

# Advanced Courses

Knowing the difference between advanced courses will assist you in planning for both high school and college courses.

	ADVANCED PLACEMENT	DUAL CREDIT	DUAL ENROLLMENT	IB
DESCRIPTION	Students enrolled in AP courses take the AP exam to potentially earn college credit while in high school.	Dual Credit students can simultaneously earn high school and college credit by successfully completing El Paso Community College (EPCC) courses.	OnRamps students take courses designed by UT Austin and complete a specialized, college-level curriculum in addition to their regular high school work.	Students choose courses from higher level (HL) or standard level (SL) in language and literature; language acquisition; individuals and societies; sciences; math; and the arts.
COLLEGE CREDIT	Individual colleges and universities grant college credit when students pass the AP exam.	College credit is awarded when the student successfully completes the course.	College credit is awarded when the student successfully completes the course and formally accepts the credit. Student pays \$20 transcript fee.	Students may earn credit for IB courses, but the amount of credit varies. Students earning the full diploma can gain sophomore status upon entering university.
TEACHER / INSTRUCTOR	Taught onsite by high school teachers using a curriculum approved by College Board.	Taught onsite (or at CTE for articulated course credit) by high school teachers who serve as adjunct professors with EPCC, or at EPCC by EPCC professors.	Taught onsite by high school OnRamps Instructors trained by UT, and in collaboration with UT faculty.	Taught onsite by high school teachers using a curriculum approved by IBO.
CREDIT ACCEPTANCE	Accepted throughout the nation. Requires a score of 3 or higher on AP exam. Contact individual college/university for their AP policy.	Accepted at public colleges and universities in Texas, and many private institutions. Check with individual college/university for academic requirements.	Guaranteed to be accepted at any public university in Texas and most private universities. Check with individual college/university for academic requirements.	Amount of credit accepted varies. Some colleges award credit to students who hold a full IB diploma; others award credit for individual exams.
POLICY SEARCH	<a href="https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/getting-credit-placement/search-policies">https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/getting-credit-placement/search-policies</a>	Check course compatibility across 134 institutions of higher learning in Texas: <a href="https://www.tccns.org/">https://www.tccns.org/</a>	Check course compatibility across 134 institutions of higher learning in Texas: <a href="https://www.tccns.org/">https://www.tccns.org/</a>	Contact individual college/university for their IB course compatibility.
TUITION & TEXTBOOKS	Free for students.	Free for students.	Free for students.	Free for students.