



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

DOES THE GRADE I GET IN A DUAL ENROLLMENT COURSE APPEAR ON MY HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE TRANSCRIPT?

Yes. Your course and grade will appear on your high school and college transcript.

AS A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT, WHAT IS THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF UNITS I CAN EARN THROUGH LTCC FOR FREE?

For the Summer, the maximum number of units is 5.75. For all other quarters is 15.

WHAT IF I AM DOING REALLY HORRIBLE IN A CLASS, CAN I DROP IT? OR HAVE MY INSTRUCTOR NOT COUNT IT AS A DUAL CLASS SO IT DOESN'T APPEAR ON MY PERMANENT COLLEGE TRANSCRIPT?

Students can drop courses within the deadlines and instructors have the ability to drop students for non-participation within the deadlines. Talk to your instructor. We all want you to succeed and will help in any way that we can.

ARE COURSES LETTER GRADES OR PASS/NO PASS?

Digital Media Arts, Sports Medicine I and II, and Psychology 101 are letter grade only and all Get Focused, Stay Focused courses are Pass/No Pass.

HOW DO I GET A COPY OF MY COLLEGE TRANSCRIPT?

Simply head to LTCC's "One Stop" with a valid ID and request one. Unofficial copies are free. Official transcripts take 7-10 business days to process and the first two copies are free - \$5.00 per copy after that.

WHAT IF I WANT TO TAKE LTCC COURSES THAT ARE NOT OFFERED AT STHS, HOW DO I DO THAT?

Talk to your counselor, they need to approve the course you want to take and fill out a form, once you do that, you bring it to a LTCC counselor for approval!

Is your high schooler taking a college course? Here are the differences:

Dual Enrollment

A student is taking a course at STHS that they receive BOTH college and high school credit for if they pass the course.

Concurrent Enrollment

A student is taking a college course at LTCC on their own time for enrichment.

Advanced Placement (AP)

A student is taking a course at STHS that they receive high school credit for. They receive college credit for this course if they pass the exam at the end of the term with a 3 or higher.



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WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN AP CLASSES AND DUAL ENROLLMENT COURSES?

Both AP and Dual Enrollment courses are college-level courses. However, AP classes require an exam at the end of the course with a certain score granting you credit or not. To receive credit for a Dual course, you simply need to pass the course per the instructor's guidelines and syllabus.

AP COURSES AT STHS GIVE ME A GPA BUMP, DO DUAL ENROLLMENT COURSES DO THE SAME?

Yes, Dual Enrollment courses that are labeled as "honors" courses at STHS, such as ENG 101, will give students 5 points for an A, 4 points for a B, etc. This is similar to an AP course, so students' weighted GPA will be impacted.

AP COURSES FOLLOW A SPECIFIC, RIGOROUS CURRICULUM, DO DUAL ENROLLMENT COURSES DO THE SAME?

Yes, all Dual Enrollment college courses are aligned to approved courses at Lake Tahoe Community College that have gone through multiple faculty reviews and have been approved by the LTCC Curriculum Committee, the college Board of Trustees, and approved at the state level through the California Community College Chancellor's Office. All Dual Enrollment instructors that teach at STHS must meet minimum hiring qualifications or be approved by the equivalency committee in order to be hired on as adjunct faculty at LTCC.

DO UCS HAVE A PREFERENCE BETWEEN AP AND DUAL ENROLLMENT COURSES WHEN ADMITTING STUDENTS?

No, both are given equal consideration. When weighing GPA for admission to the UC system, admissions counselors give all AP, honors, college-level, and Dual Enrollment courses equal value. Neither set of students, those who take AP vs. those that take college Dual Enrollment courses, are at an advantage in the UC admission selection process. UC faculty and admissions counselors want to see students who, based on the resources and opportunities in their school and family environments, academically challenge themselves (with balance) and do well in the course as demonstrated evidence of their preparation for university study.

DO ALL COLLEGES GRANT CREDIT FOR AP AND DUAL ENROLLMENT COURSES?

No. There may be some colleges that do not award credit for AP or Dual Enrollment courses depending on the area of study and/or major and degree that the student is declaring. All CSUs and UCs accept core dual enrollment course credits.

For more information or for any other questions, please visit:

www.ltcc.edu/dual



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ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP)

VS

DUAL ENROLLMENT

PROS

Bumps GPA

If a student passes the exam with a 3 or better, student receives 8 quarter units

A student can take the exam without having to take the class

AP courses satisfy A-G requirements

AP courses are given an extra point in the UC admissions calculations, as they are college courses. Please note, a student will not receive more than 8 honors or college-level points in the UC admissions calculation.

CONS

Students must pass the exam with a 3 or above to receive college credit

There are a few colleges that do not accept AP courses in certain areas/degrees

The test is expensive. Some students would qualify for an exam waiver, however, many students do not apply for it and opt to not take the exam

Students have to petition for AP credit to count toward their degree

PROS

Dual Enrollment courses that are labeled as “honors courses” receive a GPA bump. ENG 101 would be one of these.

Students do not have to take an exam in order to receive college credit. If a student passes a Dual Enrollment class per the instructor guidelines and syllabus, they receive college credit.

Dual Enrollment courses that are labeled as “honors courses” are given an extra point in the UC admissions calculations, as they are college courses. Please note, a student will not receive more than 8 honors or college-level points in the UC admissions calculation.

Students automatically receive college credit if they pass the course, they do not have to petition for credits to get accepted.

Course grades apply to students’ permanent college transcript. This is only a pro if the student did well in the course. If a student is doing poorly at the beginning of the term, it is encouraged that they opt out of the program before the drop deadline so their grade is not on their permanent college transcript.

CONS

Not all college-level courses (Dual) meet the A-G requirements as all A-G courses need to be approved by UCOP

Course grades apply to students’ permanent college transcript. This is only a con if the student did poorly in the course. However, the student, teacher, and legal guardian have the option to opt out of the program before the drop deadline, therefore the grade would not go on their permanent college transcript.