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Free Early College:
Dual Enrollment & Concurrent
Enrollment

What is Dual Enrollment ?

Its a program that provides an opportunity for high school students to earn college credit before graduating high school.

Dual enrollment classes are held at participating high schools during the regular school day by high school teachers and/ or a visiting faculty from COD.

Concurrent Enrollment

Its a program that provides an opportunity for high school students to earn college credit before graduating high school.

Concurrent enrollment classes are held outside of the regular school day, either at your high school campus or at one of the COD locations. These classes are offered by COD faculty.

Benefits of Dual Enrollment

- Tuition and books are FREE for the student
- Explore different careers, majors, and interests
- Exposure to college expectations
- Fulfill high school graduation requirements AND earn college credit
- Some courses will be UC and/or CSU transferable
- Courses meet COD associate degrees and/or certificates requirements

Benefits of Concurrent Enrollment

- Tuition is FREE for the student (books are not free and students/families pay for books)
- Explore different careers, majors, and interests
- Exposure to college expectations
- Earn college credit and potentially high school credit. Must be approved by your high school
- Some courses will be UC and/or CSU transferable
- Courses meet COD associate degrees and/or certificates requirements

Who is Eligible

- For both dual and concurrent enrollment, 9-12th grade students are eligible to participate
- Must meet course pre-requisites

How to Enroll

- Both Dual and Concurrent Enrollment use DualEnroll.com to register for classes
- You may hear or be told to use something called “Self-Service”. Do not use this as you will receive a bill for your classes, fees, etc.
- <https://www.collegeofthedesert.edu/students/free-early-college/default.php>
- <https://collegeofthedesert.dualenroll.com/>

How Many Classes Can You Take?

- Fall & Spring semesters students can take up to 11 units
- Summer & Winter session students can take 6 units

Understanding Your Responsibilities

- Classes must be completed with a grade of “C” or better
- Grades are permanent on high school and college transcripts
- Maintain Satisfactory Academic Standing (SAP)
- SAP Standards:
 - -Maintain at least a 2.0 cumulative GPA
 - -Complete at least 67% of all the attempted units
- Dedicate enough time to study and complete assignments
- 1 unit = approx. 1 hour of lecture a week and 2 hours of study/assignment time a week will be expected to be successful
- Check your COD emails and Canvas portal
- Meet all deadlines these include:
 - Courses must be added and or dropped within the COD deadlines
- Complete and turn in assignments on time
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Important Dates

- Every semester and session important dates are published to help student plan accordingly. These important dates include:
- First day of the semester
- Last day to add/drop full term classes
- Last day to drop full-term classes without a grade of "W"
- Holidays/dates campuses are closed
- Final exams
- Last day of the semester

Deadlines and dates are different between Dual and Concurrent Enrollment

Counseling and Support

- Students who are having trouble in their dual enrollment courses can schedule an appointment with their high school counselors for support and to discuss their best educational options.
- Communicate with instructor on how to raise grade, seek tutoring, and stay on track.
- COD has 2 counselors that can also support you.
- Choose classes intentionally
- Pick courses connected to your goals

Plan Carefully

- Balance high school, activities and college courses
- College classes move faster than high school classes
- Start with a manageable number of college classes
- Ask for help before you feel overwhelmed

How Grades Affect Financial Aid

- Dual and Concurrent Enrollment students do not get financial aid in high school but bad grades earned in college classes while in high school can negatively impact you in the future
- Make sure to pass your college classes to protect your future financial aid
- Make sure to maintain at least a 2.0 GPA in your college classes to be financial aid eligible in the future
- Doing well in college now will help you in the future but failing college classes in high school will negatively impact you in the future

Financial Aid Clock and College Credits

- When using financial aid in the future, after high school, it is important to know that there are limits on how much aid you can have and that is associated with the number of credits you have earned.
- Taking classes through dual and concurrent enrollment count toward that so make sure you are taking classes that make sense toward your future goals and you are not taking classes to just take classes

What is a prerequisite?

