



ALVIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

**DUAL CREDIT
HANDBOOK
2017 – 2018**



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Interpretation of College Publications

The administration of Alvin Community College acts as final interpreter of college publications. The College may change requirements, regulations, as necessitated by college or legislative action.

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Dear Parent/Guardian & Dual Credit Student,

On behalf of the faculty and staff, I would like to welcome you to the Alvin Community College Dual Credit Program. There are many advantages to enrolling in Dual Credit and we appreciate the support and trust you have in your student to participate in the program. In order to make sure that your student's experience is a success, we encourage you to review the information provided so you both are aware of the benefits and policies regarding Dual Credit courses.

All Dual Credit courses are taught by full-time or adjunct ACC faculty as well as highly-qualified ISD teachers. All content and evaluation of the classes are of the same caliber as those offered at the college campus. ACC is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, which guarantees that Dual Credit courses meet the same rigorous standards of a college class.

Dual Credit courses have the same academic standards as any other college class. Students must be prepared for the dedication required to successfully complete their course, which includes additional study time and class participation. Books required for the courses also must be purchased in a timely manner. Contact the ACC College Store at 281-756-3681 for book prices, availability, store hours and location.

Dual Credit students have access to the same student services as other college students including the ACC Learning Lab. Tutors at the lab can assist students with improving their academic skills such as Reading, Writing and Math. Our mission is to make sure Dual Credit students succeed and we will do all we can to help them meet their goals.



Fins up!

Christal M. Albrecht

Dr. Christal M. Albrecht
President, Alvin Community College



Mission:

Our mission is to offer high school students a comprehensive post-secondary education experience that provides a college foundation, academic curriculum, and technical training that is affordable and applicable to their overall collegiate goals.

Vision:

To increase the opportunity of students to earn Dual Credit or Dual Degree diplomas through a college experience filled with academic rigor, personal enrichment, academic and career advising.

Purpose:

The purpose of the Alvin Community College Dual Credit program is to provide highly motivated students the opportunity to simultaneously earn high school and college credit, as defined by the THECB and the agreement set forth between the college and the district.

Important Things to Know

FERPA (Family Education Rights & Privacy Act) & Student Records

The Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, commonly known as FERPA, provides that all records pertaining to a student that are maintained by the college must be open for inspection by the student and may not be made available to any other person without the written authorization of the student. The following items of directory information may be released without the written consent of the student: name, address, telephone number, date of birth, major, awards and degrees, email address, participation in sports and activities, weight and height of athletic team members, dates of attendance and most recent educational institution attended. Upon request, the college may disclose directory information to any person without the written consent of the student. Therefore, the student is responsible for notifying the College by the 12th class day of every fall/spring semester and by the 4th class day of the summer sessions if any of the information listed above is not to be released by completing the FERPA Non-Release Form in person at the Admissions Office in Building A. Students also have the right to allow a third-party to view their student record information by completing the FERPA Limited-Release Form in person with their ACC Advisor. The student's valid picture identification will be requested when submitting either form. Information will only be given to the third-party in person upon verification of identify. Information will NOT be given over the phone. Students have the right under FERPA to inspect and review their education records within 45 days of the day the institution received a request for access. Students should submit a written request to the Registrar that identifies the record(s) they wish to inspect. The Registrar will make arrangements for access and notify the student of the time and place where the record(s) may be inspected. Records not maintained by the Registrar's Office will also be made available. Students may ask the college to amend a record that they believe is inaccurate or misleading. They should contact the Registrar, identify the part of the records to be changed, and specify why it is inaccurate or misleading. If the college decides not to amend the record as requested by the student, the college will notify the student of the decision and advise the student of the right to a hearing regarding the request of the amendment. Students have the right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the college to comply with the requirements of FERPA.

Although Dual Credit students are minors and dependents, the Federal law considers any student attending college protected under the FERPA regulation and is subject to privacy protection. FERPA Waivers are available in the ACC Advisor Office on the high school campus, the ACC Enrollment Services Center, and online at www.alvincollege.edu/dualcredit under the Dual Credit Forms link.



Students with Disabilities/ADA

<http://www.alvincollege.edu/DisabilityServices.aspx>

Students currently receiving 504/IDEA accommodations for their high school courses should coordinate college accommodations with the Coordinator of Disability Services. ACC makes its campus and programs accessible in compliance with the Americans with Disability Act of 1990 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

Dual Credit college students, rather than staff or parents, are responsible for initiating the request for accommodations. Friends or family members who are advocates for students in the public school system are not able to speak with instructors or the ACC Coordinator of Disability Services without written permission.

