



# INDIANA UNIVERSITY NORTHWEST

## Early Start and Dual Credit Program Frequently Asked Questions

### 1) What is dual credit?

Dual credit is the term given to courses in which high school students have the opportunity to earn both high school and college credits. Dual credit courses are taught by regular high school faculty or by regular or adjunct college faculty either at the high school, at the college or university, or sometimes through online courses or distance education. Dual credit is offered by both state and independent (private, regionally accredited) colleges and universities in Indiana.

### 2) What is the difference between dual credit, concurrent enrollment, dual enrollment, and doubling up?

In general, these are all terms that apply to the definition of dual credit.

### 3) Are Indiana high schools required to offer dual credit courses?

Yes. Indiana law currently requires each Indiana high school to offer a minimum of two dual credit courses. The intent is to expand opportunities for more students to take college-level coursework while in high school. It is also to ensure that students may have the opportunity to fulfill the Core 40 with Academic Honors diploma requirements using the dual credit option and to help more students prepare for college.

### 4) What does dual credit have to do with Core 40 with Academic Honors?

Students wishing to complete the Core 40 with Academic Honors diploma may use dual credit (as specified below) as one of several options. Students wishing to complete the Core 40 with Academic Honors diploma (graduating class of 2010 and beyond), must complete the following coursework:

- Complete all the requirements for Core 40.
- Earn 2 additional Core 40 math credits.
- Earn 6-8 Core 40 world language credits.
- Earn 2 Core 40 fine arts credits.
- Earn a grade of a “C” or better in courses that will count toward the diploma.
- Have a grade point average of “B” or above.
- Complete one of the following:
  - a. Complete AP courses (4 credits) and corresponding AP exams
  - b. Complete IB (Higher Level) courses (4 credits) and corresponding IB exams.

- c. Earn a combined score of 1200 or higher on the SAT critical reading and mathematics
- d. Score a 26 or higher composite on the ACT
- e. Complete dual high school / college credit courses from the Core Transfer Library (6 transferable college credits)
- f. Complete a combination of AP courses (2 credits) and corresponding AP exams and dual high school / college credit course(s) from the Core Transfer Library (3 transferable college credits)

**5) Can students take multiple dual credit courses?**

Yes.

**6) Is there a limit to how many dual credit courses a student can take?**

Indiana's Policy on Dual Credit Courses states that all postsecondary campuses will establish limits for the number of credit hours a student can earn through dual credit courses offered in the high school. In most cases, the limit is 15 credit hours. However, exceptions have been made for students that have demonstrated superior academic talents and abilities.

**7) How do I apply for dual credit?**

All students enrolled in dual credit courses will have the opportunity to earn dual credit. An application form for the college / university is available in the high school Guidance Office. Complete the form and submit it to the high school Guidance Office. The high school will deliver the application forms to the university.

**8) How much does dual credit cost?**

Students / parents will be billed by the college / university after the application is processed for \$25.00 per credit hour for courses taught by high school personnel in the high school classroom. Courses taken on the IU Northwest campus will be billed at the current tuition rate per credit hour.

**9) Do students on a Free / Reduced Lunch Program have to pay for credit?**

No. Check the box on the application form indicating that you are participating in the Free Lunch program. This applies to the Crown Point Dual Credit and ACP programs only.

**10) What is the Core Transfer Library (CTL)?**

To enable students to transfer college credits, Indiana has developed the Core Transfer Library (CTL) – a list of courses that will transfer among all Indiana public college and university campuses, assuming adequate grades.

**11) What colleges and universities are in the CTL?**

Two-Year Colleges

- Ivy Tech Community College
- Vincennes University

Four-Year Colleges

- Ball State University
- Indiana State University
- Indiana University
  - i. Bloomington, East, Kokomo, Northwest, South Bend, Southeast
- IUPUI
  - i. Columbus, Fort Wayne, Indianapolis
- Purdue University
  - i. West Lafayette, Calumet, North Central
- University of Southern Indiana

*More information is available on the Transfer Indiana website: [www.transferin.net](http://www.transferin.net)*

**12) What if a student does not want dual credit? Can he / she still stay in the class and earn regular high school credit?**

For most classes, the answer is yes. There may be select classes that require all students enrolled to be taking the course for dual credit. Your guidance counselor will know if there are any such classes being offered at your high school.

**13) What if a student signs-up for dual credit, completes the course, but doesn't want the grade to show-up on a transcript?**

Colleges and universities are bound by law to generate transcripts for all students who complete dual credit courses. Students may withdraw from a dual credit course on the timeline established by the college or university for all students.

**14) Is an (AP) course considered dual credit?**

(AP) or Advanced Placement, refers to courses offered in the high school administered by the College Board. It is considered an acceleration mechanism like dual credit, but does not fit into the Indiana Commission for Higher Education's definition of dual credit, since AP courses are not offered by a college and do not automatically result in college credit. However, high schools may offer AP courses for dual credit if agreed upon by a college or university.

Some colleges and universities may award college credit or advanced academic standing to students who score a 3, 4, or 5 on an AP exam. Most college websites list information on accepting AP exam scores.

**15) What if I have a question that is not answered above?**

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