



# Feather River College

## DUAL ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

Dual Enrollment courses offer an opportunity for students to complete a college class, while still attending high school - receiving both high school and FRC college credit.

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### Q. What is Dual Enrollment?

A. The term dual enrollment refers to students being enrolled in two different educational institutions at the same time. This means that a student enrolled in high school may be dual enrolled at a local institution of higher learning, in this case **Feather River College**. If students pass their college classes, they receive credit that may be applied toward their high school diploma and toward an FRC college degree or certificate.

#### Q. Will my student have to travel to the college campus to take these classes?

A. **No**. Currently, most classes designated as dual enrollment are offered **on your student's high school campus** and if your student needs to travel, you will be notified and a signature will be required for transportation purposes. Most courses will take place during the student's regular high school day/hours.

#### Q. What classes are offered at my student's high school for dual enrollment?

A. Courses vary at every high school. Some of the high schools are offering dual enrollment pathways while others are offering "stand alone" dual enrollment classes. Check with your high school counselor as to what dual enrollment courses are offered at your school.

#### Q. How is the course work different from a regular High School class?

A. Dual enrollment courses are different in that they are taught to the rigor of a college course. Students will be using the same textbooks and syllabi as they would if they were taking a class at Feather River College. As such, please be aware that discussion topics and course materials are generally designed for adult students and may not be appropriate for younger students. Assignments will be graded using college rubrics and standards. The final grade the student

receives in their dual enrollment class will be recorded on an official Feather River College transcript.

**Q. How will this help my student?**

A. There are many advantages to participating in dual enrollment.

- In some cases, the student may be able to attain an Associate's degree at the same time or shortly after their high school graduation.
- Dual enrollment is a cost-efficient way for students to accumulate college credits because courses are free and taken through the local high school.
- Participation in dual enrollment may ease the transition from high school to college by giving students a sense of what college academics are like.

**Q. Are there any disadvantages to dual enrollment?**

A. Dual enrollment is a great option for many high school students. However there are some things to be aware of when taking a dual enrollment course.

- If a student fails one of these classes it will negatively affect them on their high school transcripts **and** college transcripts.
- Too many failed dual enrollment classes **will** jeopardize future college enrollment and possibly financial aid.
- If a student needs additional support and is failing English, Math and has a low GPA, then college class may not be the best choice.
- Financial aid has a 90 unit limit and thus dual enrollment courses must be carefully selected with the advice of a college counselor.

**Remember:** Participating in a dual enrollment class is an important decision and should involve a conversation between you, your parents or guardian, and your high school counselor.