

Frequently Asked Questions About College Credit

What is a credit hour?

A credit hour is another term for semester hour. Most degrees require a minimum of 120 credit hours to graduate. These credit hours must be completed by taking courses that fall within specific areas of study. These areas of study include the university's general education requirements, the school or college in which the student is enrolled (i.e. the College of Arts & Sciences, etc.), and the specific requirements of the student's area of specialty.

Will my dual credit courses satisfy college requirements?

Every college/university has different requirements, it the student's responsibility to consult with the college/university of their choice to determine the institution's requirements. For example, high school students may satisfy their university foreign language requirement through dual credit foreign language course offerings.

Do dual credit courses transfer to other colleges or universities?

The general answer to this question is yes. In fact, the Missouri Department of Higher Education - Dual Credit Policy clearly states that up to five courses should transfer to all public institutions. Again, it is ultimately the student's responsibility to consult with the college/university of their choice regarding the institution's specific course transfer policies.

What if the college I go to doesn't accept the dual credit courses I have taken?

We encourage students to consult with the college or university they are planning to attend to determine whether or not a course will be accepted before they register for the course. You will want to know what the institution's transfer policy is so you will be able to select courses that will transfer and meet specific general education requirements. If the college or university you attend does not accept a particular dual credit course, the college will not provide a refund to you for the course.

Are my dual credit course grades automatically sent to the university I plan to attend?

No, your high school will forward only your high school transcript. When you enroll in a dual credit course a university transcript is established. You must request an official University transcript be sent to your desired university. As a dual credit student, the final grades you earn for your courses become a part of your permanent University record and appear on your transcript.

What if I do not pass my dual credit course?

The grade submitted by your teacher at the end of the semester is the grade that will permanently appear on your official University transcript. This grade may be averaged in with other college/university courses to determine your GPA and will stay with you throughout your college career.

What happens if I miss registration?

Students may only register when Registration is open. If they miss the deadline to register, they cannot register for courses that semester.