

Dual Credit at Willis HS

Qualifications for Dual Credit (DC):

1. First, students must complete a Lone Star application and receive a Lone Star ID number.
2. Must* pass some or all sections of the Texas Success Initiative (TSI) based on the specific course requirement through either the:

TSIA2 Accuplacer: ELA 945 & 5 on Essay; MATH 950

SAT: EBRW 480+ AND Math 530+

ACT: Composite 23+ AND English 19+ AND Math 19+

* Students not meeting TSI requirements may be admitted to DC courses if:

1. We have a complete test score set on file (English, Math and/or Essay – based on exam),
2. Test scores fall within a modified scale,
3. Students and Parent/Guardian agree to the provisional DC course entrance and terms, AND
4. Students are enrolled as a NON-DEGREE SEEKING students and limited to 14 credit hours without meeting full requirements

Requirements for Taking DC Courses Before Junior Year:

Traditionally, students will take DC courses in their junior and senior years; however, certain circumstances may lend themselves to underclassmen to take DC courses.

After meeting the standard qualifications for DC above, if a student has completed Biology and Chemistry (or is taking Chemistry concurrently), the student is eligible for any DC Science course offered.

Students may sometimes be ahead in other tracks, such as Math, English, and History. In those cases, it will be determined by the counselor and DC coordinator if the individual student is eligible before junior year for other DC courses in the specific track in which the student is ahead.

DC Sign-Up Process (See attached infographic on page 4 below):**

1. Toward the end of the fall semester, the DC coordinator will share a DC interest/TSI testing sign-up list with all sophomore English teachers and freshmen-level Chemistry teachers. (posted in classrooms, common areas, social media, emailed, and newsletter).
2. Then, the interested students will be provided instructions on how to complete the Lone Star application in those classes.
3. Once the application is complete and students have received their Lone Star ID numbers, students will then provide their Lone Star ID numbers to the DC coordinator.
4. The TSIA2 Accuplacer Pre-Assessment Activity (PAA) must be completed by students before TSI testing. The information on how to complete the activity will be provided to the students.
5. The DC coordinator will schedule those students for TSI testing, which will take place in the Spring Semester.
6. Students must ALSO indicate to their counselor their intention to take specific dual credit courses for the next school year during course selection.
7. Any new students who were not enrolled at the time of the above process will be informed by their counselors of available dual credit courses, and the dual credit coordinator will be notified of DC course interest/request, and protocol will be followed.

Dispelling Common Misconceptions Concerning DC:

Many out-of-state universities AND some private universities DO take the DC courses for credit.

Texas law requires public universities to accept credit for core classes identified by the state. If the courses do not count toward the specific degree, they are placed on the college transcript as electives.

Cost:

DC courses offered through Lone Star College enrolled in through WHS cost \$43 per credit hour, or \$129 for one 3-hour class. Science and some higher-level math courses are 4 credits per semester. Additionally, some science courses include a small lab fee. Some courses have additional programs that students must subscribe to, which carry an extra cost, such as Math Lab or textbooks.

Students with Free/Reduced paperwork on file and meeting program eligibility requirements should have DC course fees covered by a FAST funds grant and a textbook allowance in their myLonestar portal.

Need to pay for DC Course fees? Find out how here:

<https://www.lonestar.edu/montgomerydualcreditpayment.htm>

DC courses offered through Lamar State College - Orange are offered at no cost to students through a grant issued to LSCo.

For any questions regarding Dual Credit eligibility, finances, enrollment, etc., please contact the DC Coordinator, Amy Rogers (936-890-6672 or arogers@willisisd.org).

