



Full-Time Dual Credit Program Information

- ❖ Students earn both high school and college credit, which will count towards HS graduation.
- ❖ Open to incoming senior students with a cumulative unweighted GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- ❖ Students must demonstrate the following college readiness benchmark scores:
 - SAT:** Evidence based Reading/Writing: 480, Math 530 & Geometry pre-requisite
 - ACT:** Reading 19, English/Writing 19, Math 22
- ❖ Any applicant without a qualifying ACT or SAT score will be provided with the opportunity to take ECC's placement tests in order to demonstrate readiness. Students must complete a paper application and return it to their counselor by December 22nd in addition to completing an online application for ECC.
- ❖ Students must take 4 or 5 classes per semester (12 credits minimum and 16 credits maximum).
- ❖ To fulfill senior year graduation requirements all students must take an English course each semester, a physical education course each semester, a government course, and an economics course. They will also be administered a Constitution Test by U-46 staff.
- ❖ Classes typically meet Monday thru Thursday between 8 AM and 4 PM.
- ❖ Students will take College 101 on Friday mornings after which the U-46 staff member overseeing the program will hold informational sessions and office hours for individual student counseling.
- ❖ School District U-46 will pay all fees and tuition costs.
- ❖ Students will pay U-46 high school registration fees for the 19-20 school year. Students will also be responsible for purchasing textbooks. The district will provide students with resources for purchasing books outside of the ECC bookstore.
- ❖ Students must provide their own transportation to and from ECC.
- ❖ Students can participate in school activities provided they are not governed by the IHSA (Illinois High School Athletic Association)
- ❖ Grades for all courses taken as part of the program will factor into a student's GPA on a straight 4.0 grading scale, no grades will be weighted.
- ❖ Students are still considered incoming freshman if they apply to college for 20-21 school year.
- ❖ Student will choose either an Associates in Arts or Associates in Science option, courses selected for both programs have universal state codes so they should all transfer to any university without problems.
- ❖ Students can participate in clubs/activities at ECC, but not competitive sports.
- ❖ Students cannot apply for FAFSA for the 19-20 school year to get loans to help cover the costs of fees and books.
- ❖ Classes will be taken in a cohort model so they will be in class with other high school students and regular college students.

Dual Credit Program Checklist and Timeline

Step 1 _____ Apply for admission by 12/21/18 (online and paper application)

Step 2 _____ Demonstrate college readiness by 1/21/19

Option 1: Submit ACT or SAT Scores (Submit directly to ECC's Admissions Office)

SAT: Evidence based Reading/Writing: 480, Math 530

ACT: Reading 19, English/Writing 19, Math 22

Option 2: Take ECC placement tests

Elgin Community College Testing Center, Building B, Room 115 (847) 214-7150

Hours: Monday – Thursday 9am–9pm; Friday–Saturday 9am–3pm.

No appointment is necessary, please allow one hour for each test.

TESTING CENTER IS CLOSED FROM 12/21/2018 – 1/1/2019

You will need an ECC ID number and a photo ID in order to test. This information will be provided by email/letter after application has been submitted.

- Math Placement Test (ALEKS) – Allowed 5 attempts. Online prep is required between each attempt. Instructions will be provided by ECC Testing Center staff
- Reading and Writing – Allowed 2 attempts per exam. Must wait 72 hours between retakes.

Students can demonstrate college readiness by combining their results from option 1 and option 2

Step 3 _____ Receive an acceptance or denial letter by 3/1/2019

Step 4 _____ Attend a mandatory Welcome Night on 3/21/2019