

AP & Dual Credit Night

O'Connor High School

December 17, 2013

Agenda

- AP & Dual Credit Explained
- AP & Dual at OHS
- Why take advanced courses
- Process of Dual Credit Admissions

AP vs. DC

- AP

- Governed by College Board
- Meets state of Texas and College Board Standards
- Take AP Exam to earn college credit
- College level rigor

- DC

- College course on OHS campus
- College student
- College transcript
- College level rigor
- Requires an application
- Admission determined by Northwest Vista

Course Sign-Up

- AP

- Teacher recommendation and course card signature
- Parent permission
- Completion of any prerequisites

- DC

- OHS Application
- ALAMO Enroll
- Parent Consent Form
- Residency
- Go FAARR Module
- TSI or eligible equivalent
- Completion of any prerequisites

Courses Offered

AP

- English III & IV
- Art History
- Music Theory
- Studio Art
- French Language
- German Language
- Latin : Vergil
- Spanish Language
- Spanish Literature
- Environmental Science
- Calculus AB & BC
- Computer Science
- Statistics
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics I, II & C
- Human Geography
- Macroeconomics
- Psychology
- US Government
- US History
- World History

DC

- Biology 1406 & 1407
- Calculus AB (2413) & BC (2413, 2414)
- English 1301, 1302, 2322, 2323
- Environmental Science 2406
- French 1411, 1412
- Calculus III, 2415
- Latin 1311, 1312, 2311 2312
- College Algebra/Pre Calculus 1414, 2412
- Spanish 1411, 1412
- US History 1301, 1302

****Only offered at Northwest Vista****

- Law & Public Safety
- Medical Terminology
- Pharmacology

Stacked Courses

- Calculus AB & BC
- English III & IV
- Environmental Science
- French
- Latin
- Pre Calculus
- Spanish
- US History

AP & Dual at OHS

- AP Potential
- No limit on # of AP courses you can take
- Limited to 1 Dual Credit Course for Sophomores
- Limited to 2 Dual Credit courses for Juniors & Seniors
- Talk to the teachers
- AP Exam Fees
- TSI Exam Fee \$11 per testing instance.

Benefits of Advanced Courses

- GPA – 8 points for AP/ DC & 5 for PAP/DC
- Stand out in the college admissions process
- Top 200 Universities receiving AP Scores
 - #1 UT – 29,420 exams – 11,787 students
 - #2 A&M – 26,030 exams – 11,506 students
- 30,000 applicants – 9,000 admitted
 - Advanced courses are essential

Benefits of Advanced Courses

- Get ahead in College – SAVE \$\$\$\$
 - Skip the 101's in College
 - Average savings with AP/DC
 - \$550 in tuition per credit
 - Some seniors leaving with 10+ credits
- Build college level skills
- 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.

Advice from AP/DC Students

- “AP courses are difficult, but worth it due to earning college credit, and being prepared for even harder classes.” –OHS Senior
- “I advise you to take the course... Yes it is difficult and yes an above average grade is hard to achieve, but it will be beneficial in the long run.” –OHS Senior
- “I am able to be taught by VERY good teachers who want to make sure that all students understand the material.” –OHS Senior

Next Step

- Talk with course teachers
- Follow checklist provided
- Attend a Dual Credit Application Help Session
 - January 8th 8:15-8:45 & 4:15-4:45
 - January 15th & 16th 12:30-1:30
 - January 23rd 8:15
 - January 29th 4:15
- Meet all deadlines

Online Resources

- OHS AP & Dual Credit Website
- **Linked on Mrs. Ellis' teacher page**
- All of tonight's info + more!

<http://oconnorapdualcredit.weebly.com/>