

## AP and College Dual Credit FAQ

1. What is the difference between AP (Advanced Placement) and Dual Credit.

The actual O’Gorman classes are the same, however the path to earning the credit varies. AP Credit is granted after taking a standardized exam in the spring. Dual Credit is granted on a college transcript with a grade and college credit.

2. How do I earn AP Credit?

Students register for the AP exam in the fall (some classes are spring only, and will register once your class starts). Credit is earned based on the score on the standardized exam.

<https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/ap-exams-overview>

3. What score do I need on the AP test to get college credit?

While the score required to get credit varies from school to school, a 3 is considered passing. Use this link to find information about specific college requirements.

<https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/getting-credit-placement/search-policies>

4. How do I earn College Dual Credit?

Each semester students will need to register for the credit through the college that is offering the dual credit. The total amount of credit earned varies by college and course. Pages 4 & 5 of the course description book detail the credit.

[https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1672930742/sfcssorg/bg|pkzdvpqcef18fh9j9/OGHS\\_UP\\_dated2023-2024CDBFinal.pdf](https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1672930742/sfcssorg/bg|pkzdvpqcef18fh9j9/OGHS_UP_dated2023-2024CDBFinal.pdf)

5. What is the cost of the credit?

The AP exam is approximately \$100 per exam.

Dual credit is billed by credit, and semester. Approximately \$40-\$60 per credit.

6. Can anyone take AP and/or Dual Credit?

Students are encouraged to challenge themselves and try dual credit and AP courses. The counselors are happy to advise students on the courses. However, some colleges have GPA and ACT requirements to register for the dual credit.

7. How is the Dual Credit graded?

O’Gorman teachers report the grade the student earns to the college. The grade on the O’G transcript is the same as the college transcript.

8. Is the AP credit or Dual Credit better?

Most students choose the dual credit. This choice allows students to start college with credit and an GPA. Starting college with some credit can allow students to take fewer credits (pay attention to minimum requirements for financial aid and college policies) each semester or pick up an extra major or minor and still graduate in four years.

9. How do I transfer my credit to my college?

After graduation the student will need to contact the college or colleges from which they earned dual credit and have their transcript sent to the college in which they will attend.

10. Does the credit always transfer?

The vast majority of students do not have trouble transferring the credit to colleges all over the country. In some cases, the students need to advocate for the credit to be transferred. Because our teachers who offer the credit for dual credit have their master’s degree in their subject, they are considered adjunct professors making the credit true transfer credit.

11. How do I transfer my AP scores to my college?

Once a student has a qualifying test score to receive credit, the student must request that the AP score (from the College Board) be sent to the college. When the college receives the score, it will go on the transcript as credit.