
Dual Credit Grading

A clarification of the grading system is listed below. Since colleges report letter grades and not numerical grades, a system has been agreed upon by high schools and colleges to determine the numerical grade that will be reflected on the high school transcript and calculated in the GPA:

| Letter Grade | Numeric Grade | SC UGP GPA |
|--------------|---------------|------------|
| A | 95 | 5.500 |
| B | 85 | 5.000 |
| C | 75 | 4.500 |
| D | 65 | 4.000 |
| F | 51 | 0 |

The highest possible grade in a Dual Credit course is a 95.

GTCHS students will be awarded high school credit for courses with a final grade of a “C” or higher.

Any student with a final grade below a “C” will need to follow the procedures outlined in the *College 101 Manual*.

In addition, it is important for those students that may qualify for the Life Scholarship to understand that any college GPA points earned in high school will be calculated at the end of their college freshman year. Students must maintain a 3.0 to keep Life. Palmetto Fellow recipients are excluded from this rule.

HIS 201 & 202

South Carolina high school students are required to take an End of Course Examination in US History. A student choosing to take the dual credit option for US History, must complete HIS 201 & 202. At the conclusion of HIS 202, the student will take the SC End of Course Examination in US History. This will count 20 percent of the student’s final grade in HIS 202.

Dual Enrollment

A student motivated to take more college credit courses during the semester, may choose to enroll as a Dual Enrollment student. Please note that Dual Enrollment is different than Dual Credit.

A student must apply to the college and be accepted as a Dual Enrollment students. Students taking a college course as Dual Enrollment cannot have that course count on his/her high school credit.

In addition Dual Enrollment courses can not interfere or replace an already scheduled high school course. GTCHS students are restricted to the maximum Dual Credit courses each year, which do count on the high school transcript. Dual Enrollment courses will not count on the high school transcript.

Dual Credit @ Greenville Technical Charter High School



Dual Credit Opportunities

Students can begin taking Dual Credit courses in the sophomore year at Greenville Technical Charter High School (GTCHS).

GTCHS students meeting the following are eligible to enroll in a Dual Credit course.

- passing grades in all classes
- placement scores on Accuplacer or Compass
- meeting course prerequisites

Students can choose courses for University Transfer or to begin course work on a Greenville Technical College career pathway.

Each spring students will sit down with their school counselor during their Individual Graduation Plan (IGP) meeting to discuss pathways and to map out Dual Credit courses during high school.

Students are responsible for completing all required Dual Credit registration paperwork each semester, as well as meeting all outlined deadlines.

The GTCHS School Counseling Department will communicate to students and parents when registration paperwork is available and deadlines for registration.

Students are encouraged to schedule an academic advisement appointment with their counselor to review registration paperwork.

Dual Credit vs. Advanced Placement

Dual Credit and Advanced placement are similar as they are given the same weighting on the South Carolina Uniform Grading Scale.

Advanced Placement requires students take an exam at the completion of the course. Students scoring a 3 or higher may be awarded college credit by the higher education institution in which the student enrolls upon graduation from high school.

Dual Credit allows a student to take courses at the college level and earn college credit as well as a high school Carnegie Unit. There is no examination to determine if a credit will be awarded.

Students enrolled in Dual Credit have more opportunities to earn credit versus a student that only takes Advanced Placement. Students in most Advanced Placement programs can typically take a maximum of 13 or 14 AP courses. GTCHS students have the opportunity to take 18 college courses within the regular school year and 4 more in the summer session. A student interested in earning an Associate's degree or taking summer courses can earn well over 54 credits.

Dual Credit courses are taught by college teaching staff. Dual Credit is ideal for motivated students who have the academic and personal maturity to hand the rigor of a college course.

Dual Credit Break Down

| Grade | Courses | Credit Minimum |
|--------|----------------------------------|----------------|
| 10 | <u>2 per semester</u> 4 total | 12 credits |
| Summer | 2 total | 6 credits |
| 11 | <u>3 per semester</u> 6 total | 18 credits |
| Summer | 2 total | 6 credits |
| 12 | <u>4 per semester</u> 8 total | 24 credits |

Dual Credit Tuition & Fees

- Beginning with the Class of 2020, GTCHS students enrolled in a course at GTC will pay a reduced tuition fee. Fee information will be posted to students prior to the end of the 2016-2017 academic year.
- Current sophomores and juniors can register for up to 2 summer courses. The fee for summer courses is \$40 per credit hour. Students interested in taking a summer course should complete separate registration and submit to their counselor.
- A fee will be applied to any student who fails a course, and then retakes the course. The retake fee is \$40 per credit hour.

Please refer to the *College 101 Manual* for more information.