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CENTRAL  
SCHOOL DISTRICT 301

# DUAL CREDIT PROGRAM GUIDE

## PARENTS AND STUDENTS SCHOOL YEAR 2021-22

[elgin.edu/dualcredit](http://elgin.edu/dualcredit)

# What is Dual Credit?

Elgin Community College and its partner School Districts offer several dual credit programs that allow high school students to enroll in college courses. Students earn simultaneous high school and college credit. The programs provide a way to save time and money towards attaining a higher education, experience college life, and prepare for a successful transition after high school.

**A quick summary of the programs available are outlined below.** Each Dual Credit program offers a unique opportunity to students. Depending on students' academic, behavioral, or social needs.

## Full-Time Dual Credit Program

- Senior enrollment (One-year program )
- Junior enrollment (Two-year program)
- Earn 30+ transferable credits each year
- Minimum of 12 credit hours each semester
- Courses are chosen from the Associate of Arts or Science degree plan

## Part-Time Program: General Education

- Junior and Senior Enrollment
- Enroll in 1-2 courses each semester
- Maximum of 7 credit hours each semester
- Courses fulfill part of the postsecondary General Education Core Curriculum

## Part-Time Program: Career-Technical Education

- Junior and Senior Enrollment
- Maximum of 7 credit hours each semester
- Courses meet the requirements an Associate in Applied Science degree
- Most programs provide students the opportunity to earn an academic and/or industry certification

# Why Enroll?

## High school leader embraces college life

Yessica Tello is a political science student who plans on going to law school so she can advocate for individuals who have been wrongly accused of crimes. Tello, one of the first members of her family to attend college, is among 11 dual-credit students who will graduate in May 2019. She will earn her associate degree from ECC concurrently with her high school diploma from Harry D. Jacobs High School in Algonquin.

Tello was the first dual-credit student elected president of ASPIRE 1G, a student club dedicated to supporting first-generation students at ECC. Through her experience as president, Tello built a strong personal

network and gained valuable social, leadership, organizational, and time-management skills.

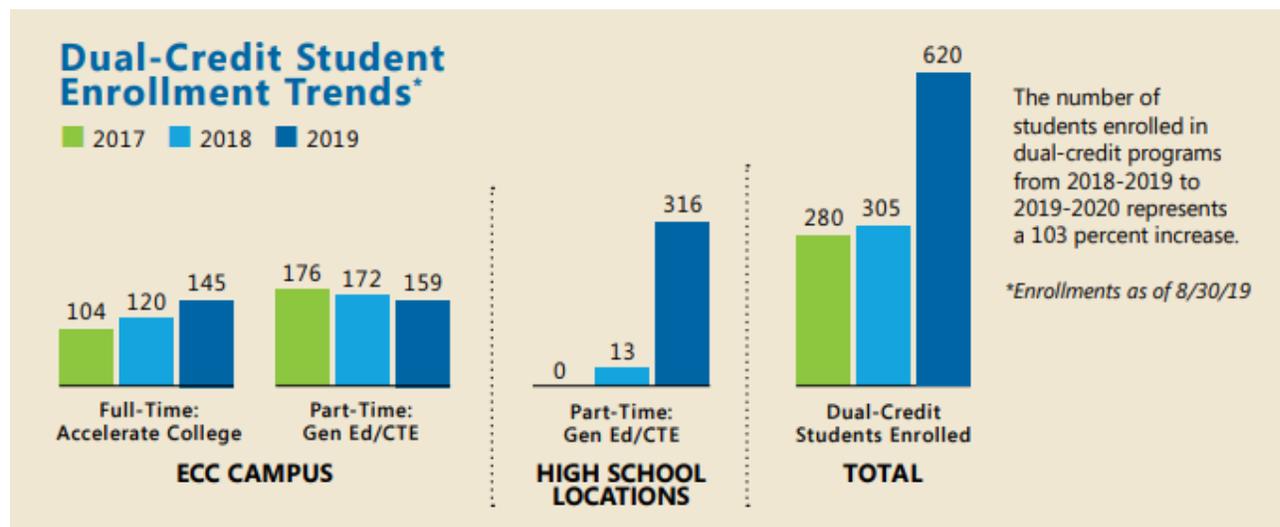
At ECC, she's had the opportunity to take classes that weren't available at her high school, meet new peers, and experience college before she transfers to a four-year university.

