



## Dual Enrollment Courses FAQ

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Sarasota Christian School is pleased to enhance our high school course offerings by partnering together with the following three universities:

Southeastern University <https://seu.edu/admission/dual-enrollment/>

Grand Canyon University <https://www.gcu.edu/individual-courses/dual-enrollment>

Liberty University [https://www.liberty.edu/online-academy/dual-enrollment/course-information/SCS Dual Enrollment Approval Form](https://www.liberty.edu/online-academy/dual-enrollment/course-information/SCS%20Dual%20Enrollment%20Approval%20Form)

Through our partnerships with these universities, SCS is able to offer a significant number of *online dual enrollment* courses for SCS high school students.

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### 1. What are “Dual Enrollment” courses?

Dual enrollment courses are college courses taken in high school where credit is earned simultaneously for both high school and college.



### 2. What are the primary advantages of completing Dual Enrollment courses?

Completion of dual enrollment courses provides several important advantages.

- Earn college credit and high school credit through the same courses.
- Get a head start on college while fulfilling high school graduation requirements.
- Gain confidence in dealing with college-level work.
- Learn the rigors of college work before having to deal with the total college experience.
- Demonstrate college-level ability when applying for admission to college.
- Transfer the credits to the college/university of your choice.
- Reduce time in college.
- Significantly reduce college tuition costs.



### 3. Who is eligible?

Highly motivated and self-disciplined SCS students in grades 11 and 12 are eligible. Students must have a cumulative weighted GPA of at least 3.0 and be capable of earning at least a B in an Honors or AP course in a similar subject.

#### 4. How much do the courses cost?

The price of each course is determined by each participating university. Currently, high school juniors and seniors pay significantly less than what is charged for full-time college students.

Southeastern University – \$472.00

Liberty University - \$549.00

Grand Canyon - \$325.00

Upon successful completion of the course, SCS will reimburse the tuition cost of the first two courses per school year.

Once you receive course approval from SCS, you should enroll and make your payment directly to the University. Most courses also require the purchase of a textbook, and some courses require additional materials. Be sure you are aware of all expenses before enrolling.

#### 5. Do the courses meet graduation requirements at SCS?

Yes. Courses approved by SCS will be awarded high school credit toward the fulfillment of graduation requirements.

#### 6. What if I don't plan to attend the university where I'm taking Dual Enrollment classes?

That is not a problem. When you complete dual enrollment courses you are earning high school credit at SCS, and you are compiling a university transcript. Your university transcript can be sent to any college/university you choose to attend. Acceptance of credits is always at the discretion of the receiving institution, so SCS can't guarantee that credits will transfer. If you know which university you plan to attend, we recommend that you verify their policy on accepting dual enrollment courses.

#### 7. How long do the Dual Enrollment courses take to complete?

Courses are generally offered in 7- or 8-week formats.

## 8. How difficult are Dual Enrollment courses?

Dual enrollment courses are actual college courses offered online and are quite rigorous and demanding. Above-average high school students should plan to spend 1-2 hours per day outside of class completing course assignments.

## 9. How much high school credit is awarded for each course?

High school credit is awarded on a semester basis. Most online dual enrollment courses are awarded one semester of high school credit at SCS.

## 10. How much college credit is awarded for each course?

College credit is determined by the number of “credit hours” assigned to a course. You should check the course list to see how many college credit hours each course is worth.

## 11. What courses can I take?

Dual enrollment course subjects should be ones that are not offered in person at SCS. If you know which college/university you plan to attend and which major you plan to choose, we recommend that you check the course requirements at that university to ensure that the course will count toward your intended college degree.

## 12. How will Dual Enrollment courses impact my high school GPA?

Most dual enrollment courses are weighted with one extra point on your high school transcript (similar to Honors courses and AP courses).

## 13. How will Dual Enrollment courses impact my college GPA?

Dual enrollment courses are a part of your permanent college record and will be calculated into your college GPA. (Note: college GPA's do not receive the additional “weighted” point as high school GPA's do.)



## 14. What are the differences between Dual Enrollment and Advanced Placement?

Both options are good. See the comparison below.

Advanced Placement	Dual Enrollment Online
University-level courses taught by SCS teachers.	University courses taught by the university's teachers
Taught in a traditional classroom setting	Taught online
Must earn a qualifying score on the AP test to receive university credit	Passing the course automatically awards university credit
Your AP test score determines possible college credit (based on the accepting university's policies)	No AP test necessary to earn college credit
Daily accountability in a classroom with a classroom teacher	Less accountability--requires a higher level of self-motivation
Requires a significant amount of homework	Requires a significant amount of homework
Weighted GPA (earns 1 extra point)	Weighted GPA (earns 1 extra point)
"AP" course designation on your high school transcript	"College Level" or "Dual Enrollment" designation on your high school transcript
A year-long course that typically offers one semester of possible university credit	A semester-long course that results in one semester of university credit.
Course credit (if earned) is applied to your transcript by the college you attend	Course credit is compiled in an actual college transcript, which can be transferred to the college you attend



## 15. How many Dual Enrollment courses may I take?

SCS juniors and seniors will be allowed to take one course per semester until the successful completion of the first course. After completing the first course, students may enroll in up to two courses per semester. Students who earn below a B- will not be allowed to enroll in additional dual enrollment courses.



## 16. What is the format of online Dual Enrollment courses?

Online university courses are becoming more and more popular. Rather than a traditional classroom lecture/discussion format, online courses employ methods such as assigned reading from the textbook, assigned reading from various articles, research of topics, watching online teaching sessions and PowerPoint presentations, note taking, homework assignments, participation in discussion forum postings and responses, projects, written papers, synchronous online sessions, student presentations via webcam, tests, and final exams. (Each class will vary.)

 **17. What if I enroll in a Dual Enrollment course and decide to drop the course?**

You should be fully committed before enrolling. If you drop a dual enrollment course and wish to enroll in a regular course at SCS, you may not begin a course at SCS after the first two weeks of a semester have passed. You may still be required to earn the high school credit through another means in order to meet SCS graduation requirements. You would still be responsible for any tuition and fees from the university.

 **18. May I enroll in an online Dual Enrollment course over the summer?**

Yes, dual enrollment summer sessions are offered but still require approval from SCS.

 **19. Do I need approval from SCS before enrolling in an online Dual Enrollment course?**

Yes. You must receive approval from your guidance counselor and the administration before enrolling. You must complete an [SCS Dual Enrollment Approval Form](#) before enrolling in a course.