

Dual Enrollment

Frequently Asked Questions

What is Dual Enrollment?

Dual enrollment refers to a student who receives both high school and college credit for a particular course taught at the high school or on one of the SUSCC campuses during the fall, spring and summer semester.

What is the difference between Dual Enrollment and Accelerated High School Students?

The Accelerated High School Program allows a high school student to enroll in a college class for college credit only. Accelerated High School Students do not receive high school credit for the college course. Dual Enrollment means a high school student is enrolled in a college course that will be used for both high school credit and college credit.

Am I eligible?

Eligible students must:

- Be in the 10th, 11th, or 12th grade at the time of enrolling in a dual enrollment course.
- Have a 3.0 GPA in completed high school courses to enroll in academic courses.
- Have a 2.5 GPA in completed high school courses to enroll in career technical or health science courses.
- Meet the admission requirements of the College for the academic or career technical program selected by the student.
- Have written approval of the appropriate principal and the local superintendent of education.
- Complete the ACT, SAT or COMPASS Placement Exam in order to determine placement in English and math courses.

How do I apply?

- Discuss dual enrollment/dual credit options with your high school counselor to determine if you are eligible to enroll for dual enrollment at Southern Union.
- Apply online or download and print the **Application for General Admission**. Complete and return by mail or in person to the Admissions Office on any SUSCC campus.
- Submit a notarized copy of an unexpired driver's license or two forms of identification, one of which must be a Photo ID to the Admissions Office.
- Complete and submit the **Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit form** with approved courses listed and signed by high school principal and school superintendent.
- Attach your **current official transcript** and **ACT scores** to your Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit form and send them to the Admissions Office.
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Is Dual Enrollment right for me?

Dual enrollment courses are college courses and the amount of work necessary to succeed in these courses may be much greater than in traditional high school courses. Students should talk to their high school counselors and parents about the dual enrollment program. The grades in these courses will become a permanent part of the student's college transcript. It is important that students do well in their first college courses so they can begin their college career with success. Questions to consider: Am I ready for a college class? What class do I want to take?

What courses are available for Dual Enrollment?

A variety of courses in career technical, health sciences and academic transfer programs are available through dual enrollment agreements between the high school and Southern Union. Courses numbered below 100 are not available for dual credit. Consult your high school counselor for details.

When and where can I take the class?

Classes may be offered at your local high school or one of Southern Union's campuses. Students can schedule classes at their high school with approval from their high school counselors. Students may take courses at SUSCC during the day, evening or online during the school year and also during the summer semester.

How do I receive my grade?

Grades are issued to students each semester. Students may view their grades on their **mySUSCC** account located at www.suscc.edu. In addition, high school guidance counselors can request a copy of the students' grades each semester.

Are my Dual Enrollment grades listed on my high school and college transcripts?

The grades earned in Dual Enrollment course are listed on the student's high school transcript and counts toward high school graduation requirements. The grades are also listed on student's SUSCC transcript once they graduate from high school or earn a GED. These grades are permanent college grades and become a part of the student's permanent college transcript.

Will dual enrollment courses transfer to other colleges and universities?

Academic transfer courses will transfer to most four colleges and universities in Alabama. The **Statewide Transfer Articulation System (STARS)** provides information on courses that transfer from Southern Union to Alabama's public four year institutions. For information on **STARS** and transfer credit in Alabama, students should go to www.stars.troy.edu. Students who plan to attend a college or university out of state should contact the institution for specific transfer information. Career technical courses are not designed for transfer. However, these courses allow students to get a jump start in a technical career program at SUSCC. These courses can lead to an Associate in Applied Science degree or certificate and can help with early employment opportunities in today's highly skilled workforce.

How much do Dual Enrollment courses cost?

Dual enrollment students pay the same tuition rate as all SUSCC students. Tuition and fees are based on the number of credit hours. Payment is required at the time of registration for classes. Dual enrollment students are also required to purchase books/materials for each course. The Alabama Workforce Investment Area (AWIA) has authorized the Workforce Investment ACT (WIA) In-School Youth funding for eligible career technical dual enrollment students. Contact Sarah Cox at (334)-745-6437 ext. 5316 or scox@suscc.edu and/or Greg Brewer at (334)-745-6437 ext. 5518 or gbrewer@suscc.edu for more information concerning WIA funds.

Can PACT funds be used for Dual Enrollment?

Yes, students must notify Tammy Spratlin at (256)-395-2211 ext. 5162 or sspratlin@suscc.edu **each semester** they choose to use their available PACT funds. A **PACT Usage Form** must also be completed each semester. Students will also need to contact PACT at 1-800-252-7228 in order to change their original enrollment date.