

**College Gateway Program
Bishop Stang High School**

Dual enrollment offers students the opportunity to **earn college credit** while still a high school student. College credit earned in an approved program will be recognized as credit earned toward **Bishop Stang's graduation requirements**. Dual enrollment courses will be **recognized on the transcript** and will be factored into the Bishop Stang **GPA** using the same weight as Advanced Placement courses.

Students must seek **prior approval** from the Assistant Principal of Academics and meet all criteria set forth by the individual colleges and universities. Students may take **elective courses**, not required core curriculum courses, that are an extension of their academic area of interest or oriented towards a particular career field, at any accredited college or university.

Students pursuing dual enrollment opportunities will be **required to carry a minimum of 5.0 credits** during the regular academic semester and should be mindful of their schedule. Students are encouraged to consider **online courses, afternoon or evening classes, and/or in-person courses over the summer**.

The student and his or her family would be responsible for **any costs** associated with attending a dual enrollment class, as well as arranging for their own transportation.

It is important to note that **individual colleges will have the final approval** concerning what credits transfer to their respective institutions.

Dual enrollment courses taken between July 1st, and June 30th, will be applied to the current academic year (i.e. a student who takes courses in the summer of 2019, may have these credits applied to the 2019-2020 academic year). **Students can apply up to 3 dual enrollment courses per year** towards their Bishop Stang program. The student is responsible for sending their college transcripts to the undergraduate college or university where they are applying as part of the college application process.

Bishop Stang High School recommends the following links and resources for dual enrollment:

- [Bristol Community College Dual Enrollment Program](#)
- [Community College of Rhode Island Running Start Program](#)
- [University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth Dual Enrollment Program](#)
- [Cape Cod Community College Dual Enrollment Program](#)
- [Massachusetts Maritime Academy Dual Enrollment Program](#)
- [Bridgewater State University](#)