = \$32 per credit hour (a 3-credit-hour class such as English has tuition of \$96)

General Service Fee = \$73 per credit hour (a 3-credit-hour class has a general service fee of \$219)

Out-of-district Fee = \$56 per credit hour (a 3-credit-hour class has an out-of-district fee of \$168)

Technology Fee = \$60 per semester regardless of how many hours are taken

Total In-district per 3-credit hour class = \$375

Total Out-of-district per 3-credit-hour class = \$543

Dual Credit Savings

In-district = **-\$186**

Out-of-district = **-\$294**

To enroll in dual credit classes:

- Submit an ApplyTexas application
- Complete the Dual Credit Certification of Early Admission form
- Meet Texas Success Initiative (TSI) Assessment scores for reading/writing and/or math or submit proof of TSI exemption or waivers
- High school counselors submit course rosters to the Dual Credit Coordinator, who registers each student

Questions?

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