



Purpose	Dual credit is available at UTRGV for qualified high school students who are ready for university-level work. This is an opportunity for these excellent students to challenge themselves and provides a pathway into university studies.		
Cost	Dual credit courses will be provided at no cost to students or districts; however, UTRGV does not provide textbooks or required materials.		
Adaptability	UTRGV is willing to work with school districts to develop dual credit options that best suit their students’ needs, with flexible options for scheduling courses.		
Course Options	Qualified students are welcome to take approved courses that meet the Dual Credit designation and are part of the UTRGV General Education Core Curriculum. Please contact us for more information.		
A University Experience	Our most popular and preferred dual credit model is to enroll students in courses with our regular UTRGV students, either in online classes or in face-to-face courses on our campuses in Brownsville and Edinburg. These high school students experience their UTRGV courses in the same way and with the same expectations and supports as other UTRGV university students. Dual credit students enrolled in our university courses are generally very successful.		
Individual Students	Individual students are welcome to enroll in online or face-to-face classes with the general student population that meet once or twice a week in Brownsville or Edinburg. With the thousands of courses available on our campuses, we can typically place qualified students in a variety of courses that will meet their curricular needs and engage their interests.		
Groups of Students	We are happy to work with school districts to develop course offerings for groups of students as well. Courses taught on Fridays are offered only once a week, providing a convenient option for transporting groups of students to and from a UTRGV campus.		
Contacts	<p>Interested in exploring options for dual credit? Contact any of the individuals below. They are happy to assist you.</p> <table data-bbox="391 1686 1122 1822"> <tr> <td data-bbox="391 1686 716 1822"> Michael Aldape Director of Special Programs – Dual Credit Michael.Aldape@utrgv.edu </td> <td data-bbox="745 1686 1122 1822"> Kashia Rodriguez Program Coordinator – Dual Credit Kashia.Rodriguez01@utrgv.edu </td> </tr> </table>	Michael Aldape Director of Special Programs – Dual Credit Michael.Aldape@utrgv.edu	Kashia Rodriguez Program Coordinator – Dual Credit Kashia.Rodriguez01@utrgv.edu
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Student Eligibility Requirements for Dual Credit Program

Be classified as a high school junior or senior on target towards graduating under the Foundations with Endorsement or Distinguished Level of Achievement, and

Students seeking Dual Credit opportunities with UTRGV will have an academic profile created based on a variety of factors, including but not limited to:

- High School Class Rank;
- GPA
- College Entrance Exams (SAT/ACT) (PSAT/ACT-PLAN);
- Extracurricular Activities;
- Community Involvement

Application Process Requirements

The application is available via the internet at www.applytexas.org.

- Select the four-year institution: UTRGV
- Select application type: Freshman US
- Indicate interest in participating by answering **YES** to the question at the beginning of the application which states: "Are you applying for Dual Credit or Early Admission?"

Submit a completed Dual Credit **Authorization form**.

- The Apply Texas application must be submitted prior to submitting the Authorization Form.
- Authorization Forms are available through the high school counselor
- Must be read and signed by Parent, Counselor, and Principal/Assistant Principal

Submit High School Transcript.

- Transcript must include class ranking, and GPA (**100-point scale only**)
- Must also include graduation date and type of graduation plan (recommended or distinguished)

Submit any test scores to determine TSI placement status (TSI Assessment, ACT, SAT, or EOC).

Submit proof of Bacterial Meningitis Vaccination (must be current 10 days prior to 1st day of class)

**Failure to submit any required documents renders the application incomplete.*

TSI and Placement Requirements

All students interested in pursuing dual credit opportunities at UTRGV must demonstrate assessment in all three areas of the **Texas Success Initiative (TSI)** and must show they have passed the appropriate area required by the course(s) in which they hope to register. Students may also qualify for a **TSI** exemption.

Students can be exempt from TSI based on scores from one of the following exams (must meet all three scores in one exam; scores cannot be "mixed" from multiple exams)

- STAAR-EOC: meet a minimum score of Level II (Satisfactory) on English III and Algebra II exams
- ACT or ACT Residual: Composite of 23 with 19 English and 19 Math or higher
- SAT: EBRW: 480 + Math: 530, No composite if SAT was taken after March 2016

If not exempt, the student must take the **TSI Assessment** and meet the following scores:

Reading: 351 or higher; Math: 350 or higher; Writing: Essay of 5 OR Essay of 4 w/a 340 on the multiple choice.

Submit records of other college level course work completed by submitting score report or college transcript (AP credits, CLEP, Dual Enrollment courses) **prior** to Advisement & Registration.