



Grand Canyon University Dual Enrollment Frequently Asked Questions

Parents/Students/UACs: This document provides information in regard to many FAQs that are received about Dual Enrollment. Please refer to the information below to learn more about our department!

What is Dual Enrollment?

Dual Enrollment is a program that GCU offers to high school students to take college-level courses while they are still enrolled in their high school. This program provides a unique opportunity for high schoolers to earn college credits at a reduced price before they graduate from their senior year.

What GPA or qualifications do I need?

Qualified students must be in the 10th-12th grade. Sophomores must have an unweighted GPA of 3.25; juniors and seniors need to have at least an unweighted 3.0 GPA. Students must have at least officially started their sophomore year classes to be eligible; the summer period between 9th and 10th grade does not count. Seniors can register/start a course up until the date of their high school graduation. Students will need to provide an official high school transcript prior to being registered for courses to validate their high school GPA and grade level. Seniors cannot enroll in courses once they have graduated high school as per the graduation date set on their transcript.

If a student is going to take an English or mathematics class and does not have transferable college-level credit, they will need to take/pass an online GCU placement exam before registering. This will be done through GCU's student portal once they have completed an application; it is a free exam and they have up to 2 attempts per test type to pass.

ACT/SAT scores are not accepted for DE admissions. A student's unweighted GPA via their official transcript is the only factor that is evaluated for eligibility. If you have a student that you would like to refer to the Dual Enrollment Department, please ensure that they meet these criteria beforehand. Please note that these criteria for admissions/being qualified for classes are non-appealable and non-negotiable.

What if I am not going to GCU full-time after high school?

GCU is regionally accredited through the Higher Learning Commission, so our credits are transferable to most colleges nationwide. We recommend that you talk with a representative at the college you want to attend to see what classes might best fit your future program's course requirements before signing up.

How much will it cost?

The tuition for classes is set at \$52.50 per credit; as all DE classes are 4 credits, tuition will come to \$210 per class. There is also a \$110 LMS fee, which includes the cost for the course eBooks and access to the online classroom interface called LoudCloud. Please note that a select number of classes do incur additional fees for special course materials. Before tax, the average class can be expected to cost \$320.

Please also note that financial aid (FAFSA, etc.) cannot be utilized for DE classes. All DE courses require its fees to be paid in advance prior to registration. GCU/GCE employee benefits also no longer cover the cost of Dual Enrollment (please see the Employee Education Tuition Benefits Policy for more information).

What courses can I take?

A wide variety of courses are available through Dual Enrollment. A full list of current course offerings can be found on our website at <https://www.gcu.edu/individual-courses/dual-enrollment>. Please note that at this time, all science/laboratory courses (excluding BIO-220) are unavailable for enrollment. Students may complete up to 60 semester credits in our dual enrollment program, which translates to a total of 15 classes. GCU does not convert credits earned from the University into associate degrees.

Please also note that certain classes do have pre-requisite requirements. These pre-requisites are shown by clicking on the desired class selected on our website page above. Students may be able to bypass course pre-requisites by doing one of the following: scoring a qualifying mark on our placement exam, transfer in a valid AP Test credit to cover the pre-requisite (see p. 164 in our University Handbook to see which tests are valid for this), or transfer in a valid college class credit from another college/University to cover the pre-requisite course.

Where will I take the course?

The courses will be provided fully online through GCU's learning management system, LoudCloud. All courses are 4 semester credits and are 7 weeks in length, unless a custom, 15-week course is requested by your high school administration.

How do I sign up?

Students complete an online application at <http://apply.gcu.edu> by applying as a "Dual High School Student". Reach out to our team directly at dualenrollment@gcu.edu or **855-428-8002** if you would like a visual resource to walk you through the application. Once that application is completed, a GCU Dual Enrollment Counselor will contact you to provide direction on the next steps, including registration and enrollment. Students cannot self-register; they will need the help of a counselor to do so. The entire process will take about 5-10 business days, depending on how quickly a student can complete the required steps.

Is there a refund/withdrawal policy if I change my mind?

Once a student posts in their class, they become academically and financially responsible for the course. If you decide to withdraw from a class, you will need to notify your GCU Dual Enrollment Counselor immediately. Students who withdraw during the first week may earn 75% of their tuition back; however, after the first week, 0% of tuition will be refunded. Book fees will never be refunded once a student posts in class. All withdrawals from courses will result in a "W" grade on their transcript. Withdrawn class records are not able to be removed from transcripts. Please consult with GCU's University Policy Handbook for additional policies and deadlines related to withdrawing from a course. Any withdrawal requests must be sent directly to the student's DE counselor or dualenrollment@gcu.edu. Students cannot ask their teacher/parent/high school faculty to do this for them. Students are encouraged to consult GCU's University Policy Handbook for additional details on refund and drop policies.

Should you need further assistance, please contact one of the DE administrators, Sierra Bolton and Heather Hagen, at the following emails: sierra.bolton@gce.com / heather.hagen@gce.com.

Thank you!