

**AGREEMENT
ON
DUAL CREDIT COURSES OFFERED BY
THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT ARLINGTON**

In accordance with and under the authority of Texas Education Code Sections 61.027 and 61.076 and the Rules and Regulations of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, high school students may enroll in university courses and receive simultaneous academic credit from both the university and the high school. In order to ensure the quality of dual credit courses and to facilitate communications and understanding between the Pioneer Technology & Art Academy (PTAA) and The University of Texas at Arlington (UTA), the following provisions are agreed to by UTA and PTAA with regard to dual credit.

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

High School Juniors or seniors can participate in The University of Texas at Arlington Dual Credit Program by demonstrating college readiness and direct admission by satisfying the following:

- Being ranked in the top 20% of your current class standing, or a PSAT score of at least 107 (critical reading and math), or a PLAN composite score of at least 23, or a 3.5 unweighted grade point average (4.0 scale), or SAT I score of at least 1070 (Critical Reading + Math), or ACT composite score of at least 23,
- Satisfying the Texas Success Initiative (TSI) requirement for college readiness by achieving the minimum passing standards on the TSI Assessment Test, or equivalent.
 - Equivalent methods to satisfy the TSI requirement include:
 - Achieving an SAT I score of at least 1070 (Critical Reading + Math) with scores of at least 500 in both Math and Critical Reading; or
 - An ACT composite score of at least 23 with scores of at least 19 in both Math and English; or
 - Having a STAAR math score of at least 4000 for the Final Level II Score for Algebra II and STAAR English/language arts score of at least 2000 for the Final Level II Score for English III is exempt from the reading and writing requirements.

High school students applying for admission to the Dual Credit Program must submit the following:

- Application for admission and a \$50 application fee
- Official high school transcript
- Official SAT, ACT or other scores (listed above) to demonstrate college readiness
- Completed Dual Credit Program agreement signed by the high school representative, the student, and the student's parent or guardian

As of September 1, 2013, incoming Texas college students under 22 years old must be immunized against bacterial meningitis before they enroll in an institution of higher education.

Students enrolling in certain dual credit courses must meet university course prerequisites unless prior prerequisite waivers have been obtained. For instance, students enrolling in English 1302 must have completed or been awarded credit for English 1301.

FACULTY QUALIFICATIONS

The instructor for a dual credit course will be employed by The University of Texas at Arlington. The instructor must meet credential requirements of UTA and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

All classes will be held on the UTA campus or taken by Distance Education. Classes are open to all UT Arlington students.

GRADING CRITERIA/PROCEDURES

At the end of each semester, UTA will provide a grade roster with letter and numeric grades to the high school principal for dual credit courses.

Students may request an official transcript from UTA for a fee of \$7 per copy.

The UTA courses offered for dual credit, regardless of format, follow the same syllabus, course outline, grading procedure, and other academic policies. Letter grades are given in accordance with academic policies printed in the university catalog and placed on the university transcript.

PTAA will record the student's official grade on the student's report card and the final grade on the student's Academic Achievement Record. The student must earn a grade of 70 or higher in order to earn high school credit.

TRANSFERABILITY OF CREDIT

The University of Texas at Arlington is a fully accredited institution and basic academic courses are transferable. However, since each university has its own policy regarding the transferability of courses, each student is strongly advised to check with the university to which he or she plans to attend if other than UTA, to determine the transferability of the UTA courses.

STUDENT EXPECTATIONS/SERVICES

Students enrolled in dual credit courses --

- Are expected to follow university rules and regulations
- Are classified as undeclared majors
- Are limited to two (2) UTA courses each fall, spring, or summer semester while concurrently enrolled in high school
- Receive academic advising for course registration at the UTA Honors Academy Dual Credit Program

FEES

The University of Texas at Arlington fee waivers for students enrolled in Honors Academy dual credit courses result in a price per course lower than that paid by other UTA students. Specifically, students enrolled in a three (3) credit hour course pay \$150* (\$50 per semester hour). Additionally, students are responsible for parking fees, specific departmental fees (including \$37.50 distance education course fee, if applicable) and books.

*Estimate based on current charges - tuition and fees are subject to change.

**Distance Education courses are limited through the Honors Academy Program. Check with Director for eligible courses.

Annual renewal of this agreement is automatic unless one institution notifies the other in writing of its desire to modify the dual credit agreement.

More important than the stated provisions above is the spirit of cooperation between the Pioneer Technology & Art Academy and The University of Texas at Arlington. Both parties endeavor to provide a positive collegiate-level experience for those high school students with the maturity and academic preparation to benefit from college-level courses.

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