



DUAL ENROLLMENT FAQ

What is dual enrollment?

Dual Enrollment is a high school acceleration program that affords academically advanced secondary students who meet eligibility requirements the opportunity to take college coursework. Both high school and college credits are earned simultaneously.

What are the benefits of dual enrollment?

- ✓ Expands academic options for qualified students by including a variety of college courses,
- ✓ Strengthens a student's high school academic record by providing increased rigor,
- ✓ Reduces the overall cost of a college education, since dual enrollment students are exempt from paying any tuition or fees, and
- ✓ Provides students with college credit that is transferable to a college or university within the Florida State Course Numbering System, shortening the pathway to a degree.

How much do dual enrollment courses cost?

Students are not responsible for paying for courses. Doral College's all tuition, textbook costs, and course fees are covered under Doral College's services agreements with its participating affiliate schools.

When and where are Doral College dual enrollment courses offered?

Courses are offered in Online, Face to Face (F2F) and Hybrid formats, with F2F and Hybrid sessions scheduled on partner school campuses. One thing that sets Doral College apart is its emphasis on technology and broad distance learning offerings. The majority of Doral College classes are available online, eliminating barriers like a lack of transportation and expanding available opportunities for smaller schools.

Doral College offers courses during the Fall, Spring, and Summer to ensure students have adequate time to fulfill the requirements for the Associate in Arts degree should they wish to graduate.

Do online courses require zoom sessions?

No, our courses are asynchronous. Instead instructors have weekly office hours to ensure students have access to discuss concepts and ask questions about assignments as well as discussing any issues that may arise. The rest of the time, students should work through course modules and materials on their own weekly schedules, taking care to adhere to the published deadlines of each course.

Are proctored exams required?

In F2F and Hybrid courses, exams will be proctored live by the instructor. In addition, students in fully online **core courses** will take proctored exams through Honorlock, a quality remote-proctoring solution that integrates with the Canvas system.

How many high school credits are awarded for dual enrollment courses?

The Florida State Board of Education has published a dual enrollment course high school subject area equivalency list. This list specifies the dual enrollment courses that high schools accept toward meeting high school graduation requirements. High school credits vary by course—please see the list on the Advising & Student Services page, under the "Student Affairs" tab on our website for specific credit information for each course.

How are dual enrollment courses weighed by the public school district?

For districts that use a weighted grading system, s. 1007.271(8), F.S., states that "school districts and Florida College System institutions must weigh dual enrollment courses the same as advanced placement, International Baccalaureate, and Advance International Certificate of Education courses when grade point averages are calculated. Alternative grade calculation or weighting systems that discriminate against dual enrollment courses are prohibited."

Will credits earned through dual enrollment transfer to other colleges and universities?

Dual enrollment credits earned at Doral College during Summer 2018 and thereafter have been approved through the Florida State Course Numbering System (SCNS), which facilitates transferability between member institutions including all public colleges and universities, and private schools that have chosen to participate. However, if students do not, upon high school graduation, attend the same college or university where they earned the dual enrollment credit, the application of transfer credit to general education, prerequisite and degree programs may vary at the receiving institution if the course is not offered by the receiving institution.

Students who plan to transfer out of state, or to a Florida institution that does not participate in SCNS should contact the institution of interest to confirm whether or not credits from Doral College will be accepted.

For more information on the State Course Numbering System, visit <https://flscns.fldoe.org/> or the College Catalog & Student Handbook at <https://catalog.doral.edu/>.

How do I qualify?

To be eligible for dual enrollment at Doral College, students in grades 6-12 must:

1. Attend a school with which the College holds a services agreement;
2. Hold an unweighted high school grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or above*;
3. Be recommended for the program by his or her high school principal/counselor; and
4. Provide evidence of college readiness in all areas.

**Students who do not meet all requirements may be eligible to enroll in courses through the College's SLS ONLY, SLS Plus!, or Non-Degree Seeking Restricted Enrollment statuses. For students in grades 6-8, only grades in high school courses will be considered.*

The College also offers a Early Admissions program, which allows students to enroll with DC full-time during their senior year in high school.

Do I have to take the PERT? Are there alternatives?

Doral College accepts the PERT as an approved college readiness test. However, students may also provide college readiness scores from the PSAT, SAT, ACT, CLT, or ACCUPLACER, to be considered for admission. The College currently administers the ACCUPLACER to interested students. To schedule testing, contact the Student Affairs help desk at studentaffairs@doral.edu.

