



SOTOMAYOR HIGH SCHOOL

Advanced Academics

Where your college experience begins....



Why Advanced Academics?



Easier transition from high school to college, military, career, technical and **LIFE-READY**



Greater likelihood of success in college courses



Exposure to rigorous coursework and experiences



Reduced cost of enrolling in higher education courses



Greater likelihood of earning a high school diploma and a college degree

The Benefits:

GPA:

Advanced courses add points to a student's **Semester Average**. This plays a large role when calculating the **GPA** of these courses.



Cost:

Advanced courses are **FREE** to our students. In college, students have to pay for these courses. They can be extremely costly and can range from 100's to 1000's of \$\$\$!!!

What is AP?



01

AP Courses expose student to college rigor, and allow them to earn college credit by passing an AP exam (score 3 or higher)

02

Students sign up for courses in the Spring through their counselors

03

Some courses may require summer reading.

04

Students pay for AP exams (Cost: \$40) in the Fall. Students take the exam in early May and scores are received in early July

***Advanced courses expose students to the skills necessary for AP courses– no college credit is earned**

What AP courses do we offer at Sotomayor High School?



Math

Pre-Calculus
Calculus BC
Calculus AB
Statistics



History

World History US History
Human Geography Psychology
US Government Macroeconomics



Languages

Spanish 4 Language & Culture
Spanish 5 Literature & Culture
French Language & Culture



Art

2-D Art and Design
AP Drawing
Art History
Music Theory



English

English Language 3
English Literature 4



Science

Computer Science A
Computer Science Principles
Environmental Science
Physics 1
Physics 2
Biology

What is On Ramps?



01

Students earn college credit from the University of Texas at Austin (UT) . Provides students with college experience.

02

Students engage with high-quality content and build digital literacy skills using the same tools as UT students

03

Students earn **TWO** grades (high school and college). These grades do **NOT** have to match

04

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DUAL
ENROLLMENT
is



2 TEACHERS

+



2 CLASSES

+



2 GRADES

=



HIGH SCHOOL *and*
COLLEGE CREDIT

OnRamps Courses offered at Sotomayor High

School:



US History

What is Dual Credit?

01

Dual Credit allows students to earn both high school and college credit simultaneously at their high school.

02

College credit is awarded as long as the student earns a 70 or higher each semester.

03

Awarding of college credit comes from a local community college (Northwest Vista College).

04

Can take up to 14 courses however, if the student exceeds 30 college credit hours of dual credit, it may affect financial aid

Dual Credit Courses at Sotomayor High School:



Electives

Medical Terminology Dual



History

World History AP/Dual
US History AP/Dual
US Government AP/Dual



English

English 3 AP/Dual
English 4 AP/Dual



Languages

Advanced Spanish 3 Dual



Math

Pre-Calculus AP/Dual
Calculus AB AP/Dual
Calculus BC AP/Dual
College Algebra Dual
Statistics AP/Dual



Science

Environmental Science AP/Dual
Biology AP/Dual
Physics 1 AP/Dual
Human Anatomy and Physiology Dual

How Do I Become Eligible for Dual?



Step 1

*Complete ApplyTEXAS Application
(returning students do NOT need to apply unless there was a gap)

Due:
3/22



Step 2

*Complete GoFAAR & Test Prep Modules in ACES
*Complete Parent Consent Form

Due:
4/1



Step 3

*Pay for and take the TSI (unless PSAT exempt)

Due:
4/26



Step 4

*Complete Dual Orientation Module in ACES- Canvas

Due:
4/26



Step 5

*Confirm Course Requests with Counselors

Due:
5/1

TSI TESTING and Waivers:

Requirement that determines eligibility to take college level courses.

TSI Test

Cost: \$14

Retest: \$14 (You must have taken the entire test prior to retesting, you can then take just the areas you need)

Administered at Sotomayor HS on April 5 and April 12
TSI Prep will be hosted at Sotomayor HS on April 10

Waivers

PSAT scores: EBRW- 460 MATH-510



Already in Dual Credit?



If your student is **CURRENTLY** taking a dual credit course (this does not include if they took one in the past, but not this year) they will do the following:

- Complete the dual credit form letting me know what courses they want to take next year (this will be emailed at the start of February to their instructors)
- Potentially sign up and take the TSI in areas they may not have previously passed or were not required to take last year.



Advanced Expectations

- **It is the student's responsibility to know all important deadline dates when applying for the DC program.**
- **These are college level courses**
- **They will be considered a college student!**
- **Advanced classes are more demanding and the expectations are higher.**
- **Students should be prepared and willing to work hard to meet the challenges of their advanced level courses.**



A college transcript is a permanent educational record

Dual Credit Transcripts

- **Grades earned will factor into your college GPA as well as your high school GPA.**
- **A semester grade below a 70 will be recorded on your high school and college transcript. You will be dropped from the dual credit course and will not be allowed to retake that course again through the Dual Credit Program or participate in any course where the failing course was a prerequisite.**
- **You must send these NVC transcripts showing prior college work when you apply to any college institution**



Dual Credit Withdrawals

- **A student may withdraw from a dual course to avoid a failing grade; however it must be done in a timely manner**
 - **Withdrawal from course before census date (10–12 days into the semester): NO penalty on students NVC transcript**
 - **Any withdrawal after census date but before last official final day of the course will result in a grade of a W on the students NVC transcript**
- **A grade of W has no academic consequences in terms of GPA; however, students who earn a grade of W in their college career may find their financial aid jeopardized**
- **After the official day to withdraw has passed, then a student may NOT withdraw, and they earn the grade the instructor gives, even if that grade is a D or F**



Note!

It is recommended that students check with their intended university to verify the credits will transfer.

- ★ **Texas Common Course Numbering System**
- ★ **AP Credit Policy**



What's the Difference?	Dual Credit	Advanced Placement (AP)	UT OnRamps
# of Courses	Max of 14 dual credit courses, recommend do not exceed 30 college hours to avoid affecting financial aid and students do not exceed 3 Dual courses a year (15 hours/semester)	There are no limits as to how many courses a student can take.	There are no limits as to how many courses a student can take.
Eligibility	Students must apply and take the TSI (or PSAT exemption) to qualify for Dual Credit courses.	There is no pre-test or application required to qualify to take AP courses.	Must meet course prerequisites
Earning College Credit	College credit is earned by passing each semester of the high school course (70 or higher).	College credit is earned by scoring a 3, 4, or 5 on the AP test administered in May.	UT professor awards college grade based on university work and assessments.
Weighted Points added per Semester when calculating GPA/Class Placement	AP/DC- 8 Points DC Only- 5 Points	8 Points	5 Points
Credit Transfer	College credit is transferable to other universities/colleges. Students should consult with their chosen college/university to inquire about transferability.	University determines course equivalency. AP scores of 3 or higher may qualify students for college credit nationwide. Each university determines score to course equivalency.	College credit is transferable to other universities/colleges. Students should consult with their chosen college/university to inquire about transferability.

Contact Us!

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