

Dual Credit Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What does Dual Credit mean?

A: South Dakota high school students in their junior and senior years have the opportunity to enroll in public postsecondary institutions in South Dakota and simultaneously earn credits for both their high school diploma and postsecondary degree.

Q: How do I know if I can take Dual Credit courses and how do I sign up?

A: You will need to contact the Counseling Office at your high school. They will be able to lay out what your options are and can assist you in the application and registration process.

Q: How much does it cost to take Dual Credit courses?

A: Dual Credit coursework is available to public high school students and home school students in grades 11-12 at the rate of \$48.33 per credit hour. Tuition is covered 100% for RCAS students. Textbooks will be covered by WDT.

Q: How will the Dual Credit program save me money?

A: At WDT, you will save \$151.67 per credit hour. For a 3 credit hour class, that is a cost savings of \$455.01. Plus you won't have to pay for books, so that saves another \$75 to \$300 for each course.

Q: How will I pay for courses at Western Dakota Tech?

A: You can pay for your courses through Western Dakota Tech's business office.

Q: Who teaches Dual Credit courses?

A: Dual Credit courses are offered by the postsecondary institution's faculty members, are governed by the postsecondary institution's policies, and follow the postsecondary institution's established processes for admissions, registration, billing and grade reporting.

Q: Where can I take Dual Credit courses?

A: You can take a number of courses both on-campus and online, including general education courses and technical hands-on courses. Contact WDT for more information on course offerings.

Q: How can I sign up for Dual Credit courses?

A: All students must work through their high school to enroll in Dual Credit courses. Check with your high school counselor. Once you have high school approval, WDT Admissions will help you with the rest.

Q: Can I transfer my credits from Western Dakota Tech to another college?

A: There are several general education courses that can be transferred to the other technical schools and Board of Regent schools in South Dakota, but not all. Make sure to check with each post-secondary institution before registering.

Q: I want to take Dual Credit courses but I'm not sure they will fit into my schedule?

A: By taking Dual Credit courses you are fulfilling your high school graduation requirements as well as the institution you're taking the course from. Check with your high school counselor to determine if Dual Credit courses will work with your high school schedule.

Q: Do I have to commit to Western Dakota Tech after high school if I take Dual Credit courses there?

A: You aren't committed to WDT after high school graduation. However, all courses you take at WDT will apply toward your degree if the class you've taken pertains to the degree you choose to enroll in.

Q: Who can I talk to at Western Dakota Tech if I have questions or need assistance?

A: Western Dakota Tech Admissions Office will work with you and your high school throughout the process. Email admissions@wdt.edu or call 605-718-2565 for more information.