



A dual credit course is a college course taken by a high school student for which the student earns both college and high school credit. Some courses are taught at the high school during high school hours while others are taught at a local junior college. Friendswood has cooperative arrangements with Alvin Community College, San Jacinto, and College of the Mainland. Classes taught at Friendswood High School are offered through College of the Mainland.

Participating in the dual credit program enables you to make substantial progress toward your college degree before finishing high school. Dual credit courses are also useful in fulfilling the requirements of the Distinguished Achievement High School graduation program. Other advantages include:

1. Convenience. Courses are taught at the high school campus, at the college, or online depending on the arrangements made with your high school.
2. Close to home. Learn what college professors expect while still in familiar surroundings.
3. Student Success. Successful completion of college-level courses helps you be successful in making the transition to a college campus later.
4. Dual credit courses are intended for students who possess proven ability, interest and motivation to handle the extra workload and study requirements. The decision to take a dual credit course should not be taken lightly. It is strongly recommended any student considering dual credit courses seek advice from his/her counselor and parent. When considering dual credit courses, students must carefully consider the extra time commitment the courses entail. Dual credit courses are demanding and require extensive homework and self-directed study. Therefore, a strong degree of motivational, organizational and time management skills are critical.

Concurrent enrollment in a college is allowed for students who have met the established admission requirements at the college and comply with the state mandated TSI Assessment. Students must have written permission from the principal or counselor, and parent. **No high school credit is granted towards graduation requirements.** College hours may be earned in accordance with the college's rules and regulations. All classes are taken at College of the Mainland. All students will work toward high school graduation and associate degree requirements simultaneously. Special application required. There are fees associated with Collegiate High School.

***\*Students can still participate in FHS extracurricular activities while enrolled in Collegiate High School. \*Students enrolled in Collegiate High School are not eligible for Friendswood High School's Valedictorian or Salutatorian.***