



Student and Parent/Guardian Dual Credit Guide

Union Catholic is pleased to announce the expansion of its dual credit offering which enables students to earn college credits. The following will help guide your decision-making process regarding dual credit.

Contact the college(s) you are considering for their policy on dual credit before purchasing dual credit, as each college has its own policies.

Questions to ask:

- Do you accept dual credit?
- Is there a maximum number of credits that your college accepts for dual credit?
- How would you accept dual credit from (name of another college) for course (course name and number)?
- Does the course need to be taught on a college campus or can the course be taught at the high school by instructors recognized by the college issuing the transcript?
- Are there any policies as to whether or not certain dual credit courses will be accepted within a particular major?
- Are there any regulations that exclude courses used to fulfill high school graduation requirements from also being counted towards college credits? For example, some colleges will accept an unlimited number of credits but not if the course is needed for specific high school requirements. For example, an elective would then qualify, however, a Religion course or required English course would not.
- Will you still be considered a college freshman regardless of the number of dual credits earned? Does entering with college credits already accrued affect eligibility for scholarships only open to freshmen? Will the amount or length of any scholarships received be impacted by entering with credits accrued?
- What are the benefits of dual credit? Is there a possibility of graduating early? Priority registration for classes or housing?
- Ask if grades earned from dual credit courses are factored into the college GPA.

If you are taking an Advanced Placement (AP) exam:

- Do you accept scores from the Advanced Placement (AP) exam for college credit?
- If so, is a certain score required?
- If not, are the scores used for placement purposes? For example, some colleges do not award credit but earning a particular score enables students to begin in the next sequential course. This is beneficial as it expands the scope of course offerings you can elect during the college years.