- Course(s) students are required to complete prior to enrolling in a given course
- Courses need to be completed with a "C" or better

Example:

ENG 002 Argumentative Writing and Critical Thinking through Literature Units: 4

This course offers expanded instruction in analytical and argumentative writing, critical thinking, research strategies, information literacy, and textual documentation through the study of literary works from multiple genres. Students develop close-reading skills and an appreciation for the aesthetic qualities of literature. This course builds upon the skills begun in ENG 001A. (C-ID ENGL 110; ENGL 120)

Lecture Hours: 72 Lab Hours:

None Repeatable: No

Grading: Letter

Prerequisite: ENG 001A

Advisory: None

Limitation on enrollment: None

Transfer Status: CSU/UC

Degree

Applicable: AA/AS

COD GE: C3, C4b

CSU GE: A3, C2

IGETC: 1B, 3B

Ways in which you can take classes

- Full Online=Asynchronous
 - Asynchronous learning allows you to learn on your own schedule, within a certain timeframe. You can access and complete lectures, readings, homework and other learning materials at any time during each week in the semester by accessing CANVAS.
- CNVS Zoom= Synchronous
 - Synchronous learning allows you to learn by virtually attending a class session each week, at the same time as your instructors and classmates. The class is a firm, weekly time commitment that cannot be rescheduled.
- Hybrid
 - Mostly online with some required on campus meetings.
- In-Person
 - Fully on campus at the scheduled class time and location.
- Hyflex
 - Offers you 3 ways to participate in class on any given day:
 - In-person on campus
 - Live streaming in class-activities at the same days and times via Zoom
 - Watching Zoom recordings at your convenience

Online classes and Canvas

- When taking a class that has an online component or is completely online, COD uses the online Platform Called “Canvas”
- Students can login to Canvas with their COD credentials through MyCOD
- If students show no activity in Canvas on the first day of class, instructors will drop you from the class. Often instructors have a small assignment at the start to see who is active in the class.



COD Email

- When communicating with COD faculty and Staff, you must use your COD email.
- Students can login to their email with their COD credentials through MyCOD
- Directions on setting up email on your phone are here
<https://www.collegeofthedesert.edu/mycod.php>



Services Available for Dual Enrollment Students

- COD student ID
- Free in person and online tutoring- Tutoring & Academic Skills Center (TASC)
- Academic Counseling
- Career Counseling- Career and Workforce Solutions Center

Things to Remember

- Grades are permanent on your academic record/transcript
- College level course content
- Adult expectations and responsibilities
- Minimal parent involvement
- Attendance Expectations

Dual Enrollment Students and Guardians Should Be Aware Of.....

- All College coursework and grades become a permanent part of the student's official college academic history and transcript
- All students are held to the Student Code of Conduct and are subject to the Student Disciplinary Policy
- Students are expected to check their COD portal and email regularly
- Students must advocate for themselves
- Students are expected to meet all deadlines
 - Courses must be added/dropped within the deadlines by the student
 - Assignments turned in on time

Dual Enrollment Students and Guardians Should Be Aware Of.....

- Attendance is required, but enforces differently than high school
- Instructors cannot inform parents when classes are canceled at the last minute or when class ends early
- Instructors cannot supervise a minor while they wait to be picked up
- Courses may include open discussions on sensitive topics
- Audio-visual presentations may be graphic in their content
- Group work or class presentations may be expected in class

Dual Enrollment Students and Guardians Should Be Aware Of.....

Right to Student Access

- Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA):
Parents do not have a right to access their children's student records, regardless of whether the student is under the age of 18
- Instructors will not discuss student's grades, attendance or progress with parents/guardians
- Students are encouraged to advocate for themselves

Satisfactory Academic Progress

- Students enrolled in Dual Enrollment courses are held to financial aid and academic guidelines
- Students who receive a D, F, or W will not make Satisfactory Academic Progress and can experience financial aid and registration complications with all colleges/universities the student applies to in the future

SAP Standards

All students must maintain at least 2.0 cumulative GPA

All Students must complete at least 67% of their attempted units.

Counseling

Early Intervention

If you are struggling in your classes, contact your high school or a college counselor right away to discuss your options.

You should also communicate with your instructors on how to reach academic success in your class.

Seek out tutoring

Academic Probation

If you fall below a 2.0 GPA you could be placed on academic probation

Progress Probation

Earn less than 50% of the units you are enrolled in

Advice for Parents

- Let your students navigate this process on their own; support them but they need to do this on their own.
- Let them learn to advocate for themselves
- Please do not call or email the college on behalf of your student
 - We often hear that the student is too busy to make the call or email or register for a class. If the student is too busy to call or email the college, are they really ready to take a college course?
- Ask to see their syllabus- this will tell you a lot
- Support them but do not do it for them

Contact Us

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