It is best to start the accommodation process six weeks prior to the first class day. Students must provide a copy of the most recent ARD, Educational Assessment, and any additional documentation to support the need for accommodations. To ensure that college level accommodations are received please contact:

Eileen Cross
ACC Coordinator of Disability Services
281-756-3533
ecross@alvincollege.edu

College Standards

Dual Credit (high school and college credit) and Concurrent Enrollment (college credit only) students are students who have met Texas Success Initiative (TSI) standards and the ACC Admission Requirement. Students are expected to perform at the college level in their college courses and to honor all deadlines declared by the college or by the instructor. Dual Credit students must meet TSI standards or meet exemption or waiver requirements listed below:

TSI College Standard	Exemptions	Waivers	College Algebra
<p>Reading 351</p> <p>Writing 5 on Essay and 350 or higher objective score; or *4 on essay requires an objective score of 363 or higher.</p> <p>Math 350</p>	<p>SAT (before 3/5/16) 1070-combined score (Critical Reading and Math) with a minimum of 500- Critical Reading and 500 Math</p> <p>SAT(3/5/16 or after) Minimum 480-Reading and Writing (EBRW) and 530-Math</p> <p>ACT 23 Composite Score 19-English and 19-Math</p> <p>STAAR/EOC English III (level 2, score of 4000) Algebra II (level 2, score of 4000)</p>	<p>STAAR/EOC English II (level 2 score of 4000) Algebra I (level 2 score of 4000) and 70+ grade in Algebra II</p> <p>(2014 & older) PSAT 107 combined (Critical Reading and Math) with a minimum of 50- Critical Reading and 50-Math</p>	<p>(2014 & older) PSAT: 50</p> <p>ACT: 19</p> <p>SAT (before 3/5/16): 500 SAT (3/5/16 or after): 530 TSI: 350</p> <p>TSI: 340 and High School Pre-Cal with a grade of A or B</p> <p>STAAR/EOC: Algebra I (level 2-score of 4000) and 70+ grade in Algebra II</p>

The Importance of the Course Syllabus

During the first week of class, each instructor distributes the course syllabus describing course requirements and objectives. The syllabus includes instructor contact information, office hours, required text, assignments and due dates, and the course grading scale. Students should review this document weekly for assignment due dates and to keep up with their grade calculations.

On average, college students should plan to study at least two hours a week for every hour spent in the classroom. Students taking a three- hour credit course should set aside a minimum of six hours per week to study and prepare assignments. Most students should schedule extra study time when exams are planned or course projects are due.

Syllabi for courses can be reviewed online at <https://alvincollege.xitrac.net/catalog>.

College Attendance Policies

College instructors establish individual attendance policies for their courses. If an absence is unavoidable the student should contact the instructor regarding the absence as soon as possible. Students are responsible for completing all work missed. It is possible that an instructor may not allow missed assignments or tests to be made up, regardless of the reason for the absence. If students have a planned absence, contact should be made with the instructor prior to the absence, not after. In compliance with Texas Education Code Section 51.911, ACC allows a student to be absent due to a religious holy day.

It is important that students adhere to the high school's attendance policy while in the Dual Credit course. High school credit may be denied for excessive absences.

University Interscholastic League (UIL)

Students participating in Dual Credit or Concurrent Enrollment courses should check with their respective high schools before enrolling in classes that may cause them to lose their eligibility to participate in UIL contests under the UIL constitution and contest rules.

Instructor Office Hours

Instructors are available to answer questions about course materials or class policies during office hours. Office hours may be found in the course syllabus. Some instructors keep office hours on more than one campus, including the high school campuses. Students who have concerns about course performance or questions regarding an assignment should schedule an appointment with the instructor.

Student Discipline and Conduct Code

Code of Academic Integrity and Honesty

Students at Alvin Community College are members of an institution dedicated to the pursuit of knowledge through a formalized program of instruction and learning. At the heart of this endeavor lie the core values of academic integrity which include honesty, truth, and freedom from lies and fraud. Because personal integrity is important in all aspects of life, students at Alvin Community College are expected to conduct themselves with honesty and integrity both in and out of the classroom. Incidents of academic dishonesty will not be tolerated and students guilty of such conduct are subject to severe disciplinary measures.

What Is Academic Dishonesty?

Academic dishonesty is any form of cheating and/or plagiarism which results in students giving or receiving unauthorized assistance in an academic exercise or receiving credit for work which is not their own.

(Kibler, W. L., et al, Academic Integrity and Student Development: Legal Issues and Policy Perspectives, Ashville, North Carolina: College Administration Publications, 1988, pp. 1-3).

Cheating includes (but is not limited to) the following:

1. Using any sources not authorized by the instructor (textbooks, notes, the work of other/previous students, etc.) to complete examinations or other assignments;
2. Using unauthorized electronic equipment during an examination or other assignment;
3. Submitting work presented previously in another course, if contrary to the rules of either course;
4. Altering or tampering with grades.

Plagiarism includes (but is not limited to) the following:

1. Using the ideas and/or words of another person without giving that person appropriate credit;
2. Representing another's artistic or scholarly works (i.e., musical compositions, computer programs, photographs, paintings, drawings, sculptures, etc.) as your own;
3. Submitting a paper purchased from a research paper service, including the Internet;
4. Using undocumented web source(s).

Other Specific Examples of Academic Dishonesty:

1. Allowing another student to copy from your paper during a test;
2. Giving your homework, term paper or other academic work to another student to plagiarize;
3. Having another person submit any work in your name;
4. Lying to an instructor or college official to improve your grade;
5. Altering a graded work after it has been returned, then submitting the work for re-grading;
6. Stealing tests;
7. Forging signatures on college documentation;
8. Collaborating without permission of the instructor;
9. Giving false or misleading information to an instructor in an effort to receive a postponement or an extension on a test or other assignment;
10. Accessing computerized college records or systems without authorization
11. Providing material or information to another person with knowledge that such aid could be used in any of the violations stated above.

