

**Briarwood Christian School and
Jefferson State Community College
Dual Enrollment and AP-FAQs**

1. What is Dual Enrollment?

Dual Enrollment is a program that allows qualified high school students to enroll in college level courses and receive both high school and college credit each semester.

2. What Dual Enrollment Courses will be offered?

Honors U.S. History 2 DE (HIS 201 and 202) open to 11th grade approved students

Honors Pre-calculus DE (MTH 112 and MTH 113) open to both 11th and 12th grade students

Honors English 12 DE (ENG 101 and 102) open to 12th grade approved students

Honors Spanish 2 DE (SP 101/102) open to both 10th -11th grade students

Honors Biology DE (BIO 101/102) open to both 11th and 12th grade approved students

3. What qualifications must a student have to enroll in a Dual Enrollment course?

Honors U.S. History 2 DE: Student must receive Honors approval notification and have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above.

Honors English 12 DE: Student must receive an Honors approval notification and have a minimum 18 ACT English subscore and a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above.

Honors Spanish 2 DE: Student must receive Honors approval notification and have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above.

Honors Biology DE: Student must receive Honors approval notification and have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above.

Honors Pre-calculus DE: Student must receive an Honors approval notification, have a minimum 24 ACT math subscore, and a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above. Students without an ACT score may test for placement eligibility. Testing will be set up for administration on the BCS campus in May. Further information about how to take this test will be provided later. Students may register for the DE course during spring registration. Placement can be amended if necessary once the Jeff State placement test or ACT test results are received.

4. What about Dual Enrollment (DE) vs. Advanced Placement (AP)?

Dual Enrollment (DE) provides a value added opportunity for Briarwood students to earn college credit each semester while in a competitive college preparatory environment. The content and teaching methodology of DE designated courses will be at the college level. Jefferson State Community College's grades are indicated by letter grade only (A, B, C, D, F) without pluses or minuses or numerical grades. Credit at the college level will be awarded by JSCC if the student earns a minimum grade of C or better.

Advanced Placement (AP) courses are designated courses whose content is at a college introductory level. Upon completion of the course, students take an AP Exam and earn college credit based on the result of their AP Exam score (credit is generally awarded to students scoring a 3 or higher on the AP Exam). Students enrolled in AP courses must meet the guidelines outlined in Briarwood's Honors Selection Criteria.

DE Honors Pre-Calculus and AP Calculus: Generally, Briarwood students enrolled in Honors Pre-Calculus will go on to take AP Calculus (provided they meet the AP requirements). At some colleges and universities, a student who achieves a score of 3 or higher on the AP Calculus Exam will automatically receive college credit for Precalculus and Calculus (generally 6 credit hours). If a student takes the Honors Pre-Calculus DE course and goes on to take the AP Calculus course, the DE enrollment Mth 112 and 113 courses *may* still count as elective college course credit. **It is strongly recommended that parents and students familiarize themselves with the AP Exam credit policies at the institution(s) to which the student will apply.**

5. Is there a fee for Dual Enrollment courses?

Yes. For the 2019-2020 school year, a 3-hour DE course was \$456 and a 4-hour DE course was \$608 (Biology and Spanish only) per semester. This amount covered all JSCC tuition and fees for one semester. For the year-long course, each semester was \$456/\$608 or a full-year course for \$912/\$1216. The cost for the 2020-2021 school year has not yet been released.

6. What about class size?

JSCC requires a minimum of 10 students per section to implement a dual enrollment course.

7. Will DE courses transfer?

JSCC makes available a list of approved Dual Enrollment courses that are guaranteed to transfer to any public school in the state of Alabama on their website in their catalog under university parallel programs (i.e. University of Alabama, Auburn University, University of Montevallo, etc.). It is recommended that students check with Briarwood's Counseling Department regarding transferability of courses to private colleges and universities, as well as those institutions which are out-of-state. While Briarwood's Counseling Office will make every effort to assist students and parents in obtaining accurate information regarding transferability to specific institutions, **it is ultimately the parents' and students' responsibility to verify this information with the college or university.**

8. What is the registration process?

Students who are enrolled in dual enrollment section(s) of the courses offered at Briarwood will receive emailed instructions in the spring of the current school year. The instructions will include specific steps for online registration, required documents and payment through Jeff State's website.