

DUAL CREDIT PROGRAM

Humble Christian School

In partnership with LONE STAR COLLEGE- KINGWOOD



Lone Star College Dual Credit Website: <http://www.lonestar.edu/dualcredit/>
 Humble Christian School Counselor email bmonts@humblechristianschool.org



Benefits

- COST SAVINGS! HCS Dual Credit students do not pay LSC tuition.
 - Students are responsible for textbook rental or purchase (see below).
 - Students who enroll in classes with a lab are responsible for the lab fee.
 - This still represents significant savings.
- Students get a jumpstart on their college education.
 - The student can complete a major portion of the Texas Core Curriculum while still in high school.
 - What is the Texas Core Curriculum?
 - The purpose of the core curriculum is to facilitate the transfer of lower-division course credit among public colleges, universities, and health-related institutions throughout the state.
 - The TCC is made up of 14 courses divided into 9 components

Component Area	Required Semester Hours
Communication	6
Math	3
Life and Physical Sciences	6
Language, Philosophy, and Culture	3
Creative Arts	3
American History	6
Government, Political Science	6
Social and Behavioral Science	3
Component Area Option	6

- Dual Credit Courses complete TEA high school course requirements, endorsements, and the requirements for being recognized for reaching the *Distinguished Level of Achievement*.
 - The distinguished level of achievement requires:
 - A total of four credits in math, including Algebra II.
 - A total of four credits in science
 - Successful completion of an endorsement in your area of interest.

- Provides an opportunity for students to transition to college while still having additional support at school and/or home.
 - A big benefit is the development of self-efficacy. The sense that they can take and pass the course.

Eligibility

Dual Credit is part of the Lone Star College System's exceptional admissions program. Those who qualify can earn high school and college credit. Both high school and college credit are awarded upon successful completion of the course.

- The student must be at least a second semester freshman.
 - Freshman must have a grade average of 85 or higher on their final 8th grade report card.
- Sophomores through Seniors must have a Cumulative Grade Average of 85 or higher on their most current transcript.
- The student must apply to the HCS Dual Credit Program and receive an acceptance letter from HCS campus Counselor.
 - Students apply by sending an email or letter to the High School Counselor requesting admission into the Dual Credit Program
 - The student has completed a graduation plan with the HCS campus Counselor.
- The student has a current admissions application on file with LSC, through ApplyTexas.org.
- The student has completed the Pre-assessment Activity prior to signing up to take the TSIA-2
 - Lone Star College now has a new version of the Pre-Assessment Activity (PAA) that is required before you can test.
 - Contact the Assessment Center at LSC-Kingwood is in the SCC building, Room 223. Phone: 281.312.1476 E-mail: kingwood.testing@lonestar.edu
- The student has taken the TSIA and has met LSC standards for admission into dual credit courses. Sophomore through Seniors can also meet the requirement with PSAT NMSQT, that meets the LSC standards.

Enrollment

- The student can only enroll in the full term (12-16wks college course)
- The student has an *Exceptional Admission Form* with approvals from their parent/guardian and the high school counselor.
- Second semester Freshmen can enroll for 1 course.
- Sophomores through Seniors are limited to 2 courses per semester unless prior approval is gained from HCS, and additional classes are based on a graduation plan.
- The student is not permitted by Lone Star to continue in the dual credit program if the student receives a **C** or lower without filing an appeal with Lone Star Dual Credit Director. The same is true if a student receives a **D** or **F** in an HCS course.
 - If a student earns a D in a dual credit course, he/she may receive high school credit, however a D does not transfer to another college or university. This would result in the student needing to retake the college course to transfer the credit earned.