For Tello, the best part of being a dual-credit student is showing people how much she's capable of when given the room to grow and the opportunity to succeed. "I've always been a hard worker," she said. "It gives me a great sense of pride knowing that I'm doing everything I can to achieve my dreams."



Students opt to participate in Dual Credit courses for a variety of reasons. Why might a student decide to enroll in a Dual Credit program:

- Experience more rigorous coursework and try out the college environment
- Earn college credit to help get ahead in college
- Stand out in college admissions
- Develop skills, behaviors, and knowledge to support your transition to college
- Save money – students should follow up with their district to see what costs are covered



# How Do I Get Started?

In learning about each program, it is important students meet with their high school counselor and discuss the specifics of each program. Below is a summary of the programs' structure, expectations, and qualifications. Students should direct questions about the program options to their high school counselor.

This information should help students determine which option best aligns with their academic plan and interests. For dual credit options where the student attends classes on the ECC campus, students are responsible for their transportation. A representative from the high school will share information about tuition, fees, and other costs related to the different dual credit programs.

Each School District or Private School determines the dual credit programs that students are eligible to participate in as part of their high school education. District 301 has elected to offer the following options in partnership with Elgin Community College.

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## FULL-TIME DUAL CREDIT PROGRAM

High school juniors and seniors enroll in a minimum of 12 college credits each semester. Juniors must stay on pace to complete the 60-credit hour degree requirement within their two academic years (i.e. 15 credit hours in each fall/spring semester). All courses are completed at the ECC main campus. These courses meet the postsecondary requirements of the general education core curriculum as well as high school graduation.

Students work in partnership with the ECC Academic Advising Office and their high school counselor to choose the appropriate transferable courses. Students that enroll as juniors need to complete the course requirements to earn an Associate in Arts or Associate in Science degree. D301 district approves the enrollment of their students. Enrollment is limited – For more questions, please contact your high school representative.

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## PART-TIME DUAL CREDIT PROGRAM

High school juniors and seniors enroll in 1-2 college courses each semester. Courses offered at the ECC campus are offered selected from a variety of academic disciplines, including general education (i.e., English, math, history, science, etc.) and career and technical education (CTE) programs (i.e. automotive, culinary arts, paralegal, etc.). A more limited course option list is available for courses offered at the high school campus.

Students choose courses with the help of their high school counselor to ensure courses selected meet high school requirements. Students must choose between the general education or career and technical education program. D301 district approves the enrollment of their students. Enrollment is limited – For more questions, please contact your high school representative.

## FULL-TIME DUAL CREDIT

### SENIOR ENROLLMENT (1-YEAR PROGRAM)

- Students enroll in 4-5 courses each semester at the ECC campus
- Courses add up to a minimum of 12 credit hours each semester
- Students may earn 30+ transferable credits
- Students complete COL 101-College Success during their first semester
- Course options are selected by ECC and the school district to ensure they meet the student's high school graduation requirements
- Students meet with ECC's academic advising department to develop an academic plan
- Participation in high school activities may be limited

### JUNIOR ENROLLMENT (2-YEAR PROGRAM)

- Students enroll in 4-5 courses each semester at the ECC campus
- Complete 60 credits/degree requirements in two years (i.e. 15 credits per semester)
- Summer courses may be required between junior and senior year
- Students complete COL 101-College Success during the first semester
- ECC academic advisors guide students in selecting classes that meet their college plans.
- Participation in high school activities may be limited

Courses will be scheduled Monday-Friday. Students may be in class from 8:00 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Some courses may be scheduled outside of this timeframe. If courses are offered outside of this timeframe, the dual credit office will ensure that students and school counselors are informed in advance. Students are expected to commit to this timeframe and must understand that scheduling of classes is managed by the dual credit office.

Class sections (days, times, and instructors) are pre-selected by ECC to meet the needs of the program. Class schedules will not accommodate students' work schedules if it falls within the timeframe noted above. The ECC academic calendar may differ from the school districts' calendar.

