

DUAL ENROLLMENT vs. ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Dual Enrollment

- Limited to students with a 3.0 unweighted gpa (3.9 weighted for FSU) and qualifying test scores.
- Specific course limitations determined by each institute

Advanced Placement Enrollment

- Based on willingness to challenge yourself academically and teacher/counselor recommendation
- Specific course limitations vary by course

Dual Enrollment Benefits

- No cost to the student
- Automatic college credit upon successful completion of the course
- Variety of courses and locations
- Courses can be taken in any semester
- High school and college credit awarded for each semester
- In some cases, a course may earn 1.0 high school credit for a semester course
- For State University System admission, grade will be weighted 1.0 in most cases

Advanced Placement Benefits

- No cost to the student
- Respected nationally and internationally as the most rigorous courses in each subject area
- The best possible college preparation for a four-year university
- More than 25 different courses available
- Enrollment based on willingness to challenge yourself academically
- For State University System admission, grade will be weighted 1.0
- AP Capstone Diploma option
- Classes are held on Leon's campus

Dual Enrollment Risks

- Grade counts on your college transcript and starts your college GPA
- Not as well respected nationally by college admissions departments
- College attendance and drop/add policies are strictly enforced
- Courses may only be taken during junior and senior years
- Withdrawing after drop/add will only be granted under extreme circumstances and could negatively impact college admission and financial aid

Advanced Placement Risks

- To earn college credit, you must score a 3 or higher on the exam
- College credit will not be awarded until July
- Courses taken during the first semester, such as American Government or Economics, are concluded well in advance of the AP exam
- College credit is determined by each individual institute
- Withdrawing from the course could negatively impact college admission