BLINN COLLEGE: DUAL CREDIT PROGRAM
What is Dual Credit?

Dual Credit allows you to earn high school graduation credit and college credit for the same class.

A Dual Credit class is a **COLLEGE COURSE**!

You will have a permanent **COLLEGE TRANSCRIPT**!
Benefits

• **Earn transferable college hours:** Because core curriculum and degree plans can vary from college to college, if you know either your preferred degree/major or preferred college, you should verify that the dual credit courses you choose are appropriate for that degree plan or school.

• **Saves money!** Dual credit tuition is less than for a traditional student.

• College class experience before going full time

• Access to all Blinn College facilities; athletic, music, and theater events; & student activities with your Blinn ID

• Local area business discounts
Support Services

• Library
  Research Assistance
• Computer Labs
• Writing Center
• Learning Center
• Advising Services
  Academic Advising; Major Selection;
  Transfer Information
• Read the text ahead of time; be prepared to APPLY what you have read
• Participate / Ask questions
• STUDY
• Review all materials before a test; do not count on a “review sheet”
• Know when to seek help from your instructor
Challenges

• College courses are demanding! You are expected to do college level work as you are a college student!
• Requires strong self-discipline and self-direction!
• If you earn below a 70, you may not graduate from high school!
• Dual Credit cost money (books, supplies).
• Classes follow the Blinn College calendar!
Attendance Policy

• Blinn requires you to attend class and has an attendance policy
• If you do not attend, you may be dropped or get an “F”
• When it is necessary to “Drop or Withdraw” from a DC Class
  - Contact your counselor
  - Then contact Elaine Abshire
  - You will not be charged for the drop
• Pay attention to the last day to drop in the semester
  - Date published in catalog, schedule, and on website
Typical Courses

• HIST 1301 and 1302
• ENGL 1301 and 1302
• GOVT 2305
• ECON 2301

• To be determined by your principal and counselor! Additional courses are available with approval from your high school.
Grades

- STUDENTS are responsible for
  - following the course syllabus
  - keeping track of grades
  - *keeping parents informed!*

- Check myBLINN at the end of the semester for your final letter grade

- Grades are not mailed out!
FERPA

- **Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act** (*Federal Law*)
  - FERPA gives parents certain rights with respect to their children's education records. These rights transfer to the student when he or she reaches the age of 18 or **attends a school beyond the high school level**. Parents cannot access even a minor student’s COLLEGE grades without documentation on file.

- These forms are available in Admissions office
  - Parent shows proof that student is a dependent for IRS purposes; student must also sign the document
  - Blinn personnel cannot answer parents’ questions about the student without this form on file
Admission Requirements

- Must have at least a “B” average in completed school coursework
- Must have written permission from principal
- Must meet the appropriate TSIA score or be exempt based on EOC, SAT, ACT, PSAT, or Aspire
- Must provide Bacterial Meningitis shot documentation, if attending on college campus
Steps to Enroll

• Apply for Admission through www.applytexas.org
• If not exempt, take TSIA pre-assessment activity and print certificate of completion
• Register for TSIA through Enrollment Services
• Complete Dual Credit Approval form and return to HS counselor
• If taking course on Blinn campus, bacterial meningitis shot record
• Students are required to take the TSIA to demonstrate “College Readiness” unless they are exempt from testing by their SAT, ACT, or if entering dual credit as a junior, EOC, PSAT, or Aspire. See website for further details.

• Blinn College offers TSIA testing
  - Student must first take the pre-assessment exam
What is myBLINN?
myBLINN is the Blinn College online registration and information system

View your Blinn College transcript

View & pay your fees

What is eCampus?
eCampus is the learning management system used by Blinn College. Students log into eCampus from their computers and access the information provided by the instructor.
Prof. Dual Credit will send reminders about registration, payment dates, etc.

Three ways to sign up:

1. Download app on your smart phone and join @profdua
2. For text message reminders, text @profdua to (979)-431-5757
3. For email message reminders, send an email to profdua@remind.com
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• Website:  http://www.blinn.edu/dual_credit/index.html