



Bardstown High School

Opportunities for College Credit

Bardstown High School is committed to excellence, innovation, and diversity. Because of these principles, we are driven to provide students with the best and most complete academic experiences possible to help each student achieve his or her personal and vocational goals. This document outlines opportunities for students to earn college credit, through Advanced Placement (AP), Dual Credit (DC), or KOSSA exams by engaging in rigorous courses during high school.

This document is an introduction to AP and DC opportunities, and it will help you determine the best opportunities for you given your college and career expectations. If you have any questions or concerns about AP or DC, please ask the Guidance Counselor, a teacher, or an administrator.

General differences between college and high school classes:

1. In high school, you receive one “credit” per class (e.g. Spanish I counts for 1 credit), and you need at least 26 credits to graduate. In college, credits are measured in hours. A typical course will be worth 3 credit hours, and it takes more than 120 hours to earn a bachelor’s, or 4-year, degree. A good “rule of thumb” is that a 3-hour class will meet 3 hours per week, but this is not always true. In addition, online classes worth 3 credit hours may not meet at all.
2. Plagiarism, the act of using someone else’s ideas without providing the proper credit, is critical to avoid in college. If you are found guilty of plagiarism, you can fail a class, be expelled from school, or even be denied admission into another college. People in certain professions have even been fired for plagiarism.
3. College classes are named by subject and number. For example, at KCTCS, College Algebra is known as MAT 150. Typically, introductory courses are numbered in the 100s or 200s.

Advanced Placement (AP) is a nationally recognized program run and administered by the College Board. AP courses are offered in a variety of subjects, and students are able to earn college credit by successfully passing a standardized AP exam in May.

- **Who can take an AP course?** At BHS, AP courses are open enrollment. This means that any student may choose to take an AP course.
- **Who teaches AP courses?** AP courses are taught by high school teachers, but the course curriculum is designed by the College Board. All AP teachers submit a syllabus to the College Board for approval.
- **Is there a cost for an AP course?** There is not a cost to take the course, but it does cost \$94 to take each AP test.
- **What are advantages to taking an AP course?**
 - AP classes are rigorous, and they provide students with an introduction to the higher expectations of college classes.
 - Because college credit is awarded by passing a recognized exam, students are able to receive credit for AP courses in every state, though colleges and universities are free to award credit for AP courses as they see fit. You should check with the schools that you are interested in attending to determine how the school accepts AP credit.
 - The College Board reports that AP participation has much more positive impact on college graduation rates than dual credit courses, and selective colleges and universities like to see AP classes on students’ transcripts because of the accepted rigor and nationally recognized standards.
- **What are disadvantages to taking an AP course?**
 - College credit is only earned by passing the test in May, not by passing the class.
 - Passing the test does not guarantee receiving college credit.

Dual Credit (DC) courses are a partnership between BHS and a local college or university. Students taking dual credit courses are jointly enrolled at BHS and a local college or university. At the end of the year, the student will be given a grade for the course that will appear on both the student's high school and college transcript.

- **Who can take a DC course?** To be eligible to take a DC course, a student must meet the college's admission requirements. Generally, this means that a student must be in the 11th or 12th grade and meet appropriate benchmark scores on the ACT, KYOTE, or other college admissions exam. There are some exceptions to this general rule.
- **Who teaches DC courses?** DC courses are taught by college faculty. Sometimes BHS teachers, with appropriate educational backgrounds to be dually employed by the high school and the college/university, teach DC courses, but some DC courses, particularly online courses, are taught by outside college/university faculty.
- **Is there a cost for DC courses?** Yes. In Kentucky, DC courses are offered at a substantially reduced rate (between \$50 and \$55 per credit hour). This rate is less than or equal to 1/3 the cost of a college credit for non-DC students.
 - *This means that a typical DC course costs about \$150 - \$165.*
- **What are advantages to taking a DC courses?**
 - DC classes are rigorous, and they provide students with an introduction to the higher expectations of college classes.
 - Research shows a positive relationship between college graduation and students who take DC courses, particularly DC mathematics courses.
 - You start accumulating college credit in high school.
 - You demonstrate the ability to complete college work, and it provides an introduction to the personal responsibility required to succeed in college.
- **What are disadvantages to taking a DC course?**
 - Because the course is offered by a single college, the credit is awarded by that college.
 - The credit may or may not transfer to the college that you choose to enroll in after high school, but general education courses generally transfer between public colleges/universities in Kentucky. Colleges have articulation agreements dictating how credit transfers from one institution to another. You should check on how the credit will transfer for your college or university choice.
 - College credit is determined by passing a college class, and passing or failing a class is determined by the professor. There is not a national standard.
 - For example, College Writing I and College Algebra are standard courses across the nation, but each professor may grade the course differently.
 - Your college transcript will include your DC classes. Doing well in a DC class is great, but struggling in or failing a DC class will negatively impact your college transcript.