Students are expected to report incidents of academic dishonesty to the instructor, Department Chair, Division Chair, or College Administrator.

ACC Student Handbook

The Alvin Community College Student Handbook contains all other rights and privileges pertaining to ACC Students. It is the official publication of the Student Code of Conduct and defines other forms of misconduct and discipline (such as suspension and expulsion). The Student Handbook is available at http://www.alvincollege.edu/resources/pdfs/student_handbook.pdf.

College Grades

Students should be aware of the instructor's system for course grading, which is printed in the course syllabus or in the policy handouts distributed during the first week of classes. Unlike high school grading scales and standards, college course evaluation systems are not uniformly set by the college. If students do poorly on a test or assignment, most college instructors will not allow work to be repeated in order to improve the grade. Students should not expect to receive extra course credit for class attendance. Generally, extra credit is not offered in college courses.

College grades are recorded in MyBlackboard (if applicable) and end of course grades are recorded in WebACCess. Students should maintain records of their grades according to the grading scale provided on the syllabus.

High school policies apply regarding the awarding of high school credit and college policies apply regarding the awarding of college credit. College grades submitted for high school reporting (i.e. six-week and nine-week reporting periods) can vary and may not be accurate. Students should always keep copies of their graded work, write their grades down, and refer to the instructor or MyBlackboard for the most accurate college grade. The grades earned in a Dual Credit course will become part of the permanent college record. Students who encounter academic difficulty in a Dual Credit course should confer with their ACC Advisor. If course withdrawal is advised it must be completed by the last official drop date as printed in the college calendar. Students will receive a grade of W (Withdrawal) on their college transcript. The grade of W carries no penalty.

ACC Dual Credit Academic Standards

The college cumulative GPA will be calculated at the completion of each semester. Students whose college cumulative GPA is below 2.0 will be suspended from taking additional Dual Credit courses for one long semester (Fall or Spring). However, a student may retake only the course they earned an F or D grade during the semester of suspension. Students may be reinstated the following semester. If the semester GPA remains below 2.0 after completing classes during the reinstated semester, future participation in the Dual Credit program will be prohibited.

Students must earn a C or higher in Foreign Language Classes prior to moving to the next level.

House Bill 505 removed limitations on the number of Dual Credit courses a student may take. However, Alvin Community College recommends that students taking more than two Dual Credit courses per semester do so only under the recommendation or advisement of their ACC Advisor or the high school Counselor.

Withdrawing/Dropping a Class

Dropping a Dual Credit course is a two-step process.

The student must:

1. Meet with the high school Counselor to complete the high school course withdrawal.
2. Meet with the ACC Advisor to complete the college course withdrawal.

WARNING!

Withdrawing from Dual Credit courses may affect high school graduation. Students who wish to withdraw from courses taken on the Alvin Community College campus must meet with an ACC Advisor to officially withdraw. Any student who does not officially withdraw will be considered enrolled which will result in receiving a failing grade in the course. The failing grade then becomes part of their official college transcript.

Every college or university is required to have a Satisfactory Progress Policy. Students should be aware of ACC's Satisfactory Progress Policy, as outlined in the ACC Catalog, and that of any college/university to which the student may wish to transfer.

Automatic Withdrawal Policy (Due to Behavior and/or Removal from High School Campus)

Students placed in an alternative school or facility due to disciplinary reasons exceeding one week will be automatically withdrawn from all Dual Credit college courses and assigned a 'W' for each course. Students remaining enrolled during the one week placement are responsible for all assignments missed and will be held to any grading penalty incurred due to the attendance policy of the course(s). Students may appeal the automatic withdrawal by contacting both the ACC instructional Dean and Vice President of Student Services for review.

2017 – 2018 Homebound Policy

1. Students entering a semester on homebound status should enroll in online course only.
2. Students enrolled in a college course on the high school campus who require homebound status during the semester may:
 - i. Withdraw from the college course if prior to the published withdrawal deadline.
 - ii. Receive permission from the faculty member to continue under his/her guidelines. Students are responsible for all assignments missed and will be subject to any grading penalty incurred due to the attendance policy of the course(s).
 - iii. Receive an incomplete grade in the class if the faculty member deems it appropriate.

Grade Challenge Petition

A student shall have one year from the date a grade is assigned to submit a grade appeal. A student shall not be permitted to submit a grade appeal because of general dissatisfaction with the grade, when a penalty has been assigned to the grade, or due to the outcome of a course as a result of a grade. In addition, disagreement with the instructor's professional judgment of the quality of the student's work and performance shall not be permitted as the basis for a grade appeal.

