

DUAL CREDIT VS. AP COURSES

	DUAL CREDIT (DC)	ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP)
DESCRIPTION	Allows high school students to simultaneously earn college credit while also earning credit at their high school.	Allows students to take college-level courses and exams to earn college credit or placement while still at high school.
CREDIT	Guaranteed college credit upon successful completion of course(s) in Texas.	No guarantee upon completion of course(s); must pass College Board AP Exam(s) with a score of 3 or higher (varies depending on college attending).
TEACHERS	Taught by college instructors or high school teachers who serve as adjunct professors. Teachers must have certain qualifications to teach.	Taught by high school teachers trained by College Board. Teachers must have certain qualifications to teach.
COLLEGE/ UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCE	Accepted at most public colleges and universities in Texas, as well as some across the nation. Check the policy at each college or university.	Accepted throughout the nation. Check the policy at each college and/or university.
LOCATION	Taught at the high school, online, or at the TJC campus.	Taught at the high school.
ELIGIBILITY	<p>Must be identified as a high school student.</p> <p>Must have high school approval.</p> <p>Must meet TSI eligibility requirements for college-level coursework.</p>	Open to any student.
COST	\$175 per course plus textbook cost paid to TJC.	\$98 per course paid to the school for the cost of the AP exam(s)