



# Student and Parent Presentation

**UTRGV**™ Dual Credit Program

## Purpose

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To provide academically talented high school juniors and seniors with an opportunity to acquire university course credit and introduce them to the “Total University Experience” while still attending high school.

## Student Benefits



Opportunity to earn dual credit  
(speak to your school's counselor  
for more information)



No tuition or fees! (not including  
books, supplies, parking permit,  
etc.)



Wide selection of courses from  
our Core Curriculum

## DC Admissions Criteria



Students seeking Dual Credit opportunities with UTRGV will have an individual academic profile created based on a variety of factors, including but not limited to:

- High School Class Rank;
- GPA;
- College Entrance Exams (SAT/ACT) (PSAT/ACT-PLAN);
- Extracurricular Activities;
- Community Involvement;

Academic profiles are created with submitted documentation and admission decisions are made based on that profile and accomplishments to date.

## DC Admissions Criteria

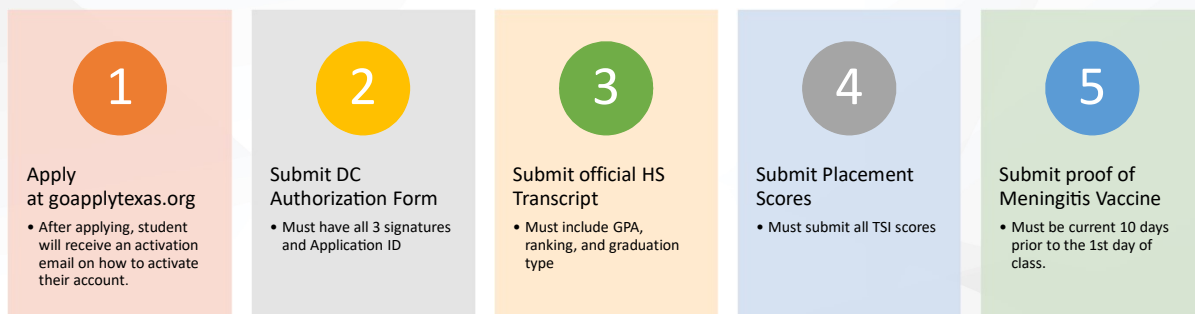


Students must be classified as a Junior or Senior in High School and graduating under the Foundation w/Endorsement or Distinguished Plan

Dual Credit Students typically meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Ranked in the Top 20% of their class;
- Have a 85 GPA or higher; **STISD 90 GPA**
- Achieve an ACT Composite of 20 or higher;
- Achieve an SAT Total of 1110 (EBRW & MATH combined) or higher;
- Achieve a PSAT Section Score of 460 (EBRW) and 510 (MATH) or higher;
- Achieve a PLAN Composite of 23 or higher

## DC Application Process



## Program Policies and Procedures

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Students are not allowed to take any developmental/remedial courses

Students are not allowed to take any kinesiology (physical education) or health courses

Students can enroll in a maximum of 12 credit hours, with the recommendation of the student's counselor and administrators

For Spring 2023, students can only take courses that are part of the Core Curriculum (ex. No 3000/4000 level courses)

All pre-requisites, if any, must be met before enrolling for a course.

Must earn grades of "C" or better in order to continue in the DC program

Students must meet all university deadlines regarding course drops/withdrawals/etc.

## Student Advisement

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New student advisement is vital to helping you succeed in college courses

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Required of all New Dual Credit students

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New students can sign up once accepted, TSI scores & vaccine are submitted, and account is activated

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Ensures registration in appropriate classes based on TSI scores and course pre-requisites

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Program policies and restrictions will be discussed

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Advisement is **mandatory** prior to registration

## Student Responsibilities



Students are expected to read, save, and consult the course syllabus. The syllabus spells out what is expected of students, when assignments are due, and how grades are determined.

Initiate contact with professors if you need assistance or clarification.

Actively participate in class through discussion boards and assignments and take notes to identify the important points. Good notes are a must.

The academic year is divided into two separate 15-week semesters, plus a week after each semester for exams. Summer sessions are typically 5-weeks long and accelerated in their pacing.

Attend tutoring!!

## Course Formatting Options

- Qualifying students are welcome to take courses through one of the following approved options:
  - In person courses taken at the UTRGV campus along with the general population
  - Online

## College Courses VS. High School Courses



### High School Courses

Courses are typically smaller  
Most of the course learning and assignments are completed in class.  
Study time outside of class may vary



### College Courses

Courses are typically larger  
Most of the course learning and assignments are completed outside of class.  
Required reading  
Papers  
Projects  
Assignments  
Studying

### Issues to Consider

- Study habits – expected to study like a college student.
- Taking the same course as other UTRGV college students.
- This could shorten student's time to earning a bachelor's degree.
- There are consequences to failing:
  - Academic Probation; Suspension
  - Damaged GPA will follow throughout your **entire** college career **and** future professional career
  - Unable to return to UTRGV or to another university
  - **May impact future financial aid.**

## Contact Us



Check out our website at: [www.utrgv.edu/dualcredit](http://www.utrgv.edu/dualcredit)



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