



# **DUAL ENROLLMENT**

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**NOVA** | Northern Virginia  
Community College



- One of 23 members of the Virginia Community College System
- 70,000+ credit students and 3,000+ faculty and staff
- Largest public educational institution in VA and one of the largest community colleges in U.S.
- 6 Campus Locations
- Accredited by the Commission on Colleges for SACS
- Offer more than 100 Associate's Degrees and Career Studies Certificates
- Top 5 choice for Northern Virginia high school graduates
- Recognized for its teaching excellence

# WHAT IS DUAL ENROLLMENT

- A program for high school students to earn college credit before graduation
- The best double dip – take one course for both high school and college credit
- The Law! HB 1184 requires Virginia public school districts and local community colleges to create pathways for students to earn college credits



# BENEFITS OF DUAL ENROLLMENT

- Allows students to receive high school and college credit
- Avoids duplication of courses taken in high school and college
- Guaranteed college credit with a C or better
- Lowers the cost of post-secondary education
- Allows students to use campus resources and participate in college events and activities
- Students who have participated in a dual enrollment program have higher high school graduation and college enrollment rates
- DE students have higher persistence and retention rates as well as higher GPAs in college

# AP AND DE

- Advancement Placement has been around for years while DE is relatively new in VA
- AP open enrollment vs DE placement testing
- DE teachers must meet requirements of college professors
- AP articulated credit while DE is guaranteed
- AP structured to the test
- DE often provides more college credit than its AP counterpart
- DE is a **college** class offered at no cost in the high school
- Weighted GPA bump 1.0

# LANGUAGE USED IN DUAL ENROLLMENT

- Dual Credit-
  - Class taken for high school and college credit
  - Can be taken on-campus, online or through contract Dual Enrollment within the high school
- College Credit -
  - Class taken ONLY for college credit
  - Can be taken on-campus or online
- General Education/Transfer Courses-
  - Designed specifically to transfer to a four-year college
  - Included in NOVA's Associate of Art and Associate of Science Degrees
- Career and Technical Education/ Non-transfer Courses-
  - Designed for NOVA's Associate of Applied Arts or Science degrees (AAA and AAS)
  - *Can* transfer to a four-year school but that is not its purpose

# EARLY ONLINE COLLEGE

- Program for FCPS Juniors and Seniors
- Students must meet dual enrollment eligibility criteria
- Courses are college credit only
- Focus on UCGS course blocks
- Tuition is paid by Fairfax County
- Students are responsible for course textbooks and materials
- Online, asynchronous 12-week sessions each fall and spring
- <https://www.nvcc.edu/online-early-college/>

Fall 2024 Application Deadline:  
TBD (~ June of 2024)



# INDEPENDENT DUAL ENROLLMENT (FCPS: “CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT”)

- Full tuition payment required (no financial aid available/accepted)
- Fully On-campus
  - Taught by NOVA faculty on campus with curricular and Dual Enrollment students
  - Synchronous, face-to-face meetings
- Hybrid
  - Taught by NOVA faculty on campus with curricular and Dual Enrollment students
  - Synchronous, face-to-face meetings and asynchronous assignments
- Online through NOVA Online
  - Taught entirely online by NOVA faculty through Canvas with curricular and Dual Enrollment students
  - Asynchronous



# CONTRACT COURSES WITHIN CERTAIN HIGH SCHOOLS

- Taught by high school faculty who are credentialed NOVA adjunct faculty
- Taught entirely within the school day at the high school
- \$0 Tuition

West Potomac High School  
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English 11 DE Composition (ENG 111/ENG 112)  
English 12 DE Composition (ENG 111/ENG 112)  
English 12 DE Composition (ENG 255)  
Entrepreneurship 1 DE (BUS 116)  
Entrepreneurship 2 DE (BUS 165)  
Virginia and United States Government DE (PLS 135)  
Virginia and United States History DE (HIS 121/HIS 122)



# ELIGIBLE STUDENTS

- High School Juniors and Seniors
- Exceptional 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Graders
  - *Individual review*
  - *Test scores, transcripts*
- Proof of English College Readiness
  - *Use GPA, PSAT, ACT, SAT scores to qualify*
  - *VPT Testing*
  - <https://www.nvcc.edu/dual-enrollment/admission-placement.html>
- Additional placement criteria for math and science

# TRANSFERABILITY

- NOVA's Dual Enrollment program is accredited by NACEP  
<http://www.nacep.org/nacep-accredited-programs/>
- DE general education credits do transfer to most Virginia colleges and universities and to many other four-year institutions
- All colleges have specific policies regarding acceptance of transfer credits
- Students should contact the college or university being considered to discuss the transferability of dual enrollment courses toward their intended course of study
- Transfer Portal <https://www.transfervirginia.org/>

# PASSPORT LEGISLATION

- Focuses on General Education courses
- 15 credit “Passport”
  - *First semester of college*
  - *Includes College Composition, US History, US Government, Chemistry, Biology, Math - Pre-Calculus, Calculus, Statistics*
- 30 credit “Uniform Certificate of General Studies”
  - *First year of college*
  - *Many courses offered through Early Online College*

# DUAL ENROLLMENT EXPECTATIONS

- College grading policies can differ from HS
- College transcripts are permanent and must be submitted
- Deadlines must be met
  - *Enrollment Deadline*
  - *Drop and Withdrawal Windows*
  - *Assignment Due Dates*
- Self-Advocacy
  - *Students must be involved in all discussions with parents*
  - *Parents cannot check a NOVA gradebook online*
- Accommodation requests must be submitted through NOVA Accommodations and Accessibility Office

# ACCOMMODATIONS & ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES

- Any DE student requesting an accommodation must go through NOVA's Office of Accommodations & Accessibility Services
- Testing is not provided
- The application process begins online
  - <https://www.nvcc.edu/accommodations/index.html>
- Student may receive a Memorandum of Accommodations (MOA)
  - MOAs are not retroactive. Accommodations can only be implemented once the MOA is presented to the instructor.
- Only accommodations in a NOVA MOA can be used toward the NOVA grade
- Only the student and the instructor are aware of the accommodations
- **Accommodations do not fundamentally alter the curriculum or assignments.**

# CONTACT US!

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NOVA Dual Enrollment - <https://www.nvcc.edu/dual-enrollment>

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*Thank you!*