WKU Dual Credit

Early College Experience
Bridge Orientation
Fall 2023

Western Kentucky University's Early College Program on our Bowling Green Campus invites dual credit juniors and seniors with a 3.0 GPA from local high schools/home school students to attend university courses on WKU's campus. This program allows students the experience of navigating a university campus and participate in actual university courses with university students and professors all before graduating from high school. WKU's Early College hopes that by providing this opportunity to our dual credit students we are instilling in them the confidence to continue to a university after high school graduation.

The students participating in our Early College courses have access to several general education and CTE courses offered at the dual credit tuition rate. While taking these courses students are encouraged to take advantage of the student services programs on WKU's campus such as tutoring, writing centers, computer labs, libraries, food services, etc. We plan to offer orientations throughout the year to introduce these services as well as information regarding dual credit and the process of continuing to higher education with the courses they are interested in taking.

During our August orientation we will invite the dual credit students enrolled for the fall 2023 term and their parents to WKU for an orientation. We are expecting around 20 students and hopefully one parent per student. During this day we will make sure all students who don't have a WKU student ID has one printed. We will then host an information session where we discuss accessing student accounts, printing student schedules and course syllabus. We will then allow for questions regarding schedules and syllabi. This meeting with also include our tips for success and accessing Blackboard.

We will then host an information session for parents where we will answer questions, discuss tuition and scholarship options, guidance for dealing with dual credits post high school graduation, etc.

While we know the orientation will help prepare students for success with their dual credit courses, we acknowledge that several students experience financial hardships while trying to take dual credit courses. We would like to provide students with a textbook credit and a meal plan for the fall term. University textbooks can be expensive, and we don't want that to be the reason a student does not participate in their course. Also, providing a meal will help students who receive free/reduced lunch at their high school have access to food while on our campus.

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Time	Topics	Location	Facilitator
8:30-9:00	Welcome – All students		
9:00-9:30	IDs	DSU/ID Center	
9:30-10:30	Accessing Student Accounts -Schedules -Syllabus -Blackboard -Tips for success -Textbooks	Computer Lab	-WKU Dual Credit Staff -Spirit Master
1030-11:30	Parent Information Session -Q&A -Paying tuition -What's next?	Computer Lab	-WKU Dual Credit Staff, -Admissions Counselor, -Financial Aid Counselor
11:30-12:30	Lunch	DSU	
12:30-1:30	Campus Tour		WKU Spirit Masters