



Dual Credit with Bismarck State College

Your Student's Opportunity to Earn College Credit While in High School

Your student has the opportunity to earn college credit while still in high school through Bismarck State College's Dual Credit program. It's a great way to get a head start on college while saving money on future tuition.

We encourage you to take a few minutes to learn more about dual credit and discuss this opportunity with your student. Understanding the expectations, costs, and responsibilities of Dual Credit can help your family make the best decision for your student's future.

Getting Started

Step 1: [Apply to BSC](#)

Before a student can take Dual Credit classes, they must:

- Complete the BSC application.
- Pay the **\$35 one-time application fee**.
- Meet the minimum **3.0 high school GPA** requirement.

Important: Applying to BSC does **not** register a student for classes.

Step 2: [Enroll in Classes](#)

After being accepted to BSC, students claim their Campus Connection account. You will be mailed and emailed steps on how to do this. Once their account is claimed they can enroll in their approved Dual Credit classes.

Important: Applying to BSC does not enroll a student in classes. Your student must also enroll through Campus Connection to receive college credit. Only your student can do this step. Once a student enrolls in a Dual Credit course, they begin their official Bismarck State College transcript, and the course will become part of their permanent college record.

What Parents Should Know

[Tuition & Financial Assistance](#)

Students are responsible for tuition, which is due on the first day of classes with a 30 day grace period before late fees are applied.

Payment plans are available, and students who qualify for federal free or reduced-price lunch may be eligible for Bank of North Dakota funding that can cover up to two Dual Credit courses per calendar year.

College Expectations

Dual Credit students are considered BSC students and have access to many of the same resources and opportunities as on-campus students. Students can utilize free BSC tutoring services, attend athletic events, participate in student activities and campus events, and take advantage of student discounts around town with their BSC student ID.

Students can obtain their student ID at the Campus Information Desk located in the Student Union.

Important Dates & Deadlines

Every course has add, drop, and withdrawal deadlines.

Missing a deadline could result in tuition charges or a grade appearing on the student's college transcript.

Dropping a Course

If your student decides not to take a Dual Credit class, they must drop the course through **both** their high school **and** BSC. Only the student can drop themselves from the course with BSC.

Student Privacy (FERPA)

Federal privacy laws prevent BSC from discussing a student's academic or financial information with parents or guardians without the student's permission—even if the student is under 18.

We encourage students to complete a FERPA Release Form if they would like BSC staff to speak with you about their academic or financial records.

We're Here to Help

Taking college classes while in high school is an exciting opportunity, and we're here to support your student every step of the way.

If you have questions, please encourage your student to contact me, their high school counselor or teacher, or the BSC Dual Credit Office. We look forward to helping your student begin their college journey.