

# GILBERT CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL DUAL ENROLLMENT FAQ'S

## **WHAT IS DUAL ENROLLMENT?**

Dual Enrollment is an opportunity for eligible\* high school students to earn college credit during regular school hours at their high school. Dual Enrollment courses allow students to earn both high school and college credit for the same class. The credit earned may be used to complete an Associate's degree as well as a Bachelor's degree at a transfer university (depending on the receiving institution's requirements).

## **WHAT ARE SOME OF THE BENEFITS OF DUAL ENROLLMENT?**

Dual Enrollment provides quality-learning opportunities and helps high school students prepare for college. Students experience college-level courses as the curriculum and text have been approved and the instructors certified by Arizona Christian University (ACU), as well as Maricopa Community College District. These challenging courses enhance high-level thinking skills and provide incentives to advance beyond the high school level. Best of all, the transition from high school to college begins early and occurs conveniently in a familiar, comfortable environment. Dual Enrollment is advantageous to students because it allows them to get a head start on their college careers, it may ease the transition from high school to college, and it saves parents money as the rate for Dual Enrollment tuition is much less than that paid of the full-time college student.

## **HOW DOES DUAL ENROLLMENT AFFECT MY STUDENT WHEN ENTERING COLLEGE?**

The student who receives Dual Enrollment credit may finish college in less time by often moving ahead through the institution's degree planner at a faster rate as many of the courses can be completed while in high school. Each family should be sure to check with the institution to see if dual enrollment courses count against the ability to earn freshman scholarship eligibility. Most, like ACU, will not count those courses against scholarship eligibility.

## **IS THERE A LIMIT TO THE NUMBER OF DUAL ENROLLMENT CREDITS MY STUDENT SHOULD TAKE?**

We recommend 7 credits or less per semester and that you keep the total number to less than 24, but it is up to the student and the institution where they will attend college.

## **WHAT IS THE COST TO TAKE DUAL ENROLLMENT COURSES WITH ACU & CGCC AT GCHS?**

Students taking a science course (4 credit hours per semester) and/or English course (3 credit hours per semester) through Arizona Christian University will need to take that course for the fall and spring semesters in order to receive one full high school credit. While earning one full high school credit, the student will earn 8 credits or 6 credits, respectively, for the college course taken. Courses for Arizona Christian University are \$100 per credit hour per semester, plus a \$10 registration fee each semester. For students taking a Dual Enrollment math course through Chandler-Gilbert Community College (CGCC) the cost is \$76 per credit hour, plus a \$15 registration fee per session. Tuition for dual enrollment courses for either school will be collected on Friday, August 12, and submitted to ACU and CGCC immediately. Please visit <http://www.gilbertchristianschools.org/high-school/curriculum/> for tuition breakdown information.

## **DOES MY STUDENT NEED TO TAKE A PLACEMENT EXAM PRIOR TO STARTING A DUAL ENROLLMENT COURSE?**

Yes, but ONLY if your child will be taking a dual enrollment math course with Chandler-Gilbert Community College. The placement test is free of charge for Dual Enrollment math students. However, GCHS students are responsible for registering for the placement exam. It is vital that all students enrolled in a Dual Enrollment math course complete the placement exam by September 1, 2011. Please visit <http://www.cgc.maricopa.edu/student-affairs/testing/> for more information.

## **WHAT IS THE PROCESS FOR SIGNING UP FOR A DUAL ENROLLMENT CLASS? DOES THIS PROCESS HAPPEN ONCE A YEAR OR AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH SEMESTER?**

For students enrolling in a science or English Dual Enrollment course through ACU, they will receive a list of the courses available and a registration form at the beginning of each semester. The registration forms and payment (check or credit card) are collected with the application by GCHS and processed by ACU. For students enrolling in a yearlong math Dual Enrollment course, they will receive one enrollment form and pay once for the entire academic year. Students have one week (5 business days) into the start of school to change their mind for a full refund.

## **Questions? Kortney Greene 480.699.1215 or [kgreene@gcs-hs.org](mailto:kgreene@gcs-hs.org)**

\*Students are eligible at the teacher's discretion. Students must complete all the paperwork necessary to enroll in any dual enrollment course.

\*\*Sources: [www.cgc.edu](http://www.cgc.edu)