



Dual Enrollment Program

College is within your reach!

Enroll in Dual Enrollment and earn college credit while you are still in high school!

In a hurry to start college? Dual Enrollment is your opportunity to get a jump start on your college career and see what it is like to be a student at Alabama Southern. Dual Enrollment allows qualified students the opportunity to receive both high school credit and college credit through Alabama Southern.

What is Dual Enrollment?

Dual Enrollment offers a focused, efficient and cost-effective plan to earn college credit from Alabama Southern Community College, a local and nationally recognized leader among community colleges.

Dual Enrollment students gain early exposure to the college learning environment and positive reinforcement of learning skills. Students who complete the program can enter college at the sophomore level after high school graduation. College credits earned through dual enrollment can be applied toward college graduation and can be transferred to other colleges and universities.

Dual Enrollment Process

How do I get started?

To be eligible for dual enrollment you must:

- Meet the admission requirements of Alabama Southern.
- Have a B average in completed high school courses.
- Be in grade 10, 11 or 12.
- Have appropriate scores on the ACT or the COMPASS placement test.
- Have written approval from your school's counselor, principal and the local superintendent of education. Before you consider dual enrollment as an option, Alabama Southern encourages you to consult with your high school counselor to determine if this option is the best for you.
- **There must be a signed agreement between Alabama Southern and the school system.**

Is Dual Enrollment for me?

Dual Enrollment may not be for everyone. The program provides students the opportunity to



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According to the US Department of Education, college credits earned prior to high school graduation reduce the average time-to-degree and increase the likelihood of graduation for the students who participate in dual enrollment programs. For parents, it is a chance to reduce future college expenses by shortening the time to college graduation.



take courses at the college level, so the amount of work to complete the courses is rigorous. Because Dual Enrollment courses become a part of a permanent college transcript, students should take these courses very seriously in relation to their academic futures.

Dual Enrollment is restricted to qualified students in Alabama public and/ or regionally accredited high schools who have signed an agreement with Alabama Southern. Criteria for student eligibility are developed by each individual school system and may be more restrictive than the minimum criteria listed above. For more information contact your school's counselor. Students who qualify for Dual Enrollment should check with their high school counselor to determine how college grades will impact high school grades, activities and eligibilities as well as graduation requirements.

Who benefits from Dual Enrollment?

The student benefits! Studies show that students who get an early start are more motivated to continue and reach their education and career goals. The student's parents benefit! College credits earned during high school reduce the financial burden of full-time college tuition.

What are the benefits of Dual Enrollment?

Dual Enrollment is an enormous benefit to students because it allows them to get a head start on their college careers. In some cases, students may even be able to attain an associate's or equivalent degree shortly before or after their high school graduation. Dual Enrollment may ease the transition to college by providing students firsthand exposure to the expectations of college courses while earning high school and college credit simultaneously. Other noted benefits include:

- Save time and money to earn your college degree.

- Use resources (libraries, computer labs, advising and career counseling on any Alabama Southern campus).
- Take part in student events at Alabama Southern.
- Reduce college completion time
- Eliminate duplication of coursework during the freshman year of college.
- Courses are taught by highly qualified faculty who meet the criteria set by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) Commission on Colleges
- Accelerates a student's college career and provides quality, affordable education close to home.

“Dual Enrollment courses at Alabama Southern got my daughter off to a great start! She was able to graduate from her high school and Alabama Southern at the same time!”

Joseph Hugener, Parent and Former Instructor at Alabama Southern

“With their dual enrollment credits, my students are given an excellent intro to college coursework and the college experience.”

Sandra Williams, Counselor, Sweetwater High School



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