

DUAL ENROLLMENT FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

1. *Q: Why are some Dual Enrollment (DE) classes Honors and others are Advanced Placement?*
A: Advanced Placement classes (AP) are classes already taught at the college level. Since we have a rigorous curriculum, some of our Honors classes also qualify for DE. Each class' syllabus and instructor needs to be approved through the community college before THS is allowed to offer them for DE credit.
2. *Q: Why aren't all junior and senior classes available?*
A: Only the classes approved by the community college through their own accreditation process are offered for DE credit.
3. *Q: What stipulates a DE class?*
A: The curriculum taught in the classroom and each teacher's credentials have to be deemed equivalent to the same classes offered at the college level. Both are reviewed by Glendale Community College (GCC)'s department chair in order to be approved.
4. *Q: How do I decide whether to sign up for DE or not? And in what classes?*
A: That will depend upon your future plans and your financial situation. If you are going straight to a 4-year university, verify on www.aztransfer.com that the classes you are choosing will transfer to your particular university. If you are taking an AP class, your score and university will determine if you'll receive free college credit. Dual Enrollment acts as assurance of credit despite AP Exam scores.
5. *Q: Is DE a pass/fail or a grade?*
A: It is the grade you earn in your high school class, and it becomes a grade on both your high school transcript and on your college transcript through the community college that is providing credit for the class, Glendale CC, Gateway CC, or Estrella Mountain CC.
6. *Q: After I register and pay, what additional steps do I need to take for college credit?*
A: Nothing! Attending class at Thunderbird and working hard is all you need to do.
7. *Q: How do I get my credit once I'm done with high school?*
A: The community college that issued your credit maintains your official transcript. To report your credit to your college of choice, you must request your official transcript. Either you can request it online through my.maricopa.edu or call the college directly. Currently, all classes are offered through Glendale CC, Gateway CC, or Estrella Mountain CC. Though GCC handles all registration, transcripts are managed through the individual colleges.
8. *Q: If I'm not sure if I can use the college class for my specific degree, should I enroll in the class?*
A: That's a decision for you and your family to make. Some students choose to still pay for DE credit since the cost is less expensive than a 4-year university class; they then use those credits as electives. Verify with the college you want on how they will take those specific credits.
9. *Q: Do I have to sign up for DE if I'm scheduled for one of these classes?*
A: No, it's just an opportunity if you'd like to take advantage of receiving college credit while going to high school. It is certainly not required.

10. Q: *What's the cost per class?*

A: Currently, the cost per credit is \$84 per credit hour, and each class offered counts for different amounts of credit hours, so the cost is class-specific. Here is an example: Honors Spanish is equal to SPA101 in the fall and SPA102 in the spring for 4 credits each semester. You'd pay $\$84 \times 4 = \336 plus registration each semester. By the end of the year, you will have earned 8 college credits, 4 in SPA101 and 4 in SPA102.

11. Q: *What are the additional costs?*

A: Each semester, there is a \$15 registration fee per college enrolled. If you need to set up a payment plan, it is a \$20 fee per college. Here is an example: Let's say you would like to enroll in Honors Spanish, or SPA101, and AP US/AZ History, or HIS103, and need to set up a payment plan. Spanish is through GCC and History is through Gateway, but GCC handles all enrollment. Spanish will be \$84 per credit hour x 4 credits plus \$15 registration plus \$20 payment plan totaling \$371. History will be \$84 per credit hour x 3 credits plus \$15 registration plus \$20 payment plan totaling \$287.

12. Q: *Do I need to enroll through each college where I'm getting credit?*

A: No, GCC handles all enrollment paperwork. Once classes start in the Fall, your classroom teachers and the Counseling Office will have all the DE paperwork needed to sign up.

13. Q: *Are there scholarships available?*

A: There are not scholarships per se, but there is help available! Through GCC's Dual Enrollment site, there is tuition assistance via the Maricopa Grant Application made available on August 1. Visit <http://www2.gccaz.edu/dual-enrollment> for more information.

14. Q: *Who do I contact if I still have questions?*

A: For more information regarding Dual Enrollment, visit GCC's Dual Enrollment webpage at <http://www2.gccaz.edu/dual-enrollment> or call its Dual Enrollment office at 623-845-4821. Alternately, you can visit Thunderbird's website at thunderbird.guhsdaz.org and, under "Academics," visit the "Dual Enrollment 16/17" link. Feel free to contact Thunderbird's Counseling Center too at 623-915-8915 or Mrs. Colombo, DE coordinator and counselor, directly at 623-915-8923. Plan to receive extensive information about DE once we return to school in the Fall.

