



West Jessamine
HIGH SCHOOL

Dual Credit FAQ

- What is a dual credit course?
 - Dual credit means you are taking a class where you are simultaneously enrolled as a college student and a high school credit. You will receive a college credit from the university (most commonly BCTC or Asbury University) and a high school credit from WJHS if you pass the course.
- Do dual credit courses cost money?
 - Yes. Currently dual credit courses are discounted to half the institutions regular per hour cost. For example, dual credit students receive a rate of 95.00 per credit hour. Typically courses are 3 credit hours (\$285.00 per course). Note that there are a few exceptions. Please check each course syllabus to determine the number of credit hours earned for each course.
 - In addition there may be other fees that are associated with the course such as book fees, online resources, or lab costs.
- Are the scholarships available for dual credit courses?
 - Yes, there are currently 2 ways to obtain a scholarship.
 - i. You can apply for KHEA
 - ii. Our school offers scholarships over varying amounts that you will be able to apply for in August. This scholarship does require the parent to pay the university and be reimbursed for the amount of the scholarship.
- What is the grading policy for dual credit courses?
 - Dual credit courses follow the grading policy set by the college or university awarding the credits. For example, a regular US history course at WJHS would allow retakes on summative assessments, but a dual credit US history course likely would not allow any retakes as that is not permitted by the cooperating university.
- How do I communicate with my college professor?
 - It is a requirement that students utilize their BCTC or Asbury email in order to communicate with the college professors. All correspondence that a professor sends a student will be through the BCTC email. If a student doesn't check this daily there may be important information or communications that they miss.
- What are the student responsibilities that may be beyond a normal high school student?
 - It is an expectation that a student taking a dual credit course is able to communicate with their professor regarding any questions or concerns. This would include sending emails, checking grades regularly and monitoring their progress. It is standard that college professors provide a syllabus on the first day of class with due dates included. Students may not be constantly reminded of those due dates and failure to complete work on time can result in zeros for assignments.
 - The amount of time required to study or complete assignments may be beyond that of a typical high school course. It is important for students to understand they are enrolled in a college course and that comes with additional responsibilities and demands.

- It is important for students to understand the importance of academic integrity. While we encourage collaboration and students having academic discussions, it is important for the student to understand the boundaries of what is allowed when working together and ask professors for clarifications as necessary.
- Will dual credit teachers respond to parent emails?
 - If the teacher is a WJHS teacher that is the sole professor of the course they will be happy to communicate with parents as they regularly would. However, if the main professor for the course is a BCTC professor facilitated by a WJHS teacher, the professor will only communicate with the student enrolled in the course. As a parent we encourage you to help your child navigate those correspondence.
- What are the modes of delivery for dual credit courses?
 - Dual credit courses are offered in a variety of modalities. Some courses will be taught in a high school classroom by a high school teacher in cooperation with the university. Some courses will be taught in a high school classroom with the professor online providing the lecture in real time (synchronous learning). Other courses will be taught in a high school classroom, but all content will be delivered online by a college professor (asynchronous learning). Still other classes will be exclusively online and students will work on the course outside of the regular school day. Lastly, some courses will be offered only on campus and WJHS students will commute to the university to attend classes (this option would require the student to have their own transportation).
- What happens if the college calendar is different from the high school calendar?
 - Most courses taught or facilitated inside the high school will accommodate the high school calendar. Classes offered online or in person at the university may not provide for the differing high school schedule meaning a student could potentially still need to attend class or turn in assignments during spring break or fall break as examples.
- How do I pay my bill for dual credit courses?
 - Payment for dual credit courses is completely the responsibility of the student and family. Most universities have an option to pay for courses within their college portal. At BCTC the portal is called MyPath. It is a one stop shop to see grades, fees, request transcripts, etc.
- How do I request a transcript for dual credit courses?
 - All requests for transcripts will need to happen with the college/university the credits come from. We do not have the ability to provide college transcripts at WJHS.
- What if there is a prerequisite for a dual credit course?
 - If the university has a prerequisite in place (such as a specific ACT score or GPA) to get into a course a student wants to take we are unable to waive any of the requirements. These are policies that are put in place by the college that is out of control of the high school.
- Do I still need to complete a pathway if I take dual credit courses?
 - Taking dual credit courses doesn't eliminate any high school graduation requirements so it does NOT eliminate the student's need to complete either a pathway or course sequence.