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DUAL CREDIT PROGRAM GUIDE

PARENTS AND STUDENTS SCHOOL YEAR 2021-22

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What is Dual Credit?

Elgin Community College and its partner School Districts offer several dual credit programs that allow high school students to enroll in college courses. Students earn simultaneous high school and college credit. The programs provide a way to save time and money towards attaining a higher education, experience college life, and prepare for a successful transition after high school.

A quick summary of the programs available are outlined below. Each Dual Credit program offers a unique opportunity to students. Depending on students' academic, behavioral, or social needs.

Full-Time Dual Credit Program

- Senior enrollment (One-year program)
- Junior enrollment (Two-year program)
- Earn 30+ transferable credits each year
- Minimum of 12 credit hours each semester
- Courses are chosen from the Associate of Arts or Science degree plan

Part-Time Program: General Education

- Junior and Senior Enrollment
- Enroll in 1-2 courses each semester
- Maximum of 7 credit hours each semester
- Courses fulfill part of the postsecondary General Education Core Curriculum

Why Enroll?

High school leader embraces college life

Yessica Tello is a political science student who plans on going to law school so she can advocate for individuals who have been wrongly accused of crimes. Tello, one of the first members of her family to attend college, is among 11 dual-credit students who will graduate in May 2019. She will earn her associate degree from ECC concurrently with her high school diploma from Harry D. Jacobs High School in Algonquin.

Tello was the first dual-credit student elected president of ASPIRE 1G, a student club dedicated to supporting first-generation students at ECC. Through her experience as president, Tello built a strong personal

network and gained valuable social, leadership, organizational, and time-management skills.

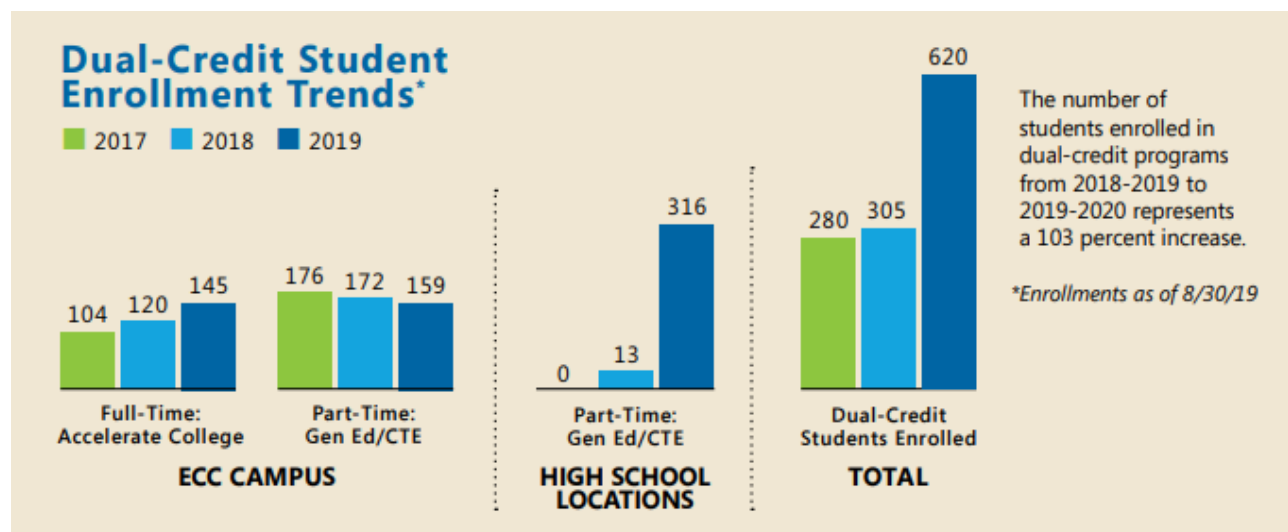
At ECC, she's had the opportunity to take classes that weren't available at her high school, meet new peers, and experience college before she transfers to a four-year university.

For Tello, the best part of being a dual-credit student is showing people how much she's capable of when given the room to grow and the opportunity to succeed. "I've always been a hard worker," she said. "It gives me a great sense of pride knowing that I'm doing everything I can to achieve my dreams."



