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Students' Frequently Asked Questions

Who is eligible to take Dual Credit courses?

Senior YRDSB students, aged 16 years and over, who are enrolled in courses at their home school. You must demonstrate academic success in senior level courses and a level of independence that allows you to travel to the college independently, attend classes regularly and complete all college class work. Courses that may require specific literacy, mathematical and/or technical proficiency to be demonstrated will be indicated in the course descriptions.

How do I apply for a Dual Credit course?

You can apply through *Career Cruising*. You will then be instructed to see a guidance counsellor to learn how to apply online. Upon completing the online application, you will be emailed a PDF of the application package which you will print, complete and return to your counsellor, along with the specific College application. Your counsellor will then send this to the dual credit teacher and you will be contacted for an interview to determine your suitability for the program.

How do I request a Dual Credit course after *Career Cruising* has closed?

You can ask your guidance counsellor to add a dual credit holding code to your course selections. You can then ask for the application package as outlined above.

How many credits do I receive for a Dual Credit course?

Upon successful completion of the college course, you will receive one college course credit, and one secondary school elective credit.

How much does it cost?

There is no cost for tuition or books. Transportation subsidies are available for eligible students with amounts based on specific considerations.

How many Dual Credit courses can I take?

Four courses can be applied towards the secondary school diploma. A maximum of two dual credit courses are recommended per semester.

How many times a week do I attend the college class?

Once per week, for approximately 3 hours. Courses typically run for 15 weeks.

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What time of day do the courses run?

Courses typically start between 12:30 to 3:30. The actual day and time of the course will not be known until the beginning of each semester. Courses requiring extensive lab work or modified schedules are indicated in the course descriptions.

What should my home school timetable look like?

Students must have a schedule that allows for them to travel and attend an afternoon class at the college. Co-op and Personalised Alternative Education programs allow for flexibility. Creative timetables can also be achieved with senior students who have less than four courses in a semester. Students are not to miss any home school classes in order to attend the college course. Once your timetable has been issued by your school you must see your guidance counsellor to confirm that you will be able to attend the dual credit class.

Can I be enrolled exclusively in Dual Credit courses?

No. You must be enrolled and taking courses at your home school. If you are demitted from your home school you must be removed from the dual credit course as well.

Can the secondary school credit be used as one of the top six required courses for university admission?

No. Universities recognize dual credits but do not count them as part of the admission criteria. All students are encouraged to participate in these courses no matter what their post-secondary destination may be.

Can I fail the college course and still be granted the secondary school credit?

No. In order to earn the secondary school credit, you must pass the college course at the set pass rate.

Can I use my secondary school IEP for accommodations at the college?

Yes. You must make an appointment with the Student Support Services at the college and submit a copy of your IEP in order to receive accommodations.

How will I get to the college?

Students will take public transit. You are responsible for determining your route to the college. You can be reimbursed the student fare costs with proof of ticket purchase.

Who will be in my class?

Secondary school students from across York Region will be in your class.

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Who will teach me?

A college instructor will teach you.

Will I have a secondary school teacher I can contact to support me?

Yes. Your dual credit teacher will be your main contact for any questions you may have, and support that you may need.

How difficult are the classes compared to secondary school?

The level of difficulty is comparable to secondary school. You will be expected to complete assignments and homework independently and submit work on time.

Will my attendance be monitored?

Yes. Keep in mind missing one class means missing 3 hours of the course. If you miss more than 2 classes you will have a meeting with the college coordinator to determine if you should remain in the program.

Who do I contact if I am absent?

You must contact both your college instructor **and** dual credit teacher by email as soon as you know you will be absent. It will be your responsibility to determine what work you are missing. Don't wait until you return to class to see what you have missed.

Why are these courses offered and not others?

Courses are requested a year in advance and are based on feedback from schools and availability at the colleges.

Can I apply this college credit towards a college diploma at a different college?

Courses taken at the college can be applied to specific diploma programs at the same college.

Many of the courses are also transferable to different colleges. Often they can be used as general education courses to be applied to a variety of diploma programs.

What if I have any more questions?

If you have further questions, please contact Shelley MacDougall, Regional Dual Credit Teacher, shelley.macdougall@yrdsb.edu.on.ca or (416) 909-1607.