

# UTRGV Dual Credit Program



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**Dual Credit**

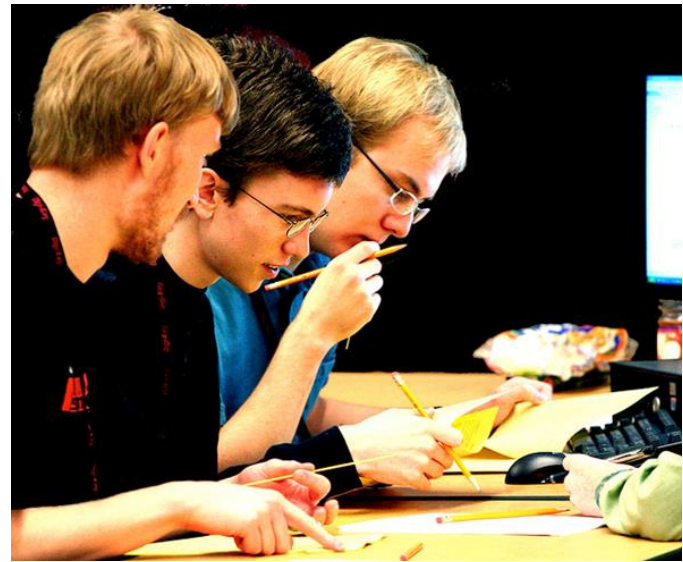
# The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley



We are ONE regional university at several sites to assist students reach their post-secondary educational goals.

# Purpose of Dual Credit

Dual credit is available at UTRGV for qualified high school students who are ready for university-level work. This is an opportunity for these excellent students to challenge themselves and provides a **pathway into university studies.**



# The University Experience

- By engaging in university courses at our Brownsville or Edinburg campuses (or online), students get to experience university life first-hand.
- Interfacing with faculty, learning to navigate the system, and building strong social capital are just a few of the benefits your students can experience.



# Advantages of Dual Enrollment

## No tuition is charged to students nor districts.

- Parents and students are saving about \$2,500 each semester; a total of about **\$5,000** a year (~for 12 SCH).
- The Dual Credit Program does not provide textbooks, transportation, materials, nor parking permits.

Students graduate from high school with a college transcript indicating credit hours toward their Bachelor's degree.

Students receive free tutoring and student support services.

Students get early experience and preparation to succeed at a university.

# Eligibility Requirements

**Be classified as an incoming Junior or Senior in H.S.**

**Has completed an APPLYTEXAS application**

**Meet one of the following requirements:**

- Ranked top 10% **OR**
- Have a 90 GPA or higher **OR**
- Composite score of ACT-22 or SAT-1030 (Converted Score)

# DC Application Process

**1) The application is available via the internet at [www.applytexas.org](http://www.applytexas.org).**

**Do not copy and paste from a previous application, create a New Application**

Select 4-yr institution (UTRGV)

Apply as a US Entering Freshman and select term

Indicate interest in participating by answering **YES** to the question at the beginning of the application which states: “Are you applying for **Dual Enrollment or Concurrent Enrollment...**?”

Application is complete once you receive an application ID number

**2) Submit a completed DC Authorization form.**

The Apply Texas application must be submitted prior to submitting the DC Authorization Form.

DC Authorization Forms are available through the high school counselor

Must be read and signed by Parent, Counselor, and Principal/Assistant Principal

**3) Submit High School Transcript.**

Transcript must include class ranking, and GPA (on a 100-point scale)

Must also include graduation date! (Month/Year)

**4) Submit all test scores to determine TSI status** (TSI Reading, Writing, Math).

**5) Submit proof of Bacterial Meningitis Vaccination** (must be current 10 days prior to 1st day of class)

# Advantages of Dual Credit

Credit Hours: 6	Cost:
Resident Tuition:	\$1,590.80
Student Services Fee:	\$174.60
Recreation Fee:	\$75.00
Student Union Fee:	\$30.00
Medical Services Fee:	\$30.00
University Services Fee:	\$87.30
Total:	\$2,025.38



# Student Responsibilities

- Keep up with **reading requirements, upcoming assignments/tests**.
- **Initiate contact with professors** if they need assistance or clarification.
- **Work with classmates** to get notes from classes missed.
- Familiarize themselves with **syllabus** and note that the professor may not follow the textbook.
- Students are expected to **read, save, and consult the course syllabus**; the syllabus spells out what is expected of students, when assignments are due, and how grades are determined.
- **Actively participate** in class through discussion boards and assignments, and take notes to identify the important points. Good notes are a must.

