

## **Dual Enrollment FAQ Sheet**

### **Dual Enrollment Program at San Jose Virtual School (SJVS)**

Dual Enrollment is a high school acceleration program that affords academically advanced secondary students who meet eligibility requirements the opportunity to take college coursework. Both high school and college credits are earned simultaneously. Doral College and San Jose Virtual School have an agreement that allows qualified students to participate in dual enrollment courses. All courses are offered online. Upon successful completion of dual enrollment courses, students receive high school credit and college credit hours.

### **What are the benefits of Dual Enrollment?**

- Expands academic options for qualified students by including a variety of college courses
- Strengthens a student's high school academic record by providing increased rigor
- Reduces the overall cost of a college education, since dual enrollment students are exempt from paying any tuition or fees
- Provides students with college credit that is transferable to a college or university within the Florida State Course Numbering System, shortening the pathway to a degree

### **How much do Dual Enrollment courses cost?**

Students are not responsible for paying for courses. Doral College's all tuition, textbook costs, and course fees are covered under Doral College's services agreements with its participating affiliate schools.

### **When and where are Doral College Dual Enrollment courses offered?**

Courses are offered online. One thing that sets Doral College apart is its emphasis on technology and broad distance learning offerings. Doral College classes at SJVS are available online, eliminating barriers like a lack of transportation and expanding available opportunities for virtual schools. Doral College offers courses during the Fall, Spring, and Summers to ensure students have adequate time to fulfill the requirements for the Associate in Arts degree should they wish to graduate.

### **How many high school credits are awarded for Dual Enrollment courses?**

The Florida State Board of Education has published a dual enrollment course high school subject area equivalency list. This list specifies the dual enrollment courses that high schools accept toward meeting high school graduation requirements. High school credits vary by course.

### **Will credits earned through Dual Enrollment transfer to other colleges and universities?**

Dual enrollment credits earned at Doral College during Summer 2018 and thereafter have been approved through the Florida State Course Numbering System (SCNS), which facilitates transferability between member institutions including all public colleges and universities, and private schools that have chosen to participate. However, if students do not, upon high school graduation, attend the same college or university where they earned the dual enrollment credit, the application of transfer credit to general education, prerequisite and degree programs may vary at the receiving institution if the course is not offered by the receiving institution. Students who plan to transfer out of state, or to a Florida institution that does not participate in SCNS should contact the institution of interest to confirm whether or not credits from Doral College will be accepted.

### **How do I qualify?**

To be eligible for dual enrollment at Doral College, students in grades 6-12 must:

1. Attend a school with which the College holds a services agreement
2. Hold an unweighted high school grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or above\*
3. Be recommended for the program by his or her high school principal/counselor
4. Provide evidence of college readiness in all areas\*

\*Students who do not meet all requirements may be eligible to enroll in courses through the College's SLS ONLY or Non-Degree Seeking Restricted Enrollment statuses. For students in grades 6-8, only grades in high school courses will be considered.

### **What are the cut scores needed for the college readiness tests?**

As noted above, to qualify for admission to the College, students must provide evidence of college readiness in all areas. The following chart indicates all eligible tests which may be used to qualify and the scores required for each.

| <b>Test</b>                                  | <b>Reading/Verbal</b> | <b>English/Writing</b> | <b>Math</b> |
|--|-----------------------|------------------------|-------------|
| PSAT   | 430+                  | Included in reading    | 480+        |
| SAT  | 24+                   | 25+                    | 24+         |
| ACT  | 19+                   | 17+                    | 19+         |
| PERT   | 106+                  | 103+                   | 114+        |
| ACCUPLACER CLASSIC<br>(prior to Summer 2020) | 83+                   | 83+                    | 72+         |

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| ACCUPLACER Next Gen<br>(Summer 2020 and thereon) | 242+ | 242+                | 245+ |
| Mathematics FSA or EOC*                          | N/A  | N/A                 | 4+   |
| ELA Reading FSA*                                 | 4+   | Included in reading | N/A  |

\*Alternative criteria established in light of Covid-19.

Should a student have taken more than one of the eligible tests listed, the College will consider all scores when making the student's admissions decision. For example, if a student submits qualifying scores from the PSAT for Reading and Writing and a qualifying score from the PERT for Mathematics, the student would be admitted to the College, assuming all other requirements have been met.

### **What is Early Admissions?**

Early Admissions is a form of dual enrollment that allows especially committed students to enroll in college coursework on a full-time basis during their senior year. In addition to the general admissions requirements, Early Admissions students must meet the following:

1. Attend a high school that currently participates in Early Admissions through Doral College
2. Have completed prior dual enrollment coursework, preferably including online courses
3. Be recommended for the program by the school principal/counselor.

Early Admissions students are required to enroll in 12-15 credits each term.

### **What if I don't meet the General Admissions Requirements?**

Students who do not meet the College's GPA and/or test score requirements may still be able to enroll through one of the restricted program statuses outlined below.

### **NON-DEGREE SEEKING RESTRICTED ENROLLMENT**

Applicants who can provide evidence of college readiness in reading and writing, but not mathematics, who otherwise meet the General Admissions Requirements, will be accepted, but will not be permitted to enroll in mathematics or sciences courses.