In order to appeal a grade, the student shall first meet with the faculty member to discuss the assigned grade. If a resolution is not reached, the student may initiate the formal process to request a grade change by submitting a written grade appeal to the appropriate Dean that contains the basis for the request. A copy of the student's grade appeal shall be forwarded to the faculty member, and he or she shall provide a written response to the appropriate Dean within five College District business days. Once the faculty member has provided his or her response to the appropriate Dean, the Dean shall meet with the student to discuss the written response and seek resolution of the dispute. The Dean shall provide a written response to the student and faculty member with his or her decision. The student shall be permitted to appeal the Dean's decision by submitting a written grade appeal to the Vice President of Instruction. Upon receipt of an appeal, the Vice President of Instruction shall schedule a conference with the student or refer the appeal to the Academic Appeals Committee within five College District business days. If an appeal is referred to the Academic Appeals Committee, the Vice President of Instruction shall notify the student of the date and time of the committee meeting and of the student's rights regarding the Academic Appeals Committee process. The chairperson of the Academic Appeals Committee shall set reasonable time limits and guidelines for the presentation, including an opportunity for the student and the faculty member to each make a presentation and provide rebuttal and an opportunity for questioning by the members of the Academic Appeals Committee. The Academic Appeals Committee shall then consider the grade appeal, make its decision, and prepare a final report for the Vice President of Instruction. The Vice President of Instruction shall notify the student, faculty member, and the appropriate Dean of the committee's decision. Further appeals shall be made in accordance with FLD (LOCAL), beginning at Level Three.

Texas Success Initiative-TSI Assessment

What is the Texas Success Initiative (TSI)?

The Texas Success Initiative is a state-legislated program designed to improve student success in college. There are two components of the program:

1. An assessment to diagnose students' basic skills in Reading, Mathematics, and Writing.
2. Developmental instruction to strengthen academic skills that need improvement.

The State of Texas requires that all college students prove they are college-ready before registering for classes at a college or university in Texas. One of the ways to establish college-readiness is through placement testing.

A student is exempt from one or more TSI requirements under the following conditions:

- **ACT** - A combined score of 23 or higher with a minimum of 19 on English and Math grants a full exemption. A combined score of 23 or higher with a minimum of 19 on English grants a partial exemption in English; a combined score of 23 or higher with a minimum score of 19 on Math grants a partial exemption in Math. Scores must be no more than 5 years old.
- **SAT** (before 3/5/16) - A combined score of 1070 or higher with a minimum of 500 on both Critical Reading and Math grants a full exemption. A combined score of 1070 with a minimum of 500 on Critical Reading grants a partial exemption in English; a combined score of 1070 or higher with a minimum score of 500 on Math grants a partial exemption in Math.
- **SAT** (after 3/5/16) - No combined score required. Minimum 480 on Reading and Writing (EBRW) grants an exemption in English and 530 Math grants a partial exemption in Math. Scores must be no more than 5 years old.
- **STAAR/End-of-Course (EOC)** - A minimum score of Level 2 on the English III shall be exempt from the TSI Assessment for both Reading and Writing, and a minimum score of Level 2 on the Algebra II EOC shall be exempt from the TSI Assessment for the Math section for a period of five years from the date of testing.

Students who are not exempted from TSI based on the above mentioned exemptions must take TSI Assessment.

Visit <http://www.alvincollege.edu/EnrollmentServicesCenter/Testing.aspx> to register for testing.

A student may retake an assessment at any time, subject to availability, to determine readiness to perform freshman-level academic course work. Students who score below the minimum on the retest will be subject to additional action to assist in reaching the College Readiness standard.

College Readiness Standard

The state minimum standard to take college-level courses is a TSI score of Reading 351+, Math 350+, Writing 350+, and an essay score of five and 350+ on Sentence Skills or an essay score of four and 363+ on Sentence Skills.

Special Note: Students who have been allowed to take courses using a PSAT waiver will only need to take one of the above mentioned exams, or receive the college readiness designation by earning a grade of D or better in the designated courses if they have not met an exemption with an SAT/ACT or 11th grade EOC score.

College Readiness in Math	College Readiness in Reading	College Readiness in Writing
All Math Core – Refer to the ACC catalog for listing.	Communication, Life Science, Physical Science, American History, Government, and Social Behavioral Science Core. See an Advisor with any questions.	English 1301 and/or 1302.

For areas not exempt, testing is required.

Meet with the assigned ACC Advisor to determine if testing is needed.

ACC Transcript Request

An Alvin Community College transcript must accompany all college applications. Students must also remember to send a final ACC Transcript to the college of choice documenting the graduation date and including any grades for courses taken after the college application was originally submitted.

ACC transcripts may be ordered online with a credit card using WebACCESS for \$7.50 each. Students must have a WebACCESS account to access this service. Instructions for account set up are located on the WebACCESS homepage.

Transcripts may also be requested via mail or in person at the ACC Admissions Office in A100.

Note To Students Taking Courses At The Alvin Community College Campus:

Students taking Dual Credit college courses at locations other than the high school campus should request an ACC transcript from the College Advisor assigned to the high school. ACC transcripts are required before high school credit can be posted to the high school record. There is no charge for this service.

What Can I Do in WebACCess?

Students can:

- Review grades.
- Request transcripts.
- Review registered class schedule (course registration).
- Update email/address/phone number information.
- Request Enrollment Verification, and more!

How Do I Log Into WebACCess For The First Time?

