



Difference Between AP & DC

Program	Dual Credit	Advanced Placement
Description	College level courses taken to receive college and high school credit at the same time	College level courses offered in high school designed by committees of college faculty members and AP teachers
Instructor	Course taught by college faculty or college approved HS instructor meeting the same standards and requirements of regularly employed college faculty	Course taught by high school approved teachers meeting AP course evaluation and professional development requirements
Costs	Reduced Tuition of \$26/credit hour plus textbooks. Financial Assistance may be available for tuition.	Payment for College Board Exam (Approx. \$100). Financial assistance may be available.
Courses	Academic & Workforce Courses	Academic Courses
Credit	Credit automatically applied to college transcript	Apply for credit by sending AP test scores.
Criteria to Receive Credit	Student receives credit and a letter grade reflective of their class performance	Passing score on AP Exam, typically 3 or higher depending on the college/university
Transferability	Most academic courses will transfer to any Texas (and surrounding states) public college or university when a student earns a "C" or better	Accepted nationally. Acceptance of credit depends on the institution and exam grade
Eligibility	Must show college readiness via placement exam to take courses	Open enrollment (no entrance exam/requirements)

