Dual Enrollment
Admission Process
2025 – 2026 School Year
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What is Dual Enrollment?

Alvin Community College and local ISDs have partnered to give high school students the opportunity to graduate from high school with college credits, and for some students, an Associate of Arts (AA) degree in General Studies.

Dual Enrollment college courses are taught at the high school during the school day and are part of the student’s schedule. After completing the Dual Enrollment admissions requirements, students can also take classes online or at any ACC campus.
Recent studies show that over 88% of Dual Enrollment students go on to college after high school to completed degrees at higher rates and in less time than their non-participating peers.

College success rates and first year GPAs are typically higher for students entering college with dual credit earned in high school.

Dual Enrollment students make up over 47% of ACC’s total student enrollment. Our college is invested in your success.
Prepare for University Success

In addition to earning college credits, Dual Enrollment:

- Provides students an opportunity to learn the academic, social and time-management skills needed for university success
- Allows students to adjust to the academic rigors of college/university coursework
- Exposes first-generation college students to college educational and learning experiences.
- Encourages the development of critical thinking skills

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Financial Benefits of Dual Enrollment

Cost of One Three-Hour College Class

- Dual Enrollment
- Community College
- University of Texas
- University of Houston

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Why choose to be in the Dual Enrollment Program?

- Get ahead of peers
- Save time and money
- Boost GPA
- Learn to be successful in college
- Stand out to scholarship committees, colleges and universities
What kind of students take Dual Enrollment Classes?

To be successful, a student should:

- Be highly motivated
- Be able to stick to a goal
- Be able to meet deadlines
- Have above average grades
- Possess good study habits
- Have a high level of maturity
The Dual Degree Program is rigorous and will require extra time and dedication.

Qualified students will have the opportunity to earn an Associates of Arts degree in General Studies and their high school diploma at the same time. Interested students should contact their ACC Advisor for more information and to develop a degree plan.

| 9th Grade | 10th Grade | 11th Grade | 12th Grade |
|-----------|------------|------------|------------|
| Fall      | Spring     | Fall       | Spring     | Fall       | Spring     |
| Eng I     | Eng II     | Eng III    | Eng III    | ENGL 2322  | ENGL 2323  |
|           |            | ENGL 1301  | ENGL 1302  |            |            |
| Alg I Geom| Geom Alg II|            | Alg II     | MATH 1314  | MATH 2412  |
| Bio I     | Chem       | HS Science |            | BIOL 1406  | BIOL 1407  |
| W. Geo    | W. Hist    | HIST 1301  | HIST 1302  | GOVT 2305  | GOVT 2306  |
| PE        |            |            |            |            |            |
| PSYC 1300 | ARTS 1301 or MUSI 1306 | SPAN 2311 or COMM 1307 | SOCI 1301 | PSYC 2301 | ECON 2301 |
| SPAN 1411 | SPAN 1412  |            |            |            |            |
| 7         | 7          | 3          | 3          | 9          | 6          | 13         | 14         |
Transfer of Credit

Just to name a few...

College courses are transferable if the student earns a grade of a C or higher.

Students apply to college as freshman and are not considered transfer students. Even if they earn the full associates degree.
Dual Enrollment and AP: What are the differences?

- Dual Enrollment and AP classes are more challenging than traditional high school classes. Both are an opportunity to earn college credit. The rigor of these classes helps predict future college success.
- Dual Enrollment courses are college courses taught at the high school campus by ACC professors. Once in the Dual Enrollment Program, students can take courses at the high school campus, any ACC campus, and online.
- AP classes are available at the high school campus and taught by high school teachers.
- The grade students earn in a Dual Enrollment course posts on their high school transcript and ACC college transcript. Grades of C or higher will transfer with students to their college or university.
- The AP exam determines whether the class counts as college credit. Students must earn at least a 3 on the AP Exam (some colleges may require a 4 or 5). Check with college for more information.
- Students are able to take both Dual Enrollment courses and AP while in high school. Taking a combination of both helps students interested in earning their Associate of Arts degree while in high school.
FERPA
Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

For parents to be able to speak to the professor about their student’s grades or assignments, the student must complete a Student Record Release in the POD.

The student will enter the name of the individual that they wish to share their college information with and assign that individual a PIN number.

The individual must use the number when contacting the college about the student’s information.
The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and the Financial Aid for Swift Transfer (FAST) program allows public institutions of higher education to offer dual credit courses to educationally disadvantaged students at no cost to these students.

Students are eligible under the FAST program if they meet both requirements listed below.

1. Admitted to a dual credit program and enrolled in an eligible dual credit course at a public school district or charter school.
2. Qualified for the national free/reduced-price lunch in any of the four school years prior to enrolling in the dual credit course

Students must submit their free or reduced lunch application by October 1 to be counted for that school year. Applications are submitted through the ISD websites.

See more about this program on AlvinCollege.edu under Start Here > Dual Enrollment Student > FAST Financial Aid
1. **Submit an application to Alvin Community College**

2. **Take TSIA2 exam or provide exemption**
   The TSIA2 is a college entrance exam that covers reading, writing, and math. A qualified TSI score or exemption is required to take Dual Enrollment courses. The TSI is offered through Alvin Community College and the high schools.
   - Possible exemption from TSI - ACT or SAT

+ Complete Dual Enrollment Orientation (available in the summer)
+ Pay for courses for fall in August and for spring in January.

Steps 1 and 2 must be completed by **May 30, 2025**, to secure a student’s spot in Dual Enrollment class for next year.
**What is the TSIA2?**

The Texas Success Initiative Assessment 2 (TSIA2) is a diagnostic exam over reading, writing, and math. Study guides and practice exercises are available online. Visit the ACCUPLACER website and search TSIA2 or go to the ACC TSI testing page.

Check with your ACC Advisor to confirm which sections you must complete.

**SCORES REQUIRED:**

**English Language / ELAR**

- 945 or higher and an essay of 5-8 **OR**
- Below 945 with a Diagnostics Score of 5-6 and an essay of 5-8

**Math**

- 950 or Diagnostic Score of 6
How to take the TSIA2

Junior High or High School: TSIA2 testing is available at all the high schools, some junior highs, and at the ACC main campus. To find junior and high school test dates, contact your ACC Dual Enrollment Advisor or your junior high or high school counselor.

ACC: To register for the TSIA2 with ACC, visit the ACC homepage then click Marketplace, then Testing.

Online TSI Testing:
• Full test or single sections
• Register through Marketplace
  - You will receive a testing voucher within 24 hours
• Computer must have a camera, microphone and strong internet connection

In-person TSI Testing at ACC:
• Single sections only
• Register through Marketplace
• Test is administered at the ACC Testing Center on the main campus
• If 16 or younger, an adult must stay on campus while student tests
TSIA2 Reminders

- All first-time testers are required to complete the Pre-Assessment Activity (PAA).

- All testers must present a photo ID when testing.

- Test day details provided when you register for the TSI.
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