

Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit for High School Students

The Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit program allows high school students the opportunity to receive both high school and college credit. The program is restricted to qualified students in Alabama high schools and home schools which have signed a working agreement with Wallace Community College Selma.

Student Eligibility:

Criteria for student eligibility are developed by each individual school system and may be more restrictive than the minimum criteria that follow:

1. The student must have a 2.5 GPA or higher in completed high school courses;
2. The student must have written of his/her counselor and principal. In addition to the approval form, the student must provide a high school transcript – official or unofficial
3. The student must be in grade 10, 11, or 12.
4. All students in academic dual enrollment courses must provide appropriate ACT, SAT or placement test scores.

Continuous Eligibility

Students who meet the criteria for initial admission for a Dual Enrollment for Dual Credit program will maintain continuous eligibility so long as they earn a grade of C or better in all attempted college courses. Students who fail to meet this minimum grade requirement or who withdraw from a course will be suspended from the program for a minimum of one term. The one-term suspension may not be served during the summer. The student may not re-enroll until the suspension has been served. For re-entry, the student must reapply to the program and must meet the minimum grade point average requirements.

Available Courses:

Determination of the equivalencies of Wallace Community College Selma coursework is at the discretion of the high school system. In some cases, one 3-semester hour course equates to a full unit at the high school. However, a cross-walk of eligible courses has been developed to ensure that courses taken at the College warrant the awarding of secondary credit for post-secondary/ college coursework. Students should contact their high school counselor for information about specific course equivalencies.

Eligible courses include any college-level courses in English, Mathematics, Science, or Social Science; any career/technical courses; or any other courses agreed upon by the school system and the college. Students must meet the course prerequisites prior to enrollment. This program does not include physical education courses or any courses taken on an audit basis.

Prerequisites may be met by completion of the approved college placement exam and/or minimum levels on the ACT or SAT in English, Mathematics, and Reading.

Traditional financial aid is not available for students enrolled under the Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit program. Federal government regulations require students to have a high school diploma or GED to qualify for any form of financial aid. However, Alabama families who are recipients of the fully-funded PACT Program may apply these funds towards Dual Enrollment/ Dual Credit courses.

Dual Enrollment Technology Scholarships:

Funds are available through a Workforce Development grant to provide scholarships to Dual Enrollment students in specific business and technical programs. These Dual Enrollment scholarship funds are available to eligible high school students participating in approved technology programs offered by Wallace

Community College Selma. Programs designated as eligible for scholarship funding at Wallace Community College Selma include Drafting & Design, Electrical Technology, Industrial Maintenance, Welding, Computer Information Systems; and Patient Care Technician (PCT).

Student Eligibility for Dual Enrollment Scholarships:

The student must be in the 10th, 11th or 12th grade, have a 2.5 GPA or higher, and have approval from the high school principal and counselor or the homeschool director. All students receiving scholarships must meet established placement criteria each semester as determined by appropriate ACT, SAT or placement test scores. Approval from secondary school officials indicates that the student has demonstrated both academic readiness and social maturity. Each student who receives a Dual Enrollment Technology Scholarship must have declared a technical program of study and only those courses required for that program of study will be eligible for scholarship funds. Dual Enrollment technology scholarship funds may be used to cover not only the required technical courses but required English, math and science courses as well. Academic courses must be taken concurrently with the technical courses.