### PROGRAM QUALIFICATIONS

- Current sophomore or junior at the time of application
- Have at least a 3.00 unweighted high school GPA
- Demonstrate college-readiness – Reading, English, and Mathematics
- Must have qualifying scores – PSAT/SAT/ACT or ECC Placement Tests
- Meet other high school requirements as noted by district policies, including an interview with school staff
- Enrollment is limited and determined by the high school

## PART-TIME DUAL CREDIT

### GENERAL EDUCATION (See Course Options on the next page)

- Current sophomore or junior at the time of application
- Students enroll in 1-2 courses each semester
- Maximum of 7 credit hours each semester (including in-high school dual credit courses)
- Course options offered at the ECC campus or high school
- Students choose courses based on academic interests and goals
- Course options are pre-selected by ECC and school district to ensure courses meet high school graduation requirements
- Courses meet part of the General Education Core Curriculum requirements for a two-year college degree, which may transfer to a four-year college
- Participation in high school activities may be limited

### CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION (See Course Options on the next page)

- Current sophomore or junior at the time of application
- Students choose a CTE program of study
- Course options are offered on the ECC campus, with limited offerings at the high school
- Each program includes courses from an Associate in Applied Science degree
- Credits earned may not transfer to a baccalaureate program
- Prepares students for careers and/or employment in a career or technical area.
- Students choose program based on academic interests and goals.
- Course options have been pre-selected by ECC and school district.
- Participation in high school activities may be limited

## PROGRAM QUALIFICATIONS

- Current sophomore or junior at the time of application
- GPA Requirement:
  - General Education: 3.00 unweighted high school GPA
  - Career-Technical Education: 2.00 unweighted high school GPA
- Demonstrate college-readiness – Reading, English, and Mathematics
- Must have qualifying scores (if applicable) – PSAT/SAT/ACT or ECC Placement Tests
- Meet other high school requirements as noted by district policies

## PART-TIME GENERAL EDUCATION COURSE OPTIONS

The course options available to part-time dual credit students are listed below. These options include courses that fulfill most requirements in the first two years of a college degree. Course descriptions are available at [www.elgin.edu/catalog](http://www.elgin.edu/catalog).

The following descriptions are helpful when selecting courses:

**General Education:** These courses fulfill a general education core requirement. As part of students' baccalaureate education, a series of courses in varying disciplines are required prior/during the completion of specified (i.e. Major/Minor) courses that are selected for the program of study that is being completed. These courses have a high transferability rate and are typically completed within the first couple of years in college. **NOTE: All courses can be credited as electives.**

**Elective:** These courses help a student towards the successful completion of their required elective hours. Each program/institution sets a minimum of courses that students must complete separate from general education and major/minor specific courses. Often, these courses serve to fulfill a prerequisite in a math or science sequence.

**Prerequisite:** These courses are required in order to continue in the specified sequence (i.e. Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, and/or Physics). Students must earn at least a "C". The courses will also satisfy either a general education core requirement or be credited as electives.

Course	Course Prefix & Number	ECC Credit Hours	General Education	Elective	Prerequisite
<b>COMMUNICATIONS</b>					
English Composition I	ENG 101	3	✓	✓	✓
English Composition II	ENG 102	3	✓	✓	
<b>MATHEMATICS</b>					
General Education Statistics	MTH 102	3	✓	✓	
Calculus with Analytic Geometry II	MTH 210	5	✓	✓	✓
Calculus with Analytic Geometry III	MTH 230	5	✓	✓	✓
<b>LIFE SCIENCES</b>					
Principles of Biology	BIO 110	4	✓	✓	✓
<b>HUMANITIES</b>					
Ethics	HUM216	3	✓	✓	
Introduction to Western Humanities	HUM101	3	✓	✓	
<b>SOCIAL SCIENCES</b>					
American Government	POS 150	3	✓	✓	
Principles of Microeconomics	ECN 201	3	✓	✓	

BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES					
Introduction to Psychology	PSY 100	3	✓	✓	✓
Introduction to Sociology	SOC 100	3	✓	✓	✓
MODERN LANGUAGES					
Elementary Japanese I (Hybrid)	JPN 101	3		✓	✓
Elementary Japanese II (Hybrid)	JPN 102	4		✓	✓

## PART-TIME CAREER-TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

- Business and Financial Services
- Basic Nursing Assistant Training Program and Clinical Lab Technology
- Communication Design
- Computer Aided Design
- Criminal Justice and Digital Forensics
- Culinary Arts, Pastry Arts, and Restaurant Management
- Early Childhood Education
- Fire Science & Safety – Fire Protection
- Information Technology

## What Is Next?

1. Review the dual credit program options carefully
2. Follow up with your school counselor or school representative
3. Submit the Dual Credit D301 agreement to your school counselor
4. If you meet the District and ECC Dual Credit Program requirements, your counselor will provide you with instructions on next steps to submit an application
5. **Application Deadline:** January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021
6. **Placement Testing Deadline:** February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021
7. **Admission Decision:** March 5, 2021