In order to access WebACCess students must have an ACC application on file.

1. Go to www.alvincollege.edu.
2. Locate and click on the WebACCess link on the top of the main ACC webpage.
3. Click the WebACCess icon.
4. Click the "What's My User ID and Password?" link.
5. Click "What's my User ID?"
6. Enter Last Name.
7. Enter Social Security number in "Soc. Sec" or ACC Student ID number in "Student ID".
NOTE: Student ID number is only the ACC Student ID number, NOT the high school student ID number.
8. Click submit. There will be a message that reads:
User ID: usually the first letter of student first name and student last name
Student ID number: usually 7 digits. Write this down and/or memorize it.
9. Click "OK", then click "Log in".
10. After entering the User ID and password (date of birth), a screen will display the following:
"Your initial password has expired. You must now select a password that is 6-9 characters, including both letters and numbers. Write down your password and place in a secure spot. You will use this site often and will need to have your password to log in."

If difficulties occur while logging in, contact the ACC IT Help Desk at 281-756-3544.

Reviewing Fee Statement in WebACCess:

1. Once logged into WebACCess, click the "Student" link.
2. Under the Registration tab, click "Fee Statement and Schedule" to review fee statement and the classes the student has been registered for. If there is a discrepancy, please contact the ACC Advisor directly.

How to Make Payment Online:

1. Go to www.alvincollege.edu.
2. Click on Make a Payment (located at the lower half of the ACC homepage).
3. Enter ACC Student ID number or Social Security number in the appropriate box.
4. Enter six digit date of birth for PIN (i.e. 010180 – for January 1, 1980).
5. Click "Login Now".
6. Click on "Make a Payment." If making a One Time Payment, click on the Green Pay on the right side of the screen. Follow the rest of the instructions to make the payment.
7. If choosing a payment/installment plan, click the "Payment Plan" link.
8. Click "Sign Up for a New Payment Plan." Read the payment plan details on the next screen and click "Continue."
9. Follow the rest of the instructions on the screens to complete the enrollment for the payment plan.

MyBlackboard

Note: Not all Dual Credit instructors will use this tool for instruction.
Refer to the course syllabus to determine if the instructor requires MyBlackBoard usage.

Every MyBlackboard course is unique. For example, some instructors use MyBlackboard to supplement a course taught in a regular classroom environment and may only add a couple of key tools to MyBlackboard. Alternatively, a course may be taught entirely online using a multitude of tools and content may be added to the MyBlackboard course. The choice is up to the instructor as to how extensively students utilize the system.

Logging into MyBlackboard

1. Go to the Alvin College Homepage at <http://bb.alvincollege.edu>.
2. Enter username and password.

NOTE: If logging in for the first time, the username AND password will both be the student's WebACCess username. There is a link on the login page to search for this information if the student does not know it.

We recommend that students change their password periodically to ensure security:

1. Login.
2. Click the "My Places" link at the top right of the page. (It looks like a silhouette of a head in black).
3. Click "Personal Information." Students can also access "Personal Information" on the Tools panel.
4. On the "Personal Information" page, click "Change Password."
5. On the "Change Password" page, type a new password for the account. The password must be at least one character and contain no spaces.
6. Type the password again to ensure accuracy.
7. Click "Submit."

Getting Your Computer Ready

One of the easiest ways to make sure that the student's computer is configured to work with MyBlackboard is to use the "Check Browser" link located at the bottom of the login screen. It will run a check on the student's computer system and inform the student of any conflicts.

For Questions Concerning	Contact
Course info Syllabus Content Grades Due dates	The instructor ACC staff email is usually first initial last name@alvincollege.edu Example: John Smith would be jsmith@alvincollege.edu
Registering for classes Prerequisites Availability of courses	Admissions Office Phone: 281-756-3531 Email: admissions@alvincollege.edu WebACCess online (see link on ACC homepage)
Login problems Forgotten passwords Using MyBlackboard Missing a course	IT Helpdesk Phone: 281-756-3544 Email: ITServices@alvincollege.edu
Distance Education Issues of Inquiries	Ms. Dena Coots Phone: 281-756-3728 Email: de@alvincollege.edu Office: A-176 Hours: Monday – Friday 7:30am – 5:00pm

Student Services

Dual Credit and Concurrently Enrolled high school students are encouraged to make use of the services offered to all registered ACC students, including access to both academic and personal counseling, career workshops, physical fitness facilities, the Library and computer labs. Dual Credit students are encouraged to take part in these activities.

ACC Career Services

281-756-3560

<http://www.alvincollege.edu/CareerServices>

The Career Center can help students realize their scholastic and professional goals by providing a variety of resources that provide up-to-date information about job searching, careers, and schools for students interested in college transfer and career planning opportunities. The Career Planning Program can help define and explore career options that are compatible with an individual's personal goals, abilities, and interests. These services utilize a process of self-assessment (testing), career exploration and information gathering. Individuals who need to decide or clarify a major or need to identify new job possibilities are highly encouraged to make use of these services. Career counseling sessions are available to help students develop an action plan. The Career Center is open to students, employees, and the community. It is located in Building D (Room C-132).