In addition, pursuant to Section 1008.30, F.S., Doral College is adopting to use alternative methods in lieu of the common placement tests listed above to assess student readiness for college-level work in communication and computation. Accordingly, any student who has a minimum unweighted high school GPA of 3.0 requirement and achieves a grade of "B" or better on a designated list of high school courses shall have demonstrated readiness for college-level work for the area referenced. See our website for more details.

What must I do to remain eligible?

Students are expected to maintain a minimum 3.0 high school grade point average (GPA) and a minimum 2.0 GPA within College coursework. The first time a student falls below a cumulative 2.00 GPA in College coursework, he/she will be placed on Academic Probation (AP). If the cumulative GPA is not raised to 2.00 or higher at the end of the next term of enrollment, the student will be Academically Withdrawn (AWD) and unable to re-enroll.

Is there an orientation?

Yes, New Student Orientation will be conducted via Zoom early in each Fall term. During this orientation, students are introduced to the College's various resources (Cologia, Canvas, Tutor.com and LIRN learning resources) through an online Student Resources page that is easily accessible from the main website. This *Student Resources* page includes a new student tutorial students can refer back to after the orientation session. This way, students can always find guidance in navigating the systems they will need to use and learning the policies they will need to know to be successful at Doral College. This page also provides guidance on other aspects of enrolling at DC, like how to communicate in an online environment, access the College Catalog & Student Handbook, and avoid pitfalls like plagiarism.

How many credits can I take per term?

Doral College understands that each student is different and that the partner schools know their students best. *Students who wish to enroll in 12-15 credits will be considered full-time and part of the College's Early Admissions Program.* In all cases, special consideration should be given to a student's other academic commitments so as to not overload the student. **Students should ask their advisor what registration limits apply at their school.**

Enrollment maximums should be determined on a case-by-case basis, depending on each student's academic plans, time constraints, and other commitments or concerns. A student's school and onsite advisor have final approval on course selections, subject to College program requirements and prerequisites. In the case of students who are on Academic Probation or have recently earned unsatisfactory grades, students are cautioned against enrolling in multiple courses. These students should focus on returning to good standing. See *"What are the policies regarding grade forgiveness and re-taking courses?"* below.

What is the process to drop or withdraw from a course?

During the high school academic year (fall and spring terms), students must contact their onsite Advisor to request a drop or withdraw from a course with a W grade. During the summer term, students may contact the College directly by emailing studentaffairs@doral.edu. Please see the current calendar for deadlines.

What are the policies regarding grade forgiveness and re-taking courses?

Doral College's forgiveness policy permits students to repeat a course in which they have received a grade less than a C, and then have the repeated grade computed in his/her GPA in place of the original grade, providing the repeated grade is higher than the first grade. To obtain forgiveness, a student must first re-enroll in the failed course, obtain a satisfactory grade, and then request forgiveness from the Student Affairs department.

Do dual enrollment students receive accommodations for disabilities?

Absolutely. In accordance with state and federal laws, the College provides accommodations for students with disabilities to ensure equal access to its programs and services. Students requesting accommodations should submit appropriate documentation (IEP/504 plan/psychological evaluation) to studentaffairs@doral.edu for review. If accommodations are determined to be necessary, the student will receive an Accommodations Notification Letter which he/she must save and provide to course instructors at the start of each term.

May a student take dual enrollment courses beyond the high school graduation date?

No. If a student is projected to graduate from high school before the completion of the postsecondary course, the student may not take that course through dual enrollment. However, after graduation, the student may re-enroll in DC as a undergraduate student. Student tuition rates will apply. Financial Aid is available to those that apply and qualify.

Is a student who completes dual enrollment credits considered a freshman for state university admissions?

According to Board of Governors Regulation 6.002, first-time-in-college freshman are defined as students who have earned a standard high school diploma from a Florida public or regionally accredited high school, or its equivalent, and who have earned fewer than twelve (12) semester hours of transferable college credit after receiving a standard high school diploma or its equivalent. High school students who also graduate with an associate in arts degree at high school graduation may still be eligible for "freshman" scholarships even if granted junior status, depending upon the institution. Students on this track should contact their prospective university regarding specific benefits.

For more information, contact us.

Contact the Student Affairs help desk at studentaffairs@doral.edu.

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