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Dual Credit Information Session

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Thank you for joining us! We will get started shortly.



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What is Dual Credit?

- Dual Credit is part of Lone Star College System's Exceptional Admissions program, usually designed for high school students who demonstrate college readiness.
- The Dual Credit program allows students to earn high school credit and college credit at the same time.
- Dual credit teachers are regularly employed faculty members of LSC or high school instructors verified by LSC to meet the same requirements as faculty teaching the same course on the college campus.
- We partner with independent school districts, charter schools, private schools, and home school parents to offer courses in the core curriculum, foreign languages, and workforce education.





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Benefits of Dual Credit

Earn college credit and shorten time needed to obtain a college degree

Significantly lower the cost of college

Gain college experience while still in a high school supportive environment

Enhance high school GPA. Some dual credit courses are weighted higher

Many of the classes are fully transferrable to public colleges or universities in Texas





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How Much Does It Cost?

- Tuition for Lone Star College System’s dual credit program is heavily discounted at \$26 per credit hour* (not including textbooks).
 - 3 credit hours - \$78 / semester
 - 6 credit hours - \$156 / semester
- Examples of dual credit cost for an entire academic year:

Student is taking DC English, DC US History

Fall Semester:

ENGL 1301 = \$78

HIST 1301 = \$78

TOTAL: \$156

Spring Semester:

ENGL 1302 = \$78

HIST 1301 = \$78

TOTAL: \$156

Grand Total: \$312 for
12 college credits
Equivalent to 1 full time
semester at LSC and a
savings of \$768

Student is taking DC Biology**, DC Govt

Fall Semester:

BIOL 1408 = \$104

GOVT 2305 = \$78

TOTAL: \$182

Spring Semester:

BIOL 1409 = \$104

HS Econ = N/C

TOTAL: \$104

Grand Total: \$286 for
11 college credits
Equivalent to 1 full time
semester at LSC and a
savings of \$704

** Some DC science classes use a full academic year for 1 course, so payment of \$104 would only be made in the Fall and students earn 4 credit hours



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Difference Between AP & DC

Program	Dual Credit	Advanced Placement
Description	College level courses taken to receive college and high school credit at the same time	College level courses offered in high school designed by committees of college faculty members and AP teachers
Instructor	Course taught by college faculty or college approved HS instructor meeting the same standards and requirements of regularly employed college faculty	Course taught by high school approved teachers meeting AP course evaluation and professional development requirements
Costs	Reduced Tuition of \$26/credit hour plus textbooks. Financial Assistance may be available for tuition.	Payment for College Board Exam (Approx. \$100). Financial assistance may be available.
Courses	Academic & Workforce Courses	Academic Courses
Credit	Credit automatically applied to college transcript	Apply for credit by sending AP test scores.
Criteria to Receive Credit	Student receives credit and a letter grade reflective of their class performance	Passing score on AP Exam, typically 3 or higher depending on the college/university
Transferability	Most academic courses will transfer to any Texas (and surrounding states) public college or university when a student earns a "C" or better	Accepted nationally. Acceptance of credit depends on the institution and exam grade
Eligibility	Must show college readiness via placement exam to take courses	Open enrollment (no entrance exam/requirements)





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Steps to Becoming a DC Student

1

Notify

- Add the dual credit course you desire to take to your 4-year plan during the course selection window.

2

Apply

- Complete a Lone Star College application through GoApplyTexas

3

Test

- Demonstrate college readiness through test scores

4

Register

- Complete the enrollment packet provided by your counselor & return it by the deadline

5

Pay

- Pay for your courses





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Placement Testing

TSIA 2.0

- The TSIA 2.0 Exam is divided into two component areas for English Language Arts & Reading (ELAR) + Writing and Mathematics. The TSIA2 Assessment is designed to provide more detailed information regarding your academic strengths and weaknesses.
- Student must first complete the Pre-Assessment Activity (PAA) through their MyLoneStar account
- No charge for first time testers
- Test may be administered through the student's high school or on the LSC campus.

