

Courses Taken for Dual Credit Policy Proposal

Eastern Kentucky University (EKU) offers courses in high schools where qualifying students can earn simultaneously high school credit and college credit. The term “dual credit” refers to when students earn credit towards high school graduation and a college degree. Such “dual credit” courses, when offered in high schools, must be taught by teachers who meet university qualifications. Students must take the “dual credit” course in the high school where the student is currently enrolled.

The following requirements apply to the courses, the instructors, the students, and to the differences between “dual credit” courses and courses offered through EKU’s Jump Start Program. EKU’s Jump Start Program permits qualifying students to enroll in one class on an EKU campus each semester during their senior year at no cost, except for related course fees. Such Jump Start enrollments are based on course and space availability on EKU’s main campus or at an extended campus (Corbin, Danville, or Manchester).

Dual Credit Courses

Dual credit courses must have:

- the same syllabus as equivalent courses taught at EKU (main campus or an extended campus)
- the same graded requirements and assessment as equivalent courses taught at EKU (main campus or an extended campus)
- the same textbook as equivalent courses taught at EKU (main campus or an extended campus)
- the same pre-requisites as equivalent courses taught at EKU (main campus or an extended campus). Students who enroll in dual credit courses will not be permitted to obtain pre-requisites overrides in order to enroll in dual credit courses. Students who enroll in dual credit courses must be fully prepared academically before taking dual credit courses that earn college credit.

Dual Credit Instructors

All instructors who teach dual credit courses must meet university standards.

A designated EKU faculty member or administrator from the College department in which a dual credit course is regularly taught will have “full supervisory” responsibility for such courses. The designated faculty member or administrator can make in-class visits as desired to ensure that academic standards are being met.

Dual Credit Students

Students who enroll in dual credit courses must have an ACT composite of 21, a high school GPA of 2.75, and a recommendation from a school principle or counselor. Students who are admitted into dual credit courses will be classified as “Dual Credit Students.” No EKU admission application fee will be charged. In addition, students who are enrolled in dual credit classes will be charged 20 percent EKU’s standard tuition for such courses. Students who enroll in dual credit courses must be registered and must follow all EKU policies.