- If a student earns an F in a dual credit course, he/she will not receive high school or college credit for the course. A student must earn a B or higher to continue to be eligible to enroll in dual credit courses.
- *Summer courses may be taken but they are not included as part of your HCS tuition.*

Instructional Methods

Dual credit courses are offered in the following ways:

- Face-to-Face Class (**Seniors ONLY**) which must fit into the HCS class and Chapel schedule.
Preferably after 12PM
 - Bacterial Meningitis Vaccination is current (see below)
- Online (Class must be taken on HCS campus)

Changing or Withdrawing from Classes

- Students will be responsible for obtaining the correct drop and withdrawal dates, according to the start of their course.
- All schedule changes must be made through the high school guidance counselor and with the parents' permission.
- A student can **drop or withdraw from** their course according to the LSC deadline. The student must complete and submit an official college Withdrawal Form at LSC prior to the college's last official date for withdrawal. Failure to do so could result in the student receiving an "F" on his/her official LSC transcript.
 - Students will complete the semester by being placed in the equivalent HCS course, if available. Students may need to take online, summer or winter courses to recover the credit with additional fees.
 - For high school Dual Credit courses, changes and/or drops can occur only within the first ten days of the semester. Courses that are dropped before the Official Day of Record will not be reflected on the student's college transcript.
 - After the Official Day of Record the student will receive a W on his/her college transcript. Per the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, students who are still enrolled in high school are not affected by the provisions of SB 1231 Six-Drop Rule and any course a student drops while they are still enrolled in high school should not be counted toward the limitation on dropped courses.
 - However, grades earned, including a W, for college courses taken while in high school can impact a student's future financial aid under the college's Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) policy, because they are recorded on the college transcript.

Textbooks & Supplies

Students are responsible for purchasing textbooks required for the course.

Books can be purchased through: *Chegg, Amazon, Lonestar Bookstore, Barnes and Nobles, Half Price Books, etc.*

The TSI Assessment

Lone Star College System administers the TSI Assessment for students who will be attending Lone Star. Students will need to complete their application to LSC before they can be registered to sit for the TSI assessment. Registration will need to be made through HCS campus Counselor. First attempt is FREE. Every attempt after will be \$10.00. This payment will need to be made through LSC Business office (See TSIA-2 brochure for additional information)

Beginning the Dual Credit Enrollment Process

Make an appointment with Dr. Monts to complete your graduation plan and check your eligibility to take dual credit classes.

Next, go to www.ApplyTexas.org and start the application process by choosing Lone Star College.

After submitting your admission application, complete other admission requirements as needed:

Complete Pre-Assessment Activity and Placement Testing

- Unless TSI Exempt, all students take PAA to enroll. To learn more about the pre-assessment (required prior to testing), test options and fees, exemption criteria and remote/online testing, see the Placement Test Preparation website for more details (see above).
- Once the PAA is completed, students will get a completion certificate and can use that to take their TSIA2 Assessment at a campus testing center. Students who are TSIA2 Exempt are not required to complete the PAA unless they are choosing to take the TSIA2 Assessment.

Bacterial Meningitis Vaccination

- The bacterial meningitis vaccination requirement must be satisfied at least 10 days prior to attending classes that include a face-to-face component taught at an LSC campus. *Students who are enrolled in classes that are taught fully online are exempt from this requirement.*

Complete Authorization to Release Educational Records

- This form authorizes Lone Star to release your grades to HCS and receive high school credit for the course. The school counselor has the correct form to be filled out and turned at the Lone Star Registrar's office.

Complete the Parent Consent and Waiver for Dual Credit/Exceptional Admission Form

- This form is available at the counselor's office and is turned in there.
- The counselor will then register you for classes (must be done by November 30, 2023)

IMPORTANT DATES FOR SPRING 2024

- **September 26-October 20**
 - Apply to Lone Star
 - Meet with Counselor & complete Graduation Plan
 - Take TSI Test (if not done previously)
 - Complete *Course Approval and Parental Consent Form* and turn it in. (Blue sheet)
 - Complete *FERPA Form* and turn it in to counselor or Lone Star (pink sheet)
- **October 9**—Dual Credit Registration for Spring 24 Opens
- **Nov 30**—Dual Credit Registration closes at HCS.