A full list of required test scores for dual credit placement can be found at lonestar.edu/montgomerydualcredit





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Things You Need to Know

- Important Items to Note:
 - Below C grade policy
 - FERPA rules
 - Bacterial meningitis vaccination requirement
 - Request transcript after graduation
 - Academic support services





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Below C Grade Policy

- Grades in dual credit and College Credit only classes become a permanent part of your college record.
- Students who receive a D or F in a dual credit course are not permitted to continue in the dual credit program.
- DC classes have two different gradebooks for the high school course and college course. It is possible to pass the high school course but fail the college course. LSC will only look at the college course grade to determine future DC eligibility.





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FERPA Rules

- FERPA = Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act
- All dual credit students are protected under FERPA rules
- The Act prevents the release of certain information held within student records without the student's written consent, even if the student is under 18
- Authorization to Release Student Education Records Form should be completed as part of the student's registration packet



FERPA

Family Educational
Rights & Privacy Act





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Bacterial Meningitis Vaccination Requirement

- Attending classes at a LSC Campus?
 - Provide the College with proof of vaccination (online submission only) or complete a conscientious objection form
 - Parents must sign this form for a Dual Credit Student
- Students attending DC classes at a High School campus or online only are exempt





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Request Transcript

- Students must request LSC transcript after graduation to transfer credits to another college or university
- Request through your MyLoneStar account
- Each official transcript costs \$9.00

The screenshot displays the MyLoneStar student homepage with a grid of service tiles. A green arrow points to the 'Academic Records' tile, which features a graduation cap icon. A dropdown menu is open over the 'Academic Records' tile, listing the following options: 'Course History', 'View Grades', 'View Unofficial Transcript', 'Request Official Transcript CR' (marked with a yellow star), and 'Enrollment Verification'. Other visible tiles include 'Completion Progress & Advisor', 'Live Chat Support', 'Financial Account', 'Financial Aid', 'Profile', 'Tasks', 'Feedback', and 'Laptop Request'.





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Academic Support Services

- Dual Credit students have access to all the same resources as any other LSC college student. For example:
 - Tutoring
 - Tutoring is available FREE of charge for nearly all subject areas.
 - In-person at LSC campus or online
 - Group or individual tutoring
 - Library
 - Study spaces and computers
 - Research and citation assistance
 - Access to full collection of library databases
 - Student Life & Campus Events



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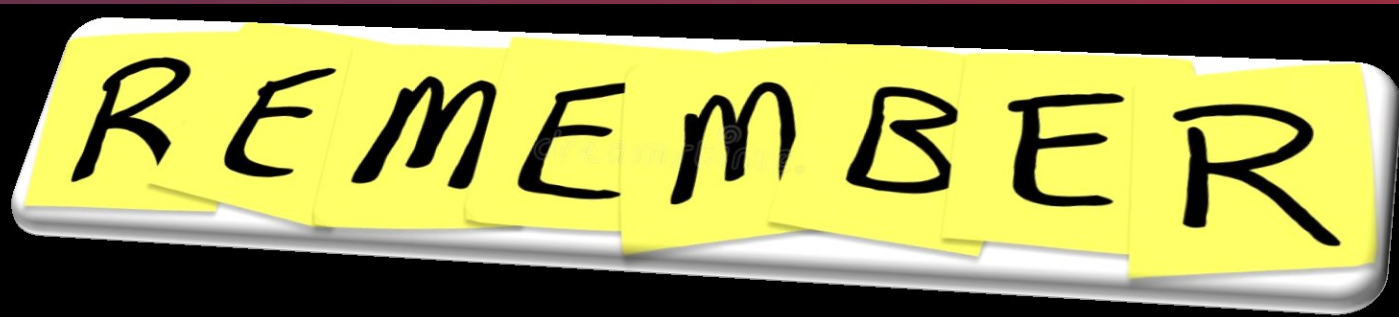




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Things to Remember...

- Always consult with your counselor
- Prepare to spend 2 hours outside of class for every hour in class
- Learn/Save your Lone Star ID Number
- Learn your MyLoneStar login & password
- Regularly check your MyLoneStar email OR
- Forward your email to your personal e-mail address
- All adds/drops must be completed through your counselor – you cannot drop a class online



ANY
QUESTIONS
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- Talk to your dual credit counselor at your HS
- Check out our FAQ & Resources pages:
www.lonestar.edu/montgomerydualcredit
- Email us at MC-DualCredit@Lonestar.edu

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