



Dual Credit Frequently Asked Questions

WHAT IS DUAL CREDIT?

UW-Stout Polytechnic's Dual Credit Program allows high school students to take college courses at their high school.

WHO TEACHES DUAL CREDIT COURSES?

Most Dual Credit Courses are taught by your high school teacher. A UW-Stout Polytechnic mentor works collaboratively with the high school teacher to design and implement the college course in the high school setting.

AM I ELIGIBLE TO ENROLL IN DUAL CREDIT?

High school students who meet at least *one* of these requirements are eligible to enroll in Dual Credit courses:

- Rank in the top 50% of their class
- GPA of at least 2.50 on a 4.00 scale
- ACT composite score of 22 or higher
- By recommendation: a student may also be considered for admission to a Dual Credit course upon recommendation of a high school faculty member.

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN DUAL CREDIT AND ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP)?

Courses offered through UW-Stout Polytechnic's Dual Credit Program are actual UW-Stout Polytechnic college courses. Grades earned through dual credit courses will be recorded on both your high school transcript and on your UW-Stout Polytechnic transcript.

Advanced Placement (AP) courses are advanced high school-level courses where students are eligible to take a single, high-stakes test that may or may not earn college credit upon admission to a post-secondary institution.

With Dual Credit, you are immersed in the pace, rigor and curriculum of a university course including the exams, papers, labs, reports, etc., with the structure and support of your high school classroom. With a Dual Credit course, you are fully participating in a college course.

The Department of Public Instruction reports that in the state of Wisconsin only 20.6 percent of AP students receive a passing score (three, four, or five). Even with a passing score credit recognition is dependent on the accepting institution.

HOW MUCH WILL MY COURSE(S) COST?

Tuition is based upon the number of credits assigned to a particular course. Courses may be 2, 3, 4, or 5 credits. The per-credit tuition amount is determined by the University of Wisconsin System and changes annually consistent with the Board of Regents Policy. Currently, the state-approved per credit cost at \$115 per credit for Dual Credit Programs, which will be paid by the student (or their parent/guardian) and collected by the School District to remit to UW-Stout Polytechnic.

A reduced \$65 per credit rate is available for any student who qualifies for the federal Free and Reduced Lunch (FRL) program. The high school will track eligibility of students for this program.

HOW DO I BECOME A DUAL CREDIT STUDENT?

To enroll as a Dual Credit student:

1. Complete and submit a UW System application applying as a high school non-degree seeking student (when it asks you to choose your program, select "Dual Credit").
2. Submit your high school transcripts. You may either attach the transcript to the application or you can email it to admissions@uwstout.edu.
3. Letter of recommendation – This is only required for students using teacher recommendation for eligibility. When you submit your application, be sure to have the letter of recommendation emailed to admissions@uwstout.edu.

The high school will send a list of students that are participating in a dual credit course to be officially enrolled by UW-Stout Polytechnic.

ONCE ENROLLED, IS IT POSSIBLE TO DROP A DUAL CREDIT COURSE?

Yes. Students who wish to withdraw from a dual credit course after enrollment should notify their high school instructor. The instructor will notify UW-Stout Polytechnic. If UW-Stout Polytechnic receives the request to drop the course before the 100% withdraw/refund date the student will receive a full refund and no grade will appear on their transcripts.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I DROP A DUAL CREDIT COURSE AFTER THE 100% WITHDRAWEL/REFUND DATE?

A student who withdraws from a dual credit course after the last date of the 100% withdrawal/refund period, will have another refund period where they can drop the course and receive a 50% refund and they will receive a "Withdrawal" on their transcript.

A student who withdraws from a dual credit course after the last day of the second withdrawal/refund period will receive no refund and they will receive a "Withdrawal" on their transcript. A "Withdrawal" on the students transcript will not affect their college grade point average (GPA).

WILL CREDITS EARNED THROUGH A DUAL CREDIT COURSE TRANSFER TO ANOTHER COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY?

Yes. Credits earned through the Dual Credit program can/will transfer to other colleges or universities in the same way it would for any other Stout student. To see how credits transfer, go to <https://www.transferology.com/index.htm>

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS?

We are here to help you with any additional questions you may have about the Dual Credit Program at UW-Stout Polytechnic. Please feel free to reach out to:

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