DUAL ENROLLMENT

Parent & Student Information Guide

GET A HEAD START ON COLLEGE WHILE YOU'RE STILL IN HIGH SCHOOL

Dual Enrollment at the University of South Carolina Beaufort gives eligible high school students the opportunity to experience college-level coursework and begin earning college credit before graduation.

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What Is Dual Enrollment?

Dual Enrollment allows qualified high school students to enroll in college courses while they are still completing high school. Depending on the student's high school and course selections, USCB courses may count toward both high school graduation requirements and college credit.

Important: Dual Enrollment courses are real college courses. Grades earned become part of the student's permanent college academic record.

Why Consider Dual Enrollment?

- Earn college credits before graduating from high school.
- Experience college-level coursework and expectations.
- Explore potential majors and academic interests.
- Build confidence before transitioning to college.
- Potentially reduce the number of courses needed after high school.
- Become familiar with USCB and college academic resources.

Is Dual Enrollment Right for My Student?

Students should be prepared to:

- Manage assignments and deadlines independently.
- Communicate directly with professors.
- Check USCB email and course platforms regularly.
- Ask for help when needed.
- Balance college coursework with high school classes, activities, work, and other responsibilities.
- Understand the long-term importance of their college academic record.

Dual Enrollment Eligibility

Students must meet USCB's current eligibility and admission requirements. Use the fields below to keep this packet updated each semester or academic year.

Age Requirement	*16*
Minimum GPA	*3.0*
Approvals	*Parent/Guardian AND High School Counselor/Principal* *Permission forms are provided by USCB Admission Office following the submission of the application.

How to Get Started

1. Talk With Your High School Counselor

Determine whether Dual Enrollment is available through your high school and how college courses may apply toward graduation requirements.

2. Apply to USCB

Complete the appropriate USCB Dual Enrollment application – The Spring 2027 application is available now on our website, use code **USCBDE** to waive the application fee.

3. Submit Required Information

Send your most recent high school transcript and permission forms to dualenroll@uscb.edu.

4. Select Courses

Following your acceptance to USCB for DE, you will select your preferred courses and meet with Advising to register for your classes. Dates to register for classes will be available after your acceptance.

5. Prepare for Class

Set up USCB accounts, learn how to access email and course platforms, obtain required materials, and review important dates.

What Courses Can Students Take?

Course availability may vary by semester, high school partnership, student eligibility, prerequisites, and available seats. Coursework from previous semesters has included:

- General Biology
- Human Anatomy and Physiology
- Intro to Personal Finance
- Macroeconomics
- Public Communication
- Composition & Rhetoric
- Beginning French
- Beginning German
- World History
- European Civilization to the Mid 17th Century
- History of Western Art
- Fundamentals of Acting
- Theatre Appreciation
- Intro to Music
- Intro to Psychology
- Sport Psychology
- Intro to Sport Management
- Intro to Sociology
- American National Government
- Comparative Religion
- Hospitality Management
- Intro to Event Management
- Introduction to HTML & CSS
- Intro to Computational Science
- Computer Programming Techniques
- Physics
- Intro to Physical Geography

How Much Does Dual Enrollment Cost?

BCSD currently covers tuition and required textbooks for up to two Dual Enrollment courses per major semester. Funding policies may change. Students are responsible for any costs not covered by BCSD, including replacement textbooks, fees resulting from schedule changes, and other applicable charges. Families should verify current funding and cost policies before registration depend on the student's school, school district, number of courses, available funding, and other factors. Families should confirm all current costs before registration.

Understanding College Credit

Dual Enrollment courses become part of a student's official college academic record. Grades earned through USCB will remain on the student's college transcript and will be reported as part of their academic history when applying to colleges and universities in the future.

Will USCB Credits Transfer to Another College?

College credits may transfer to other colleges and universities, but the receiving institution determines whether and how a course will transfer or apply toward a degree. Students considering another institution after high school should review that institution's transfer-credit policies.

What If My Student Struggles?

Students should seek assistance as early as possible. Encourage your student to:

1. Communicate with the course instructor.
2. Use available USCB academic support resources.
3. Speak with their high school counselor.
4. Contact the appropriate USCB representative with questions.
5. Review withdrawal deadlines before making a decision about dropping a course.

Remember: Withdrawing from or failing a college course can have academic implications. Students should ask questions before making enrollment changes.

Dual Enrollment vs. AP/IB

	Dual Enrollment	AP / IB
Course Type	Actual college course	Advanced high school curriculum
How Credit Is Earned	Based on performance in the college course	May depend on exam scores and college policy
Academic Record	Creates a college transcript	Credit is awarded according to institutional policy
Transfer / Credit	Determined by receiving college	Exam-credit policies vary by college

Frequently Asked Questions

Does Dual Enrollment guarantee admission to USCB after high school?

No. Participation in Dual Enrollment does not automatically guarantee future admission. Students who wish to attend USCB after high school should complete the appropriate undergraduate admission process.

Does my student have to attend USCB after graduation?

No. Students may apply to other colleges and universities.

How can I determine whether credits will transfer?

Dual Enrollment courses are college-level courses and may be transferable to other colleges and universities. However, transfer credit policies vary by institution. Credits may transfer as direct equivalents that satisfy major requirements, general education requirements, or as elective credit only. The receiving college or university makes the final determination regarding whether credits will transfer and how they will apply toward a degree program. Students should consult prospective colleges and universities directly to understand their transfer credit policies before enrolling.

Can Dual Enrollment affect a student's college GPA?

Yes. These are college courses, and grades earned become part of the student's college academic record.

Can parents communicate directly with professors about grades?

College students have educational privacy rights under FERPA. Students should take primary responsibility for communicating with professors and managing their coursework.

Can Dual Enrollment students receive accommodations?

Students who need accommodations should contact the appropriate USCB office to learn about the college-level accommodation process. High school accommodations may not transfer automatically.

Can my student take classes online?

Yes. All classes are subject to availability; students must indicate what course format they are interested in during their course registration meeting.

How many courses can my student take?

BCSD students are limited to a maximum of 2 classes per semester. Individual high schools have specific guidelines as well. Students should speak to their high school counselor before registering for courses.

Who is responsible for transportation?

Students and families are generally responsible for transportation to any in-person classes, testing requirements, or campus activities.

Spring 2027 Important Dates

Term	Spring 2027
Application Opens	August 1, 2026
Application Deadline	November 20, 2026
Registration Dates	Email dualenroll@uscb.edu for more information
First Day of Classes	January 11, 2027
Add / Drop or Withdrawal Deadline	January 19, 2027
Last Day / Final Exams	April 28- May 5, 2027

Student & Family Next Steps

☐ Talk with your high school counselor about Dual Enrollment.
☐ Review USCB's current eligibility requirements.
☐ Discuss which college courses fit the student's academic goals.
☐ Complete the Dual Enrollment application.
☐ Submit all required documents.
☐ Complete student onboarding requirements and registration.
☐ Review tuition, funding, and textbook information.
☐ Check USCB email regularly once enrolled.

READY TO GET STARTED?

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APPLY TODAY!

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