NOTE: The ACC campus is closed on Fridays during the summer. Call to confirm hours of operation.

ACC CyberLink Student Computer Lab

281-756-3544

http://www.alvincollege.edu/Resources/Computer-Labs-Resources#cyberlink_lab

The Department of Information Technology maintains a computer lab for use by all ACC students. A campus-wide network provides access to a wide range of application programs and direct connection to the internet. The ACC CyberLink Student Computer Lab is located on the first floor of Building A.

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ACC Learning Lab

281-756-3566

http://www.alvincollege.edu/Resources/Computer-Labs-Resources#learning_lab

The Learning Lab is an open-concept learning center that provides a variety of support services for students. Services include administering different types of tests, computer lab, and tutoring in many subjects including Math, English, History, Reading, Government and Biology. It is located on the second floor of Building A, adjacent to the Library.

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ACC Library

281-756-3559

<http://www.alvincollege.edu/Library>

The Library provides students with a quiet place to study, professional and friendly assistance by our Library staff, and training opportunities to help students improve their study and internet navigation skills. Use of the automated catalog, internet, and subscription databases require login passwords. Materials not housed in the Library are available through Interlibrary Loan or Document Delivery. Students must show a valid ACC Student ID card to borrow materials, use the computers, or receive the off-site login passwords. The Library is located on the second floor of Building A. Regular Library hours for Fall and Spring Semesters are: 7:30am – 9:00pm Monday –Thursday and 7:30 am – 5:00 pm Friday.

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ACC Store

281-756-3681

www.alvincstore.com

All books and supplies not provided by the Dual Credit student's high school are available at the Alvin Community College Store, located in the Student Center (Building E). The bookstore accepts Visa, MasterCard, Discover, and American Express credit cards. Personal checks are not accepted. The regular College Store hours are 7:30am - 7:00pm Monday – Thursday and 7:30am – 2:00pm Friday.

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ACC Student ID Cards

Students may obtain their Alvin Community College Student ID cards in the Student Center, located in the Alvin Community College Store (Building E). ACC Student ID cards are required for all students on campus and provide access to many student services including computer labs, Fitness Center, Testing Center, Learning Lab, and more. The first ACC Student ID card is free, then there is a \$5.00 replacement fee for each additional ACC Student ID card. Students need to present a copy of their fee statement showing payment for the current semester.

ACC Student Handbook

http://www.alvincollege.edu/resources/pdfs/student_handbook.pdf

The ACC Student Handbook contains all other rights and privileges pertaining to ACC Students. It is the official publication of the Student Code of Conduct and defines other forms of misconduct and discipline (such as suspension and expulsion). It also contains information about student activities and college regulations.

ACC Testing Center

281-756-3526

<http://www.alvincollege.edu/Admissions-Office/Testing>

The State of Texas requires that all college students prove they are college-ready before registering for classes at a college or university in Texas. One of the ways to establish college-readiness is through placement testing. The Testing Center at Alvin Community College administers many tests to help students prove college-readiness (which includes the TSI Assessment). It is strongly recommended that future students test as soon as possible so they will have time for the scores to be processed for the advising session to be completed before registration. ACC Advisors interpret and explain the test results to help students with course selection. The Testing Center is located on the first floor of Building A.

NOTE: The ACC campus is closed on Fridays during the summer. Call to confirm hours of operation.

The Successful Dual Credit Student Will:

1. Complete the Alvin Community College Online Application.
⇒ <https://app.alvincollege.edu/Admissions>
2. Complete the Early Admission Contract.
⇒ <http://www.alvincollege.edu/dualcredit>
3. Meet Testing Standards -TSI Assessment or provide proof of an exemption.
⇒ <http://www.alvincollege.edu/Admissions-Office/Testing>
4. Take care of any payments associated with Dual Credit courses.
5. Review the Refund Policy.
⇒ <http://www.alvincollege.edu/Admissions-Office/Tuition/Credit-Classes-Refund-Policy>
6. Set up WebACCess and MyBlackBoard accounts.
⇒ <http://www.alvincollege.edu/WebACCess12>
⇒ <https://bb.alvincollege.edu/>
⇒ Contact the IT Help Desk for assistance at 281-756-3544.
7. Purchase or rent textbooks through the ACC College Store.
⇒ <http://www.alvincstore.com>
8. Read the ACC Dual Credit Student Handbook to learn about:
⇒ FERPA
⇒ Student Information Plans/Syllabi
⇒ Transcript Request
⇒ Withdrawal Process
⇒ www.alvincollege.edu/dualcredit
9. Utilize the Dual Credit Academic Advisor and the Dual Credit website for assistance! Check the website often for news and updates related to Dual Credit!
⇒ www.alvincollege.edu/dualcredit
10. Check email regularly for ACC correspondence. Email is the official form of college communication. Corrections and changes to student information can be done by either of the following:
⇒ Visiting the ACC Advisor's office on the high school campus.
⇒ Through WebACCess by completing the Student Data Change Form at www.alvincollege.edu/dualcredit (Dual Credit Forms).



Ask questions and stay connected!

Frequently Asked Questions

Why should I take Dual Credit courses?

