Dual Credit FAQs

1. Why Enroll in Dual Credit courses?
   - Students can demonstrate the ability to succeed in college level courses
   - Students can take classes that aren’t offered at his or her high school
   - Students can explore an area of academic area of interest such as Computer Science, Pharmacy, Education or Business before declaring a major
   - Students accumulate college credits early, can graduate on time or early.
   - Students develop skills for college success: following a syllabus, meeting course requirements, time management skills, and improving higher-level thinking skills.

2. Who Shouldn’t Participate? Enrolling may NOT be a good idea…
   - If a student’s overall activities will not allow 4-5 hours of study to dedicate to dual credit.
   - If class trips, vacations, or extra-curriculars will prevent the student from accessing the course EVERY week.
   - If a student is not ready for the demanding work a college class will require. (Dual-enrollment grades permanently go on a student's college transcript and low grades could hurt his or her chances of future college acceptance)

3. Which school representative signs my enrollment form?
   A school representative (usually Guidance Counselor) signs the preliminary agreement form assuring Concordia Admissions that you are a high achieving student and that participation will keep you on graduation pace for your school.
   - Homeschool: A parent signs the form as the school representative.

4. How many Dual Credit classes can I take?
   Students are restricted to one (suggested) or two courses per semester.

5. Who can take Dual Credit?
   Enrollment is limited to honors-level high school students who are of traditional high school age. Students are from a variety of high schools including Christian, private, public and home school environments including other states and foreign countries.

6. Who teaches Dual Credit classes?
   Dual Credit faculty must meet the certification qualifications of the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. Some are full-time instructors at Concordia and some are adjunct faculty.

7. How many students are in an online Dual Credit class?
   Courses typically have 7-15 students enrolled per class.

8. Will my Dual Credits transfer to other universities?
   Concordia credits will transfer to many other schools. It is the student’s responsibility to check with the school they will attend to determine if the credits will transfer. The credit transfer policy depends on the receiving school who may ask for the course syllabus and description.

9. How is college-level rigor achieved in the Dual Credit classroom?
   Online classes model the same curriculum and syllabus as the related on-campus course. Instructors are approved and evaluated by Concordia Department Chairs.

10. What are the steps after high school graduation?
    If you are attending another institution, request that a transcript be sent from the Concordia registrar to your school of choice to officially transfer your credits.

11. How are Dual Credit courses different from AP courses?

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<td>Students are enrolled as college students</td>
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<td>Coursework determines an overall grade and college credit</td>
<td>Earning college credit is contingent on an AP exam score</td>
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COST

How much are Dual Credit classes?
- The Concordia Promise Scholarship allows students from Christian high schools and homeschool students a reduced rate of $50 per credit.
- Public school students pay $200 per credit.
- Most courses are 3 credits.
- Parents are mailed a tuition bill.

What other costs are there?
There are no other fees or textbook costs.

What if I change my mind and don’t want to take the course?
Before the start date:
- Students should contact the school representative AND the online student advisor to request a ‘DROP’.
If the course is in progress:
- Students should contact the school representative AND the online student advisor to request a ‘DROP’.
- If approved, the student will receive a partial refund based on the number of weeks completed.

Can Dual Credit students receive financial aid?
Dual Credit students don’t receive financial aid. State Funded Dual Credit students should be aware that failure to successfully complete a course could make them ineligible for state funding and students may be required to pay for the course.

What technology is required?
Students need a computer with
- Internet access
- A web browser (Safari, Chrome, Firefox, IE)
- Internet bandwidth to stream online videos
- A keyboard
- Students are issued and use a CUW student email account