Students opt to participate in Dual Credit courses for a variety of reasons. Why might a student decide to enroll in a Dual Credit program:

- Experience more rigorous coursework and try out the college environment
- Earn college credit to help get ahead in college
- Stand out in college admissions
- Develop skills, behaviors, and knowledge to support your transition to college
- Save money – students should follow up with their district/school to see what costs are covered



How Do I Get Started?

In learning about each program, it is important students meet with their high school counselor and discuss the specifics of each program. Below is a summary of the programs' structure, expectations, and qualifications. Students should direct questions about the program options to their high school counselor.

This information should help students determine which option best aligns with their academic plan and interests. For dual credit options where the student attends classes on the ECC campus, students are responsible for their transportation. A representative from the high school will share information about tuition, fees, and other costs related to the different dual credit programs.

Each School District or Private School determines the dual credit programs that students are eligible to participate in as part of their high school education. Cambridge Lakes has elected to offer the following options in partnership with Elgin Community College.

FULL-TIME DUAL CREDIT PROGRAM

High school juniors and seniors enroll in a minimum of 12 college credits each semester. Juniors must stay on pace to complete the 60-credit hour degree requirement within their two academic years (i.e. 15 credit hours in each fall/spring semester). All courses are completed at the ECC main campus. These courses meet the postsecondary requirements of the general education core curriculum as well as high school graduation.

Students work in partnership with the ECC Academic Advising Office and their high school counselor to choose the appropriate transferable courses. Students that enroll as juniors need to complete the course requirements to earn an Associate in Arts or Associate in Science degree. Cambridge Lakes approves the enrollment of their students. Enrollment is limited – For more questions, please contact your high school representative.

PART-TIME DUAL CREDIT PROGRAM

High school juniors and seniors enroll in 1-2 college courses each semester. Courses offered at the ECC campus are selected from a variety of academic disciplines, including general education (i.e., English, math, history, science, etc.)

Students choose courses with the help of their high school counselor to ensure courses selected meet high school requirements. Cambridge Lakes approves the enrollment of their students. Enrollment is limited – For more questions, please contact your high school representative.

FULL-TIME DUAL CREDIT

SENIOR ENROLLMENT (1-YEAR PROGRAM)

- Students enroll in 4-5 courses each semester at the ECC campus
- Courses add up to a minimum of 12 credit hours each semester
- Students may earn 30+ transferable credits
- Students complete COL 101-College Success during their first semester
- Course options are selected by ECC and the school district to ensure they meet the student's high school graduation requirements
- Students meet with ECC's academic advising department to develop an academic plan
- Participation in high school activities may be limited

JUNIOR ENROLLMENT (2-YEAR PROGRAM)

- Students enroll in 4-5 courses each semester at the ECC campus
- Complete 60 credits/degree requirements in two years (i.e. 15 credits per semester)
- Summer courses may be required between junior and senior year
- Students complete COL 101-College Success during the first semester
- ECC academic advisors guide students in selecting classes that meet their college plans
- Participation in high school activities may be limited

Courses will be scheduled Monday-Friday. Students may be in class from 8:00 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Some courses may be scheduled outside of this timeframe. If courses are offered outside of this timeframe, the dual credit office will ensure that students and school counselors are informed in advance. Students are expected to commit to this timeframe and must understand that scheduling of classes is managed by the dual credit office.

Class sections (days, times, and instructors) are pre-selected by ECC to meet the needs of the program. Class schedules will not accommodate students' work schedules if it falls within the timeframe noted above. The ECC academic calendar may differ from the school districts' calendar.

PROGRAM QUALIFICATIONS

- Current sophomore or junior at the time of application
- Have at least a 3.00 unweighted high school GPA
- Demonstrate college-readiness – Reading, English, and Mathematics
- Must have qualifying scores – PSAT/SAT/ACT or ECC Placement Tests
- Meet other high school requirements as noted by district policies, including an interview with school staff
- Enrollment is limited and determined by the high school

PART-TIME DUAL CREDIT

GENERAL EDUCATION (See Course Options Below)

- Current sophomore or junior at the time of application
- Students enroll in 1-2 courses each semester
- Maximum of 7 credit hours each semester (including in-high school dual credit courses)
- Course options offered at the ECC campus or high school
- Students choose courses based on academic interests and goals
- Course options are pre-selected by ECC and school district to ensure courses meet high school graduation requirements
- Courses meet part of the General Education Core Curriculum requirements for a two-year college degree, which may transfer to a four-year college
- Participation in high school activities may be limited

