



## Advanced Placement vs. Dual Credit

Knowing the differences between AP and dual credit courses will assist you in planning for both high school and college courses. There are pros and cons to each type of course. CTC is proud to offer you dual credit courses as a means of starting college NOW!

	Advanced Placement (AP)	Dual Credit (DC)
<b>Description</b>	The AP program allows students to take college-level courses and exams and to earn college credit or placement while still in high school.	Dual credit allows high school students to enroll in college classes and simultaneously earn high school and college credit. They can complete the courses at the high school, online, at a site, or on CTC's campus.
<b>Credit</b>	Students seeking credit for their AP exam scores should note that individual colleges and universities (not the College Board, the AP program, or the high school) grant course credit and placement according to their standards.	High school and college credit is awarded when the student passes the course. Students may request a CTC transcript with their completed courses reflected. Students must maintain a 2.0 cumulative college GPA to remain in the dual enrollment program.
<b>Teachers/Instructors</b>	Taught by high school teachers trained by The College Board.	Taught by college instructors and/or high school teachers who have been approved as adjunct professors (meeting all CTC qualifications).
<b>College/University Acceptance</b>	Accepted throughout the nation but check with individual college/university for their AP exam score acceptance policy.	Accepted as transfer credit from a public institution. Check with individual college/university for your intended major's academic requirements.
<b>Location</b>	AP courses are taught in the high school.	Dual credit courses are taught at the high school, online, at a site, or on CTC's campus.
<b>Eligibility</b>	Any student in the appropriate grade may take AP courses.	Must meet standards as set on the dual credit/early admissions application.
<b>Cost</b>	The course itself is free, but the AP test has a fee. Sometimes this fee is paid by the ISD.	ISDs sometimes cover all or part of the cost of tuition for dual credit courses. This is determined by the ISD.
<b>Textbooks</b>	Textbooks are provided by your ISD.	Textbooks are provided by your ISD.
<b>Impact on High School GPA</b>	AP courses carry the highest weight on your GPA	Dual credit courses carry the highest weight on your GPA.
<b>Testing</b>	Students take the AP exam at the end of their course to try to earn credit.	Students must complete a placement test to be allowed to register in dual credit courses. Your credit is determined based on your final course grade.
<b>Potential # of College Credits</b>	Students do not earn college credit hours but have the opportunity to request evaluated credit based on their score.	Students have the opportunity to earn 60 college credit hours or more in high school.

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