- Dual Credit courses help students progress closer to high school and college graduation simultaneously at a significantly reduced cost!
- Experience the rigor and reward of college before graduating from high school and gain technical skills necessary to get a job right out of high school.
- Dual Credit students have access to any Alvin Community College resources available to students. These include Advising services, the college Library, Learning Lab Tutorials, Career Exploration, and much more!

How many Dual Credit courses can I take at one time?

House Bill 505 removed limitations on the number of Dual Credit courses a student may take. However, Alvin Community College recommends that students taking more than two Dual Credit courses per semester do so only under the recommendation or advisement of their ACC Advisor or the high school Counselor.

Will the grades I receive in a Dual Credit course appear on my high school transcript?

Yes! The student will receive a letter grade from the college and the high school will assign a corresponding number grade for the high school portion of the course. Grades will appear on both high school and college transcripts. However, it is possible for students to have a high school grade that is different from the college grade because there are some courses that require additional assignments for high school reporting or TEKS that are calculated in the high school grade only.

Will my Dual Credit courses transfer?

Yes! Dual Credit Academic Core classes with a grade C or higher are guaranteed to transfer to any Texas Public College or University. Some universities will accept D grades. Private and out-of-state schools make their own determination according to their admission requirements. Many workforce education courses (e.g. Welding, EMT, Medical Terminology, Culinary Arts, BCIS, and Keyboarding) are not designed for transfer to the university but are accepted towards Associate of Applied Science Degrees.

What are college credit hours and how do I know how many I have?

College courses are calculated by hours for credit. Most college courses are three credit hours; four credit hour courses usually have a lab attached. The second number of the course determines the credit value. (Ex: History 1301=3 hours; Spanish 1411=4 hours).

Can I take college courses during the summer?

Yes! Students may register for summer courses through the ACC Advisor; or online through WebACCess for courses on the ACC campus or online. It is important that students determine if the course is approved for Dual Credit.

My email, phone number, or address has changed. How do I update that information?

A student data change request can be completed online through WebACCess or with the high school assigned ACC Advisor. These forms are also available online at www.alvincollege.edu/dualcredit under the "Dual Credit Forms" link.

Will my high school accommodations be utilized during my Dual Credit courses?

No. High school accommodations/modifications will not be honored in Dual Credit courses. Please contact Eileen Cross, Coordinator of Disability Services, at 281-756-3533 or ecross@alvincollege.edu to discuss any test and/or classroom accommodations for any Dual Credit courses.

Will the GPA I earn in my Dual Credit courses affect my admissions into the college of my choice?

High school policies apply regarding the awarding of high school credit, and college policies apply regarding the awarding of college credit. Be aware of both sets of policies. Students should maintain a 2.0GPA in Dual Credit courses to ensure transferability. Students are encouraged to speak directly to the admissions counselor or refer to the admissions page of the college of choice for standards set forth by that college.

How do I pay for classes?

Once admitted and registered by the ACC Advisor, students will receive a fee statement and schedule by email that will include the payment deadline, payment plan information, and instructions on using the ACC online payment system.

Are Dual Credit courses difficult?

Dual Credit courses are college-level courses. They are more rigorous but they are highly rewarding and achievable with hard work, good study habits and submission of all work ON TIME!

Where do I purchase textbooks?

Books may be purchased on campus at the ACC College Store or ordered online at <http://www.alvincstore.com/>.

If I paid for my Dual Credit course but need to withdraw, will I get a refund?

The campus refund dates may be found online. Do not delay requesting a withdrawal, as it could affect the refunded amount. <http://www.alvincollege.edu/Students/EnrollmentServicesCenter/Tuition/RefundSchedule.aspx>.

What if I'm a homeschool or private school student and want to take college courses?

Homeschooled students are eligible for Dual Credit courses when ACC admission standards are met. Contact Stephanie Stockstill, Director of Admissions and Advising, at 281-756-3527 for information about enrollment.

What about taking college classes online?

Students can expect to spend about 10 hours a week online for a three credit hour course. Students are advised to read the posted syllabus found at <https://alvincollege.xitracs.net/catalog/>. The syllabus provides detailed information about the course requirements, grading and participation policies, and other helpful information regarding the course. The online learning environment is very different from the classroom. Successful students are self-motivated and not prone to procrastination. Students are not generally advised to take online courses prior to senior year.

Is Financial Aid available to students for Dual Credit?

Federal Financial Aid is not available for Dual Credit students. However, students may apply for any scholarships available to assist in paying for Dual Credit courses.

Can I use VA Benefits to pay for Dual Credit courses?

Yes. Please contact the ACC Advisor for additional assistance.

Does my student need to take the Bacterial Meningitis Shot?

Students participating in the Dual Credit program and only taking classes on their high school campus are not required to have any additional vaccinations. However, students taking Dual Credit courses on the ACC main campus will be required to present proof of the Bacterial Meningitis Vaccination for enrollment.

Is there a Dual Credit Orientation and is it mandatory?