**Guiding principle: College is a learning environment in which students take responsibility for their own learning.**

# How do college courses typically differ from high school courses?

## High School Courses

- Courses are typically smaller
- Most of the course learning and assignments are completed in class with homework assigned as necessary.

## College Courses

- Courses are typically larger
- Most of the course learning and assignments are completed outside of class. Including:
  - Required reading
  - Papers
  - Projects
  - Assignments
  - Studying
- Generally, students need to study at least 2-3 hours outside of class for each hour in class.
- **One 3 SCH course = 9 hours of study time outside of class per week.**

# Tests in College Courses

**Tests are usually infrequent and may be cumulative**, covering large amounts of material. Students are required to organize the material to prepare for the test. A particular course may have only 2 or 3 tests in a semester...or no tests at all.

Information on how tests are weighted, and what rubrics will be used for grading will be found in the **syllabus**.

Students are expected to be **active participants**, who come to class prepared (and on time!) with questions for enhancing their understanding and learning.


**Guiding principle: Mastery is often seen as the ability to apply what has been learned to new situations or to solve new problems.**

# Grades in College Courses

- May not be provided for all assigned work.
- All assignments, tests, and important information will be in your syllabus. (You will find this in Blackboard)
- Remember, your **college course grades** may also be your high school course grades.
- **Students must remain in good standing in order to continue with their college-level courses. (Minimum grade of “C” or better)**
- Attend Tutoring if necessary!!

**Guiding principle: Grades matter! Make the most of your time and give it your best effort.**

# Helpful Information

- Access course resources through Blackboard 
- Tutoring is available for most courses.
- Students are provided with a syllabus at the beginning of the semester; a syllabus describes class assignments, tests, and reading material requirements.
- **Tests done through Blackboard are timed!!**

# Online Courses



UTRGV Dual Enrollment courses may be provided **asynchronously online**, depending on the course offered. Not all courses are available online.

- Asynchronous learning allows students at different high schools to take courses at various times throughout the school week.
- Professors provide materials, lectures, PowerPoint, tests, and assignments that can be accessed at various times.
- Students are typically given one week time frames to connect and complete assignments.



# Academic Code of Conduct

## Scholastic Dishonesty



The University of Texas students are expected to be above reproach in all scholastic activities. Students who engage in scholastic dishonesty are subject to disciplinary penalties, including the possibility of failure in the course and dismissal from the university. **"Scholastic dishonesty includes but is not limited to cheating, plagiarism, collusion, the submission for credit of any work or materials that are attributable in whole or in part to another person, taking an examination for another person, any act designed to give unfair advantage to a student or the attempt to commit such acts."** Regents' Rules and Regulations, Series 50101, Section 2.2.

# Issues to Consider

Student is considered a college student:

- Expected to study like a college student.
- Taking the same course as other UTRGV college students.
- Are you committed to completing the course(s)?

There are consequences to failing:

- Academic Probation; Suspension
- Damaged GPA will follow the student throughout their entire college career and future professional career
- Unable to return to UTRGV or to another university
- May impact future financial aid.



# Important Information

## Summer I:

Registration for Dual Students begins: Mar. 9

Last Day to Add or register: June 5

1<sup>st</sup> Class Day: June 4

## Summer II:

Registration for Dual Students begins: Mar. 9

Last Day to Add or Register: July 13

1<sup>st</sup> Class Day: July 12



**We WILL build the future!**

**Questions?  
Comments?  
Concerns?**



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