



Choosing Dual Credit for English IV and college freshman Comp 1301 and 1302

The First advantage of taking dual credit courses is that students earn college credit on their own high school campus without the cost of tuition. Students are responsible for buying or renting required textbooks, but the courses are free.

Credits earned at the community college are transferrable to every Texas public college and university. Transfer of credits from Austin Community College to private universities and out of state universities depends entirely on the policies of those universities.

For the high school grade point average, dual credit courses are considered honors courses. Grades are weighted as honors grades.

The English dual credit course includes British Literature, just like English IV. Additionally, the course focuses on equipping students for the many writing assignments required in college, for whatever major the students might study. Students learn to structure essays and research papers. They learn how to summarize, paraphrase and quote sources in research papers and how to credit those sources. To improve writing skills, students study and practice grammar rules. Students improve their command of punctuation through direct instruction and practice. Students also work on extending their vocabulary with words to master over the course of the two semesters.

Because of the number of requests for dual credit English at Bowie High School, ACC and Bowie High School anticipated an added section of the course for 2019 – 2020.