

AP/Dual Credit/OnRamps: What's the Difference?

	Advanced Placement (AP)	Dual Credit (DC)	UT OnRamps
Description	The AP Program allows students to take college-level courses and the related AP exam, potentially earn college credit while still in high school.	Dual Credit allows students to simultaneously earn high school and college credit by successfully completing Temple College (TC) courses. TBI: Texas Bioscience Institute is a Temple College dual credit program that offers high school students to earn up to 60 college credit hours in STEM focused curriculum. Many TBI students graduate with an associates degree as well as a high school diploma.	Dual Enrollment (OnRamps) allows students to earn high school and potentially earn college credit through the University of Texas at Austin while still in high school.
College Credit	College credit is typically granted when students pass the AP examination with a score of 3 or higher. Individual colleges and universities, not the College Board nor the AP program, grant course credit and placement.	College credit is awarded when the student passes the course. The individual colleges and universities determine if the credit is accepted as Texas Core Credit or elective credit. Credit acceptance will vary by college and university. Students are advised to research the policies at their preferred institutions.	Students receive weighted high school credit when they successfully complete the course. Students also receive college credit if they pass the college portion of the course. This counts as Texas Core Credit at all Texas public universities and colleges.
Student Eligibility	Open to any student in the appropriate grade level. Students are expected to have the skills and knowledge from prior Pre-AP courses, and be motivated to work outside the school day on college level material.	Open to juniors and seniors. Students must qualify by taking the Texas Success Initiative (TSI) test, or by making the required score on the most recent PSAT test. The TSI test is offered at SHS. Students are expected to be motivated to work outside the college classroom on college level material.	Open to students who show high achievement in the regular classroom, and who wish to experience a college-level course and are motivated to work outside of the school day on college level material.
Teachers/Instructors	Courses are taught by SHS teachers trained by The College Board.	Courses are taught by Temple College professors.	Courses are taught by high school teachers trained by and in cooperation with UT Austin professors.
College/University Acceptance	Accepted throughout the nation. Usually requires a score of 3 or higher on AP exam. See individual college/university for their policy. Some may require higher than a score of 3 depending on the major.	Will transfer to public colleges and universities in Texas, and many private institutions. Some colleges and universities, especially out of state, may not accept. Some will accept as course credit while others may accept as an elective. Check	Accepted at any public university in Texas. Accepted at most private universities. Check with individual college for academic requirements.

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Location	AP courses are taught on the SHS campus.	Dual credit courses are taught on the SHS campus. TBI classes are taught at Temple College.	UT OnRamps Dual Enrollment courses are taught at SHS through collaboration with an SHS teacher and a UT professor.
Cost	AP courses are free. There is a \$100 fee to take the corresponding AP exam (per exam). The deadline to register for exams will be in November each year. Exam fee discounts or waivers are available for free/reduced lunch students.	Dual Credit/TBI Cost \$65/hour or free. Tuition based on income.	UT OnRamps Dual Enrollment courses will cost \$149 per course (\$99 Free/Reduced Lunch) with appropriation from the legislature. Without appropriation, the course would be \$249 per course and \$199 Free/Reduced Lunch.
Textbooks	Provided by the school. Students may prefer to purchase their own texts that can be annotated.	Provided by the school. Students may prefer to purchase their own texts that can be annotated.	Provided by the school
College Transcripts	No college transcript is created. The grade for the course is reflected on the high school transcript.	A Temple College transcript is created. Grades are also reflected on the high school transcript.	There are two grades. One for the college portion of the course. This generates a University of Texas transcript. Students can accept or decline the college credit. The high school portion of the grade is reflected on the high school transcript.
Impact on GPA	Weighted GPA-Tier 1.2 courses and carry the highest weight.	Weighted GPA-Tier 1.2 courses and carry the highest weight.	Weighted GPA-Tier 1.2 courses and carry the highest weight.
Courses Offered at SHS	Currently Offered: AP Computer Science AP Computer Science Prin. AP Pre-Calculus AP Statistics AP Calculus AB AP English Language AP English Literature AP World History AP US History AP Government/Economics AP Spanish	Currently Offered: DC English III DC English IV DC US History DC Government DC Economics TBI Courses vary but include: DC English III DC English IV DC US History DC Government DC Economics College Level Math courses College Level Science courses	Currently Offered: UT OnRamps Biology UT OnRamps Chemistry