

LSOC Dual Credit Overview

We are very excited that you are interested in dual credit courses, you will be able to earn high school credit along with college credit hours through El Centro College each semester. It is your responsibility to make sure these courses are transferable to the University/College of your choice.

What is dual credit?

Dual Credit is the ability to earn college credit hours while earning high school credit in the same course. Some classes are offered on our campus and some at El Centro depending on scheduling availability for both campuses.

What are the benefits?

Students get a “jump start” on college courses at the fraction of the cost and also see a GPA boost!

How much does it cost?

Tuition is free for most of the courses however students are responsible for all textbooks. If the course requires payment, those payments are made to El Centro before the beginning of each semester. If payment is not received by the designated date, the student will be dropped from all dual credit courses. Contact the El Centro Dual Credit Coordinator for scholarship availability and qualifications if you seek financial assistance.

What if I can't make the grade?

Students earning below a “C” in a dual credit class will be removed from the dual credit program at the end of that semester. Low college GPA can negatively affect financial aid offerings.

What classes are offered?

At this time, students can choose from over 20 courses through our agreement with El Centro. They can also achieve an Associate's Degree by their high school graduation date. In order for a student to have time to complete the degree requirements, we recommend students begin dual credit as soon as possible.

Are dual credit courses right for me?

Students who participate in dual credit courses are expected to:

- work independently
- have computer access
- behave appropriately
- deal with sophisticated concepts maturely
- manage study time and complete assignments
- follow directions and a syllabus without constant reminders
- communicate personally and directly with the instructor to discuss problems and questions

How do I qualify if I am interested?

Please see the LSOC Dual Credit Qualifications on the next handout, or on PDF through our lifeschools.net school website. Contact your counselor for more information.