PROGRAM QUALIFICATIONS

- Current sophomore or junior at the time of application
- GPA Requirement:
 - General Education: 3.00 unweighted high school GPA
- Demonstrate college-readiness – Reading, English, and Mathematics
- Must have qualifying scores (if applicable) – PSAT/SAT/ACT or ECC Placement Tests
- Meet other high school requirements as noted by district policies

PART-TIME GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES

The course options available to part-time dual credit students are listed below. These options include courses that fulfill most requirements in the first two years of a college degree. Course descriptions are available at www.elgin.edu/catalog.

The following descriptions are helpful when selecting courses:

General Education: These courses fulfill a general education core requirement. As part of students' baccalaureate education, a series of courses in varying disciplines are required prior/during the completion of specified (i.e. Major/Minor) courses that are selected for the program of study that is being completed. These courses have a high transferability rate and are typically completed within the first couple of years in college. **NOTE: All courses can be credited as electives.**

Elective: These courses help a student towards the successful completion of their required elective hours. Each program/institution sets a minimum of courses that students must complete separate from general education and major/minor specific courses. Often, these courses serve to fulfill a prerequisite in a math or science sequence.

Prerequisite: These courses are required in order to continue in the specified sequence (i.e. Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, and/or Physics). Students must earn at least a "C". The courses will also satisfy either a general education core requirement or be credited as electives.

Course	Course Prefix & Number	ECC Credit Hours	General Education	Elective	Prerequisite
COMMUNICATIONS					
English Composition I	ENG 101	3	✓	✓	
English Composition II	ENG 102	3	✓	✓	✓
Fundamentals of Speech	CMS 101	3	✓	✓	
MATHEMATICS					
General Education Statistics	MTH 102	3	✓	✓	
College Algebra	MTH 112	4		✓	✓
Trigonometry	MTH 114	3		✓	✓
Statistics I	MTH 120	4	✓	✓	✓
Finite Math for Bus & Mngmt	MTH 125	3	✓	✓	
Calculus with Analytic Geometry I	MTH 190	5	✓	✓	✓
Calculus with Analytic Geometry II	MTH 210	5	✓	✓	✓
Calculus with Analytic Geometry III	MTH 230	5	✓	✓	✓
PHYSICAL SCIENCES					
General Chemistry I	CHM 142	5	✓	✓	✓
General Chemistry II	CHM 143	5	✓	✓	
Engineering Physics I	PHY 211	5	✓	✓	✓
Engineering Physics II	PHY 212	5	✓	✓	
LIFE SCIENCES					
Biology for Contemporary Society	BIO 108	4	✓	✓	
Principles of Biology	BIO 110	4	✓	✓	✓
Anatomy and Physiology I	BIO 245	4		✓	✓
FINE ARTS					
Art Appreciation	ART 115	3	✓	✓	
Music Appreciation	MUS 105	3	✓	✓	
HUMANITIES					
Ethics	HUM 216	3	✓	✓	
Introduction to Literature	LIT 201	3	✓	✓	
Introduction to Western	HUM 101	3	✓	✓	
SOCIAL SCIENCES					
US History to 1870	HIS 151	3	✓	✓	
U S History Since 1865	HIS 152	3	✓	✓	

American Government	POS 150	3	✓	✓	
Principles of Macroeconomics	ECN 202	3	✓	✓	
Principles of Microeconomics	ECN 201	3	✓	✓	
BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES					
Introduction to Psychology	PSY 100	3	✓	✓	✓
Introduction to Sociology	SOC 100	3	✓	✓	✓
MODERN LANGUAGES					
Elementary Spanish I	SPN 101	4		✓	✓
Elementary Spanish II	SPN 102	4		✓	✓
Elementary Japanese I	JPN 101	4		✓	✓
Elementary Japanese II	JPN 102	4		✓	✓

What Is Next?

1. Review the dual credit program options carefully
2. Follow up with your school counselor or school representative
3. If you meet Cambridge Lakes and ECC Dual Credit Program requirements, your counselor will provide you with instructions on next steps to submit an application
4. **Application Deadline:** February 1, 2021
5. **Placement Testing Deadline:** February 15, 2021
6. **Admission Decision:** March 5, 2021