



Yantis High School

Dual Credit Handbook

Spring 2024

What is dual credit?

Dual credit allows students to earn both high school credit and college credit for a class. Dual credit classes are taught online by Tyler Junior College faculty.

Not all colleges and universities accept credit earned in all dual credit courses taken in high school for college credit. Students and parents should check with the prospective college or university to determine if a particular course will count toward the student's desired degree plan.

At YISD, a junior or senior student may take up to 2 dual credit courses per semester, fall and spring. A sophomore student may take 1 dual credit course per semester, fall and spring.

Pros and Cons of Dual Credit

Pros

- Allows you to get a jumpstart on college
- More cost effective than college courses after high school
- Weighted GPA points for dual credit courses
- Supportive atmosphere for taking your first college classes

Cons

- Increased workload over regular high school courses
- Requires a time investment that may cause you to have to take time from other activities

Eligibility Requirements for Dual Credit

Dual credit classes at YISD require:

1. The student has passed the college placement test, TSI (Texas Success Initiative). This test is designed to help determine if you are ready for college level coursework. The passing scores are listed below.
2. The student is in good standing in all high school and any dual credit classes with a 70 or above based on grades at the end of the 9 weeks prior. If a student does not pass their dual credit class, they will not be allowed to take dual credit classes the following semester. If a student drops a class after the full refund date, they will not be allowed to take dual credit classes the following semester and will be required to repay the district the tuition fee of \$275.
3. Students must be in good standing with classroom teachers. Students who have office referrals, etc. may not be allowed to take dual credit classes.

TSI Score Requirements for Dual Credit Enrollment

Reading

945 or higher **AND** Essay of 5

OR

910-944 **AND** Essay of 5 **AND** Diagnostic Level 5

Math

950 or higher

OR

910 - 949 **AND** Diagnostic Level 6

**The above TSI scores are required in reading for all academic courses except math. If a student meets the required TSI score in math only, they may enroll in dual credit math classes only.

The TSI Exam

The TSI is a college placement exam that is given online. The TSI exam will be offered on campus to sophomore students once in the fall and if not passed, again in the spring at no cost. Juniors and seniors must pay for their TSI exam if they are wanting to take dual credit classes. The cost is usually around \$25 for first time testers and around \$15 for a retest. The TSI exam can be taken at various locations including TJC in Tyler, PJC in Sulphur Springs and might be offered at Yantis High School as well.

Tips for Success in Dual Credit

- Manage your time wisely. College classes typically require more time than your traditional high school classes.
- Communicate with your teacher.
- Stay organized.
- Keep up with due dates.
- Students are encouraged to take the TSI practice test before taking the TSI. The website is accuplacer.org and then go to “student portal”.

Classes Being Offered Spring 2024

Class ID	Name of Class	Prerequisite
ECON 2301 ID1	Principles of Macroeconomics	TSI reading
ENGL 1302 IDC	Composition II	TSI reading AND ENGL 1301 with C or higher
GEOG 1303 ID1	World Regional Geography	TSI reading
GOVT 2306 ID4	Texas Government	TSI reading
HIST 1302 IDC	US History II	TSI reading AND Recommended to have taken HIST 1301
MATH 1314	College Algebra	TSI Math
MATH 1342 ID8	Elem. Statistical Methods	TSI Math
PSYC 2314	Lifespan Growth & Development	TSI reading
SPCH 1315 ID8	Public Speaking	TSI reading

Dual Credit / College Course Agreement

College level Dual Credit courses are being offered to students at Yantis High School through Tyler Junior College. Students will be able to take these courses concurrently provided they make a passing grade in the previous college course and have met all requirements outlined in the dual credit handbook. Sophomore, junior and senior level student expenses (tuition and books) will be paid for by YISD, providing the following:

1. The student must maintain a passing grade of at least 70 or better in the course they are enrolled in. Students who fail to achieve a passing grade of 70, and/or drop a class after the full refund date, will be required to repay the district the tuition fee of \$275 and will not be allowed to take dual credit classes the following semester.
2. The student book that is provided is returned at the end of the class in good condition. Textbooks not returned or returned damaged will be paid for by the student it was issued to at a cost of approximately \$100.

By signing this agreement you are acknowledging the terms and conditions of the agreement and that you agree to the terms outlined in the Dual Credit Handbook.

Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Student Signature _____

Principal or Administrator _____

Check one of the following options:

I would like to receive a paper copy of the Dual Credit Handbook.

I accept responsibility for accessing the Dual Credit Handbook by visiting the Yantis ISD website under Student Advising. If I have questions regarding the handbook, I should direct those questions to the School Principal.