

Tech Snacks: Dual Enrollment

Over 100 students partner with MSU-Northern to participate in the Dual Enrollment program. There are different forms of dual enrollment, and lots of potential benefits to the student, your program, and to MSU-Northern. Additionally, there's a recruitment aspect to Dual Enrollment that some faculty are involved in currently, and other faculty might want to know more about.

What is Dual Enrollment?

Dual enrollment is the broad term for opportunities for high school students to take college courses while still in high school. When dual enrollment leads to both high school and college credit, it is called "dual credit."

Per OCHE policy, high school students can enroll in up to two college-credit-bearing courses for free (in the Montana University System). After that, they pay \$50 tuition per credit (no fees). Often the high schools have grants that reimburse students for credit expenses; however, they still purchase textbooks and supplies.

Concurrent enrollment far outweighs non-concurrent enrollment at MSUN (85% of DE FTE in 2024).

The most common concurrent enrollment course areas (offered at high schools that MSUN recognizes for college credit for) are: CHMY, M/STAT, BIO, WLDG, HSTA, WRIT, COMX.

The most common non-concurrent/early college enrollment course areas that high school students take at MSUN are: M, COMX, WRIT, BGEN, NASX, LIT, CJUS, PSYX. Highest enrolled high schools are Havre, Winifred, Belt, Chinook, CJI, Home School, Big Sandy, Shelby, North Toole.

In 2023-24 there were only 8 face-to-face DE enrollments (3 Ag, 3 CJ, Stats, Sociology). Most non-concurrent/early college enrollment at MSUN occurs through online course offerings.

Types of Credit

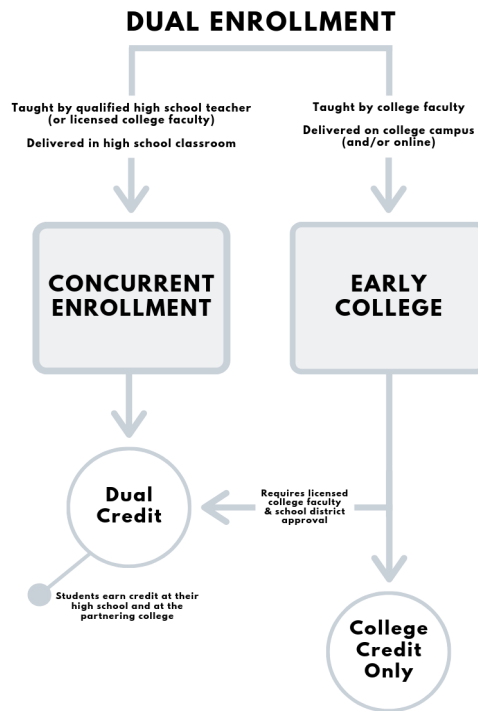
Dual Credit courses award high school and college credit simultaneously for the same course.

College Credit Only awards college credit but not high school credit. The high school may or may not know about the student's enrollment in the college course.

Delivery Models

Early College courses are standard college classes that are open to high school students and offered on a college campus, online, or as a hybrid course.

Concurrent Enrollment courses are college courses taught at a high school to a class of high school students by a college-approved, state-licensed high school teacher who meets the qualifications established by the Board of Regents (BOR) Policy 730.



How to Get Started

First Step to Get Involved:

To start, the first person of contact for anything related to Dual Enrollment is Roger Antisdell, our Dual Enrollment Specialist in the Registrar's Office. Roger can provide information on high school teachers, trends he's seeing with dual enrollment students/high schools, and general information on how the process of Dual Enrollment works.

How to Maintain:

Once you've had an opportunity to reach out to Roger and gather information, you can work to form teacher relationships and collaborate on student classroom goals and ensure both sides are getting the resources/support they need to ensure successful academic outcomes. While counselors also help with Dual Enrollment, working directly with the teachers will usually provide better results.