DC Courses Available**

*****Be advised that DC courses available on the WHS campus are based on student course request, student eligibility, AND qualified staff meeting the partner college/university adjunct professor criteria.***

DC Courses Available and Additional Requirements:

AUMT 1405 - Intro to Automotive Technology (Fall, 4 credit hours)

AUMT 1407 - Automotive Electrical Systems (Spring, 4 credit hours) must have completed AUMT 1405

AUMT 1410 - Automotive Brake Systems (Fall, 4 credit hours) must be completed AUMT 1405 and 1407

AUMT 1416 - Automotive Suspension & Steering Systems (Spring 4 credit hours) must have completed AUMT 1405, 1407, and 1410

Biology 1406 & 1407 - Biology for Science Majors I & II (Fall & Spring, 8 credit hours) – Must have completed Biology and Chemistry (can take concurrently with DC science) and have qualifying ELA and Math scores.

Biology 1414 – Intro. to Biotechnology (1 SEM) (4 credit hours) – Must have completed Biology and Chemistry (can take concurrently DC science) and have qualifying ELA and Math scores.

Biology 2401 & 2402 – Anatomy & Physiology I & II (Fall & Spring, 8 credit hours) – Must have completed Biology and Chemistry (can take concurrently DC science) and have qualifying ELA and Math scores.

CSME 1401 - Orientation to Cosmetology (Spring, 4 credit hours) [Lamar State College Orange]

CSME 1405 - Fundamentals of Cosmetology (Fall, 4 credit hours) completion of CSME 1401 [Lamar State College Orange]

CSME 1410 (Introduction to Haircutting & Related Theory (Spring, 4 credit hours) completion of 1401 and 1405 [Lamar State College Orange]

Economics 2301 – Macroeconomics (Spring, 3 credit hours) – Must have completed US History (can take concurrently), and have qualifying ELA scores AND Math scores.

Economics 2302 – Microeconomics (Spring, 3 credit hours) – Must have completed US History (can take concurrently), and have qualifying ELA scores AND Math scores.

English 1301 & 1302 – Composition & Rhetoric I & II (Fall & Spring, 6 credit hours) – Must have

completed English 2 and have qualifying ELA scores.

English 2332 & 2333 – Survey of World Literature Ancient World through 16th Century & 17th Century through the Present (Fall & Spring, 6 credit hours) – Must have taken English 1301 and 1302.

History 1301 & 1302 – US History to 1877 & 1877 to Present (Fall & Spring, 6 credit hours) – Must have completed World History and have qualifying ELA scores.

History 2321 & 2322 – World Civilizations I & II (Fall & Spring, 6 credit hours) – Must have completed World Geography and have qualifying ELA scores.

Government 2305 – US Government (Fall, 3 credit hours) – Must have completed US History (can take concurrently), and have qualifying ELA scores.

Government 2306 – Texas Government (Spring, 3 credit hours) – Must have completed US History (can take concurrently), and have qualifying ELA scores.

Math 1314 – College Algebra (Fall, 3 credit hours) – Must have completed Algebra 2 and have qualifying ELA and Math scores.

Math 1316 – Trigonometry (Fall, 3 credit hours) – Must have completed Math 1314 and have qualifying ELA and Math scores.

Math 1325 – Business Calculus (Spring, 3 credit hours) – Must have completed Math 1314 and have qualifying ELA and Math scores.

Math 1342 – Statistics – (Spring, 3 credit hours) – Must have completed Algebra 2 and have qualifying ELA and Math scores.

Math 2412 – Precalculus (offered Fall and Spring, 4 credit hours) – Must have completed Math 1316 and have qualifying ELA and Math scores.

Math 2413 – Calculus (Spring, 4 credit hours) – Must have completed Math 2412 and have qualifying ELA and Math scores.

Psychology 2301 – General Psychology (Spring, 3 credit hours) – Must have qualifying ELA scores.

Physics 1401 & 1402 – (Fall & Spring) (8 credit hours) – Must have completed Biology and Chemistry (can take concurrently with a DC Science) and have qualifying ELA and Math Scores. Must have completed Math 1314 (College Algebra) and Math 1316 (Trigonometry).

You want to take Dual Credit? You need to complete the steps on BOTH sides of this chart...

