

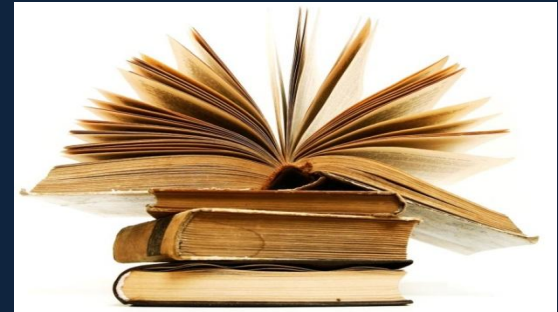
Advanced Academics Night

O'Connor High School

November 9, 2023

Agenda

- AP vs. Dual Credit vs. UT OnRamps
- Advanced Academic Courses at OHS
- Dual Credit Admissions Process
- UT OnRamps
- Benefits of Taking Advanced Courses
- How to Access Resources
(PowerPoint is available online)



Texas Law

- Texas Public Universities
 - 3,4 or 5 on an AP exam – the university must award credit or placement
 - Dual Credit classes
 - Maximum of 42 hours in H.S.



Our Goal

English 1301/1302

College Algebra: Math 1414



Course Comparisons

| Advanced Placement | Dual Credit | UT OnRamps |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">*Governed by College Board*Meets State of Texas and College Board Standards*Take AP Exam to earn college credit*College level rigor | <ul style="list-style-type: none">*College course on OHS campus*College student*College transcript*College level rigor*Requires an application & TSI/PSAT*Admission determined by Northwest Vista | <ul style="list-style-type: none">*College course on OHS campus*College student*College transcript*College level rigor*Taught by UT professor*2 different grades |

Courses Offered

AP

- English III & IV
- Art History
- Music Theory
- 2-D Art & Design
- French Language
- German Language
- Latin
- Spanish Language
- Spanish Literature
- Environmental Science
- Calculus AB & BC
- Computer Science A
- Computer Science Principles
- Statistics
- Macroeconomics
- Psychology
- US Government
- US History
- World History

DC

- Biology
- Calculus AB & BC
- English III & IV
- Environmental Science
- College Algebra
- Pre Calculus
- World History
- US History
- Medical Terminology
- Culinary Arts (Levels 1-3)

UT OnRamps

- English IV (1301/1302)
- Computer Science

Course Sign-Up

- AP & UT OnRamps
 - Parent/Student/Teacher Contract
 - Completion of any prerequisites
 - OHS Deadlines
 - Additional steps to sign up and take the exams in May (AP)
- DC
 - Apply Texas
 - OHS Student Information Form
 - Parent Consent Form
 - Go FAARR Module
 - TSI exam (Qualifying PSAT Scores)
 - Completion of any prerequisites
 - ACCD Deadlines

Advanced Academics at OHS

- Talk to your student's teachers
- [Explore AP](#) - (website with lots of AP info!)
- AP Exam Fees (\$40/10 per test)
- TSI Exam Fee \$14 per testing instance

Benefits of Advanced Courses

- GPA – 8 points for AP/ DC/OnRamps & 5 for Pre-cal or Coll. Alg. DC
- Stand out in the college admissions process
- Top 200 Universities receiving AP Scores
 - #1 UT– 33,813 exams – 12,728 students
 - #2 A&M – 30,814 exams – 13,092 students
- 62,061 applicants – 34,233 admitted TAMU
 - Advanced courses are essential!



AP Data – [Click here](#)

Benefits of Advanced Courses

- Get ahead in College – SAVE \$\$\$\$
 - Skip the 101's in College
 - Average savings with AP/DC
 - \$876 in tuition per credit w/room & board
 - Some seniors leaving with 20+ credits
- Build college-level skills
- Develop study and time-management skills



AP Scholar

- Levels of distinction based on individual achievement:
 - AP Scholar
 - AP Scholar with Honor
 - AP Scholar with Distinction
 - State AP Scholar
 - National AP Scholar
- Awards are acknowledged on any score reports that are sent to colleges & look excellent on college apps.

AP/DC has been positive because...

- “I have been presented with healthy academic challenges.”
– Savannah, OHS Senior
- “I have learned how to prioritize my time with a more rigorous course load... I have also felt more challenged.” – Lauren, OHS Senior
- AP classes have taught me how to time manage an advanced curriculum and prepared me for higher level classes.” -Amelia, OHS Sophomore.
- “It has taught me how to remain disciplined and persevere through adversity...” -Maya, OHS Senior
- “It has challenged me to do my best and placed me with classmates who are just as ambitious and focused...” - Connor, OHS Senior

Fact vs. Fiction

FICTION

FACT

Advanced Courses are for students who always make good grades.

Advanced Courses are for students who are motivated and enjoy a challenge.

Taking Advanced Courses will hurt my GPA.

NISD provides a GPA weight to Advanced Courses to encourage students to take these rigorous courses.

Advanced Courses are too stressful.

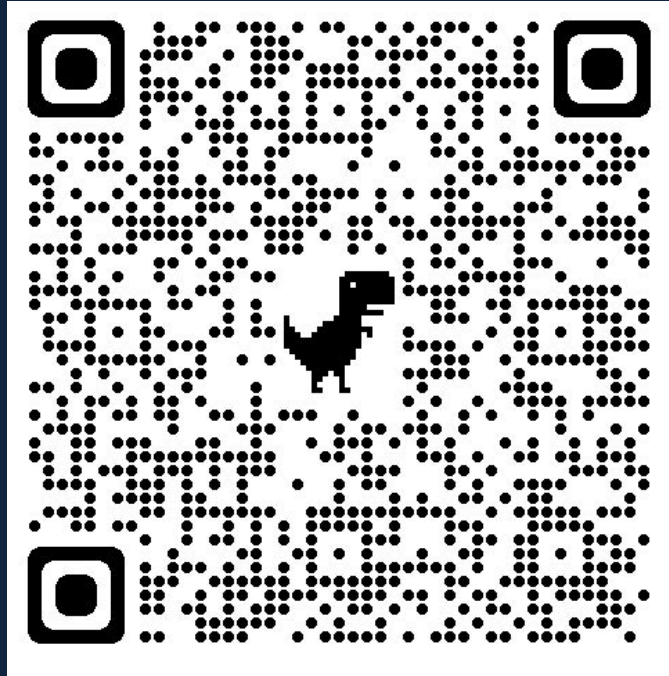
While challenging, yes, OHS provides support in many ways to ensure success in these courses.

I don't know if I can score a 5 on the AP exam...

In Texas, any student who earns a 3 or better on their AP exam WILL be awarded credit.

Website

- [Preview](#)



Next Step

- Follow checklist provided for Dual Credit
- Students attend a FLEX session for assistance or parents make an appointment.
- Meet all Dual Credit deadlines
- Sign up for the courses you choose during registration



Thank you!

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