

AP Courses vs. Dual Credit

FAQ	AP Courses	Dual Credit
What are the courses like?	AP courses are challenging, with the curriculum audited and certified by the College Board, which is the same entity that produces the SAT test. Work in these classes is college level.	Dual credit courses are also college level courses. Each dual credit course is audited and certified by an area college through a written agreement with the District.
Who teaches the course?	AP courses are taught by highly qualified teachers who receive special training from the College Board.	Dual credit courses are taught by highly qualified teachers, generally through Navarro, who have a minimum of 18 graduate hours in the subject area they teach, and who serve as adjunct faculty to the partner college or university.
How do I get college credit for the course?	AP credit is given based on the score the student earns on the AP test at the end of the course. AP tests are scored on a scale of 1 to 5, with a 3 or above generally considered passing, depending on the requirements from the college of interest.	In a Dual Credit course, high school students are also 'dually enrolled' in the college that is certifying the class. The student pays for the credit at the beginning of the course and the grade is recorded on both the high school transcript and the college transcript. As long as the student meets the minimum grade requirement, credit is awarded at completion of the course.
What is the cost of the course?	AP courses do not have a fee, however there is a fee for the test. Typically the test is just under \$100 and given in May. If the score requirement is met for your college of interest, that college could award you between 3 and 6 hours of credit for the price of that one test.	Costs vary depending on the course hours and the partner college. Navarro tuition is currently about \$208 per 3-credit hour course plus fees and tuition. Most courses are 3 credit hours, with some 4 hour credit courses also offered.
How do I know if the credit will transfer to my college of interest?	<p>The College Board website has a link to college policies regarding AP credit and placement. Please visit:</p> <p>https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/creditanplacement/search-credit-policies</p> <p>for this information. Upon entering the name of your college of interest, the AP score requirements for each test will be listed. You will also want to verify with the college of interest directly.</p>	<p>Visit the Texas Common Course Numbering System website at http://www.tccns.org for this information. Click on 'compare institutions'. A course must be listed under both institutions in order to be accepted by your college of interest.</p> <p>Courses selected for dual credit are part of the university common core and generally transferrable to other accredited colleges and universities, but not guaranteed.</p>
What grade can I begin taking these classes and do I need to take a test to get in?	AP courses are primarily offered at the junior and senior level, although there are a limited number of offerings students may take earlier. There is no college-ready testing requirement to take an AP course.	Dual credit courses are offered grades 9-12th. Students must take and meet standard on a TSI test in order to qualify to take dual credit. Please ask a school counselor for more information on the TSI testing.