

**Lewis and Clark Community College**  
**Dual Credit**  
**FAQ's**

**What is dual credit?**

Dual credit is a college- level course taught in high school, by a qualified high school teacher.

**How much does it cost to take a dual credit course?**

Dual credit courses offered in Lewis and Clark Community College's district are offered at no charge. However, some high schools require students to purchase their textbooks.

**What dual credit courses are offered at my high school?**

To see a list of courses offered at your high school, consult with your high school guidance counselor, refer to your student handbook, or visit the high school partnership page on the LC website.

**How do I know if I qualify to enroll in a dual credit course?**

A Lewis and Clark Community College representative will work with high school personnel to determine student eligibility. If a placement test is required, students must score at the appropriate level on the placement test (administered in the high school) or score at the appropriate level on the ACT. A list of courses and the required scores are available on the high school partnership page on the LC website.

**How do I enroll?**

Registration is easy. A Lewis and Clark Community College representative will contact the high school guidance counselor/principal to schedule times to test and register students during the school day. Parental involvement is not required.

**Do I have to attend Lewis and Clark Community College to receive dual credit?**

Students are not required to attend Lewis and Clark Community College to receive dual credit.

**Do dual credit courses transfer?**

Most Illinois colleges and universities will accept college-level transfer courses as core or elective credit. Career and technical courses may or may not transfer as elective credit. It is recommended that students consult with the institution to confirm transferability of courses.

**What are the benefits of taking dual credit courses?**

- Ease the transition from high school to college
- Get a considerable head start with educational and career goals
- Greater likelihood of success in college
- Real experience of what to expect in college-level work
- Enhanced skills required to be successful in college such as time management skills, critical thinking skills, and study skills.
- Cost savings for students and their families

**Can I withdraw from a dual credit course?**

A financial aid transcript and a Lewis and Clark Community College academic transcript are created when a student enrolls in a dual credit course for the first time. The transcripts are permanent records that remain with students forever. It is very important to withdraw from a dual credit course to avoid receiving failing grades on the academic transcript as well as impacting financial eligibility when applying for financial aid in college. In order to withdraw from a dual credit course, a student must contact their high school teacher or guidance counselor. A Lewis and Clark Community College representative will collect all withdrawal forms prior to the published withdrawal date determined by Lewis and Clark.

**What if I need more information about dual credit?**

For more information about dual credit, please contact the High School Partnership office at Lewis and Clark Community College at 618-468-5050 or 618-468-5051.