AP and DC Opportunities at BHS

- The BHS AP program is open to all students and offers diverse, rigorous, and challenging courses. Courses offered include:

AP Art	AP Biology	AP Chemistry
AP Environmental Science	AP Spanish	AP English Literature
AP English Language	AP Calculus AB/BC	AP Statistics
AP US History	AP American Government	AP Psychology
AP Physics		

- English, Mathematics, and Science Dual Credit Opportunities with Pre-requisites

Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
Course	Pre-Requisite	Course	Pre-Requisite
ENG 101 (College Writing I)	ACT English 18, TABE-A 12.8, or KYOTE English 6	ENG 102 (College Writing II)	ENG 101
<i>Preparation for College Writing (not dual credit)</i>		ENG 101 (College Writing I)	ACT English 18
MAT 150 (College Algebra)	ACT Math 22 or KYOTE Algebra 14	STA 220 (Statistics)	MAT 150
<i>Preparation for College Mathematics (not dual credit)</i>		MAT 150 (College Algebra)	ACT Math 22, KYOTE Algebra 14
		MAT 146 (Contemporary Mathematics)	ACT 19 or KYOTE 22 and KYOTE Algebra 7 – 13
		MAT 116 (Technical Mathematics)	ACT Math 19 or KYOTE 18 – 21 or KYOTE Algebra 5
CHEM 130 (Introductory General and Biological Chemistry) Enrollment Requirements: ACT English 18, Math 19, Reading 20 and successful completion of Pre-AP Chemistry			

- College Readiness – Seniors have an opportunity to take a College and Career Explorations course through Western Kentucky University. This is a one-hour course that helps students consider college and career opportunities after high school.

- Business and Technical Dual Credit Opportunities

CSC 199 (Introduction to Information Technology) – Pre-Requisite of Math ACT 19 from Murray State	ECO 190 (Personal Economics) from Murray State	TEC 102 (Technology and Society) From ECU Online
AVN 107 (Intro to Unmanned Aircraft Systems) From ECU Online	CON 294 (Construction Graphics) From ECU Online	
<i>At BHS, students in career pathways have opportunities to complete KOSSA Tests. Passing these tests can result in college credit. If you have questions about these tests, please visit the Guidance Office.</i>		
WLD 100 (Oxy-Fuel Systems) at NCATC	WLD 120 (SMAW) at NCATC	WLD 140 (GMAW) at NCATC
WLD 123 (SMAW Groove Welds and Backing) at NCATC	CAD 200 – Mechanical and Technical Design at BHS	TEC 102 – Advanced Design Application at BHS

- Teacher Education

EDTP 201 (The Teaching Profession) from University of Louisville	EDTP 215 (Foundations of Instruction) from University of Louisville	EDTP 107 (Human Development and Learning) from University of Louisville
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- We offer a DC lab period that allows students to choose between courses offered online by WKU or other colleges. Examples of courses that students have previous taken online include:

SOCL 100 (Introductory Sociology) from WKU	PSY 100 (Introduction to Psychology) from WKU	CRIM 101 (Criminology) from WKU
CHEM 101-WL (Introduction to Chemistry) from WKU	COMM 145 (Fundamental Speaking/Communication) from WKU	RELS 100 (The New Testament) from WKU
ART 100 (Art Appreciation) from WKU		