

# Advanced Courses

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

	ADVANCED PLACEMENT	DUAL CREDIT	IB	DUAL ENROLLMENT (ONRAMPS & NEEL)
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	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.	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.	OnRamps students take courses designed by UT Austin. National Education Equity Lab (NEEL) students take courses designed by various universities. Students complete a specialized, college-level curriculum in addition to their regular high school work.
<b>COLLEGE CREDIT</b>	Individual colleges and universities grant college credit when students pass the AP exam.	College credit is awarded when the student successfully completes the course.	Students may earn credit for IB courses, but the amount of credit varies. Some colleges award college credit to students who hold a full IB diploma; others may award credit for individual exams.	College credit is awarded when the student successfully completes the course and formally accepts the credit. Transcript fees vary.
<b>TEACHER / INSTRUCTOR</b>	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. Can also be taught online or at EPCC by EPCC instructors.	Taught onsite by high school teachers using a curriculum approved by IBO.	Taught onsite by high school teachers trained by, and in collaboration with, university faculty.
<b>CREDIT ACCEPTANCE</b>	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.	The amount of credit accepted varies. Some colleges award college credit to students who hold a full IB diploma; others may award credit for individual exams.	Accepted at public colleges and universities in and/or out of Texas, and many private institutions. Check with individual college/university for academic requirements.
<b>CREDIT PLACEMENT POLICY SEARCH</b>	<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>	Contact individual college/university for their IB course compatibility.	Check course compatibility across 134 institutions of higher learning in Texas: <a href="https://www.tccns.org/">https://www.tccns.org/</a> and contact individual college or university.
<b>TUITION, TEXTBOOKS &amp; EXAMS</b>	Free for students.	Free for students.	Free for students.	Free for students.