

# WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

## DUAL ENROLLMENT (DE)

### What is it?

Dual Enrollment classes provide students the opportunity to earn college and high school credits at the same time. There is a wide selection of both academic and technical classes available and students can take several at once. Classes are taught by college professors or high school instructors who are credentialed by SACSCOC to teach college level classes.

### Where Are Classes Located?

Classes are available at the high school campus, Alvin College campus, and online!

### Are My Credits Transferable to a University?

Students must earn at least a C grade to ensure transferability. Check with your high school, Alvin College Advisor and/or university advisor for more specific information.

### Are There Entrance and Enrollment Requirements?

- Meet with your Dual Enrollment Advisor
- Complete the online Apply Texas application.
- Take the TSI Exam prior to registering.
- Select classes.
- Complete and submit the Alvin College Early Admission Contract.
- Attend Dual Enrollment Orientation.

### How Will It Affect My GPA?

College classes have more impact on your high school GPA than traditional high school classes. Visit with your high school counselor for more information.

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP)

### What is it?

Advanced Placement classes provide students the opportunity to earn college credit after completion of the high school course and the end of course AP exam. Classes are taught by high school instructors who are certified to teach AP courses.

### Where Are Classes Located?

Classes are available at the high school campus.

### Are My Credits Transferable?

Students must earn at least a 3 on the AP Exam (some may require a 4 or 5). Check with your high school counselor and desired university for more specific information.

### Are There Entrance and Enrollment Requirements?

Refer to your high school counselor for enrollment information.

### How Will it Affect My GPA?

AP classes have more impact on your high school GPA than traditional high school classes. Visit with your high school counselor for more information.

### What if I Want to Take Both?

Students are able to take both Advanced Placement and Dual Enrollment courses to earn college credit. Meet with your high school counselor for more information.

## ADVANTAGES AND CHALLENGES

### Additional Reward for Additional Challenge

Dual Enrollment and Advanced Placement classes are more challenging than traditional high school classes. The rigor of these classes help predict future college success. Students will need to be able to balance high school and college at the same time.

### Timing is Everything

High school students can save valuable time after graduation by completing necessary college courses now. Why wait?

### Graduate High School Ahead of Your Peers

Students may be able to graduate high school with their complete or nearly completed Associate of Arts Degree in General Studies by taking a combination of Dual Enrollment and Advanced Placement classes.

### Significant Savings

Students who take Dual Enrollment classes earn college credits at Alvin College at a significantly lower tuition rate. This saves students thousands of dollars over the course of their college career.

### Think of Your Academic, Scholastic, and Financial Future

Dual Enrollment classes may increase eligibility for scholarships, and provide an advantage to your academic and professional resume.

All Dual Enrollment students have access to academic services and resources available as an Alvin College student.

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