### **SLS ONLY**

The College has recently adopted guidelines which allow students who do not qualify for regular admission to enroll in SLS 1101: College Success. This course is designed to provide

students with the skills to succeed both in and out of the classroom, laying the foundation for college-level study. Students who wish to utilize this option must:

1. Hold an unweighted GPA of 2.5 or above for grades 9-12 or 3.0 or above for grades 6-8\*
2. Should have attempted at least one of the college readiness tests accepted by the College for admission (passing scores not required).

\*Accelerated middle school students (grades 6-8) will be considered for this status if they have completed a minimum of one semester of high school coursework with the equivalent of a 3.0 GPA or above, and the recommendation of the school principal/counselor.

Students admitted to the College under the SLS ONLY option will not be permitted to enroll in any other courses unless/until they meet the general admissions requirements.

### **Do I have to take the PERT?**

Doral College accepts the PERT as an approved college readiness test. However, students may also provide college readiness scores from the PSAT, SAT, ACT, or ACCUPLACER, to be considered for admission. Doral College administers the Next Generation ACCUPLACER exam to interested students who do not otherwise hold qualifying scores. Students should expect to take the following sections of the Next Generation ACCUPLACER exam:

- Quantitative Reasoning, Algebra and Statistics (QAS)
- Reading
- Writing

For more information regarding ACCUPLACER testing, or to schedule a testing appointment, please contact the help desk at [studentaffairs@doral.edu](mailto:studentaffairs@doral.edu).

### **What must I do to remain eligible?**

Students are expected to maintain a minimum 3.0 high school grade point average (GPA) and a minimum 2.0 GPA within College coursework. The first time a student falls below a cumulative 2.00 GPA in College coursework, he/she will be placed on Academic Probation (AP). If the cumulative GPA is not raised to 2.00 or higher at the end of the next term of enrollment, the student will be Academically Withdrawn (AWD) and unable to re-enroll.

### **Do I need to complete a new student orientation?**

Yes. Students are introduced to the College's various resources (Schoology, Smarthinking and the library) through an online Student Resources page that is easily accessible from the main website. This newly designed Student Resources page includes a new student tutorial, and gives students support in using the systems they will need to navigate to be

successful at Doral College. This page also provides guidance on other aspects of enrolling at DC, like how to communicate in an online environment, access the College Catalog & Student Handbook, and avoid pitfalls like plagiarism.

### **How many credits can I take per term?**

Doral College understands that each student is different and that the affiliate schools know their students best. For this reason, the College gives advisors discretion over registration limits up to 11 credits. Students who wish to enroll in 12-15 credits will be considered full-time and part of the College's Early Admissions Program. In all cases, special consideration should be given to a student's other academic commitments so as to not overload the student. Students should ask their advisor what registration limits apply at their school. Enrollment maximums should be determined on a case-by-case basis, depending on each student's academic plans, time constraints, and other commitments or concerns. A student's school and onsite advisor have final approval on course selections, subject to College program requirements and prerequisites. In the case of students who are on Academic Probation or have recently earned unsatisfactory grades, students are cautioned against enrolling in multiple courses. These students should focus on returning to good standing.

### **What is the process to drop or withdraw from a course?**

During the high school academic year (fall and spring terms), students must contact their onsite Advisor to request a drop or withdraw from a course with a W grade. During the summer term, students may contact the College directly by emailing [studentaffairs@doral.edu](mailto:studentaffairs@doral.edu). Please see the current calendar for deadlines.

### **What are the policies regarding grade forgiveness and re-taking courses?**

Doral College's forgiveness policy permits students to repeat a course in which they have received a grade less than a C, and then have the repeated grade computed in his/her GPA in place of the original grade, providing the repeated grade is higher than the first grade. To obtain forgiveness, a student must first re-enroll in the failed course, obtain a satisfactory grade, and then request forgiveness from the Student Affairs department.

### **Do Dual Enrollment students receive accommodations for disabilities?**

Absolutely. In accordance with state and federal laws, the College provides accommodations for students with disabilities to ensure equal access to its programs and services. Students requesting accommodations should submit appropriate documentation (IEP/504 plan/psychological evaluation) to the Student Affairs department for review. If accommodations are determined to be necessary, the student will receive an Accommodations

Notification Letter which the student must save and provide to course instructors at the start of each term.

**May a student take Dual Enrollment courses beyond the high school graduation date?**

No. If a student is projected to graduate from high school before the completion of the postsecondary course, the student may not take that course through dual enrollment. However, after graduation, the student may re-enroll in Doral College as a self-pay undergraduate school for an affordable rate per-credit rate.

**Is a student who completes Dual Enrollment credits considered a freshman for state university admissions?**

According to Board of Governors Regulation 6.002, first-time-in-college freshman are defined as students who have earned a standard high school diploma from a Florida public or regionally accredited high school, or its equivalent, and who have earned fewer than twelve (12) semester hours of transferable college credit after receiving a standard high school diploma or its equivalent. High school students who also graduate with an associate in arts degree at high school graduation may still be eligible for “freshman” scholarships even if granted junior status, depending upon the institution. Students on this track should contact their prospective university regarding specific benefits.