

# Hanson Dual Credit Opportunities (College/HS Credit) FAQ's

## Q: What is Dual Credit?

A: Dual Credit courses can be taken during high school in place of high school elective courses. These courses not only gain elective credit toward High School graduation but will earn students college credit which can not only save students money in college but can cut down on their workload by allowing them to take a lighter credit load in college or could even allow them to graduate college early if they get a head start.

## Q: Who can take Dual Credit courses?

- A:
- A high school junior or senior attending a public high school within SD
  - Meet undergraduate admissions requirements (ACT or coursework); or
  - If high school senior, rank in upper one-half of their class or score at or above 50th percentile on a nationally standardized, norm-referenced test, such as the ACT or SAT; or
  - If high school junior, rank in upper one-third of their class or score at or above 70th percentile on a nationally standardized, norm-referenced test, such as the ACT or SAT
- Each Program at the Technical Institutes has unique entrance requirements

## Q: Who pays for the courses?

A: Since college credit is earned for completion of the course the parent/student must pay the entire cost of the course along with any books or materials that are required.

## Q: How much do Dual Credit courses cost?

A: During the 2014 Legislative Session it was tuition assistance was approved to offer dual credit courses through Board of Regent Schools at the discounted cost of cost \$40/credit. Typically classes are 3 credits which would come to \$120 for the course along with any books/lab fees needed which depend on the course. The current rate at the University of South Dakota is \$256.80 per credit for SD residents so you can see that this price is a major discount. While the burden of coming up with money to pay for dual credit courses now may be tough without financial aid, the price is actually a fraction of what it would cost a student to take these courses once they reach college.

## Q: How do I know if these dual credit courses will transfer to the college I am planning on attending?

A: Board of Regents Baccalaureate General Education Curriculum will transfer between BOR institutions. Technical institutes may have limited number of courses that will transfer to BOR institutions. Students are encouraged to consult with the institution of their choice regarding transferability of credits earned.

## Q: Is a distance learning course right for me/my child?

A: While students have different learning styles and online courses may or may not fit their learning styles, most college students will take an online course at some point in their college life. This may be an avenue of exploring whether online learning is right for you/your son or daughter. Students will need to have great self-discipline/motivation/problem solving skills as there is not a local staff member teaching the course. Students will need to keep themselves on pace and be responsible to themselves and their work.

## Q: What courses are available to take for dual credit?

A: See the list provided.

## Q: If I have further questions who should I/my son or daughter contact?

A: Questions concerning dual credit opportunities at Hanson can be directed to Mr. Slaba or Mrs. Price.

## Q: How do pay for dual credit courses?

A: Students will be billed directly by each institution offering the dual credit courses.