Yes! Dual Credit Orientation is mandatory for all NEW Dual Credit students. During the Dual Credit Orientation, students will learn the importance and seriousness of participating in the Dual Credit program. We will discuss student responsibility, expectations, and tips for success. We will introduce WebACCess (used to access ACC transcript, GPA, and more) and MyBlackBoard (used for classroom instruction by ACC faculty). While orientation is informational, we try to make it as lively as possible with door prizes and giveaways!

When will I be registered for my Dual Credit courses? Can I register myself?

Fall registration begins mid-July and Spring registration begins mid-November. Students who have completed the ACC Admission Application, Early Admission Contract, and testing requirements will be registered for their classes on the high school campus by their ACC Advisor. Payment instructions will be emailed once the student is registered. Students who have not completed the process will not be registered until they have completed these steps.

All Dual Credit Students should visit with an ACC Advisor to be registered for any Dual Credit courses to ensure accuracy.

How do I register for the TSI Assessment?

Visit <http://www.alvincollege.edu/EnrollmentServicesCenter/Testing.aspx> to register for testing.



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High Schools and ACC Advisors:

Ms. Gwendolyn Burgess	Turner College & Career High School	281-727-1611	gburgess@alvincollege.edu
Ms. Kennon Henry	Alvin High School/Danbury High School	281-245-2726	khenry@alvincollege.edu
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	Pearland High School	281-412-1664	cmaartens@alvincollege.edu
Ms. Monica Silvas	Manvel High School	281-245-2928	msilvas@alvincollege.edu
Mr. Dedrick Smith	Shadow Creek High School	281-245-3820	ddsmith@alvincollege.edu
Any ACC Advisor	Living Stone Christian School/	281-756-3531	dualcredit@alvincollege.edu
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ACC Staff:

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Mrs. Akilah A. Martin	Director of College & Career Pathways	281-756-3726	amartin@alvincollege.edu
Mrs. Stephanie Stockstill	Director of Admissions and Advising	281-756-3527	sstockstill@alvincollege.edu

ACC Dual Credit Website:

www.alvincollege.edu/dualcredit

Dual Credit General Email Address:

dualcredit@alvincollege.edu

Dual Credit Twitter:

[@alvindualcredit](https://twitter.com/alvindualcredit)

Dual Credit Facebook:

[Alvin Community College - Dual Credit](https://www.facebook.com/AlvinCommunityCollege-DualCredit)

Additional Contact Information:

Department	Subject	Location	Phone
Admissions	Advising, Financial Aid, Scholarships, Records, Transcripts, Testing, Tuition and Fees, Refunds, etc.	Building A, Room 100	281-756-3531
Business Office	Tuition and Fees, Refunds, Payment Plans, Payment, etc.	Building A, Room 111	281-756-3509
Career Services	College Transfer, Job Statistics and Salaries, Career Planning	Building D, Room C132	281-756-3560
College Store	Textbooks, School Supplies	Building E, Room 112	281-756-3681
Financial Aid	Financial Aid, Scholarships	Building A, Room 132	281-756-3840
Library	Library Services, Hours	Building A, Room 204	281-756-3559
Registrar	Enrollment, Records, Transcripts	Building A, Room 139	281-756-3501
Student Activities	Student ID Cards, Student Clubs, Organizations	Building E, Room 119	281-756-3686
Testing Center	Testing, Assessments, TSI, Exam Scheduling	Building A, Room 144	281-756-3526

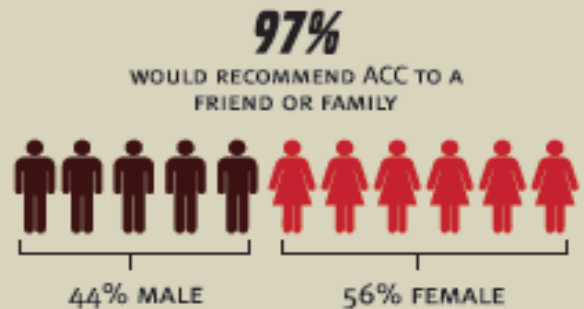


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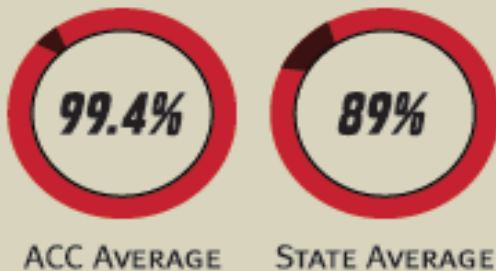
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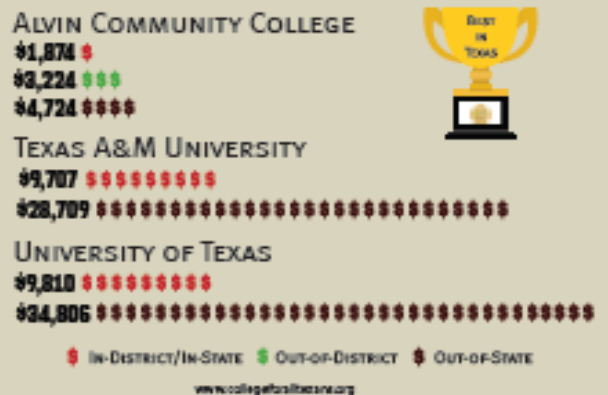


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