

Shelton High School Dual-Credit Student Expectations Form

Student's Name: _____ House office: _____
Student's Email: _____ ID#: _____ Grade: _____
Course(s) Requested: _____
Current prerequisite courses (if applicable): _____

WHAT IS THIS FORM AND WHY DO YOU NEED TO COMPLETE IT?

The purpose of this document is to better prepare students and parents for the college Dual Enrollment courses that SHS offers through UCONN, SCSU, and/or HCC. Successful completion of these courses result in credit earned through the partner university and a transcript with that school. We want to provide our students and parents with information to aid them in determining what Dual Enrollment courses are and how many Dual Enrollment courses a student should consider. We want to disclose the challenging nature of Dual Enrollment courses and ensure student and parent awareness of the risks and commitments of this choice. Entering these courses with a proper understanding of these expectations will increase the likelihood of students successfully completing the course and earning college credit.

STUDENT AND PARENT SIGNATURES AT THE BOTTOM INDICATE UNDERSTANDING OF THE FOLLOWING:

- Dual Enrollment courses are college-level courses in which students will immerse themselves in intensive reading, writing, and problem-solving assignments culminating in an end-of-course exam/project.
- Dual Enrollment courses are more rigorous than honors classes and will require more time and effort, as well as in-depth analysis and synthesis of material.
- Work may include but is not limited to independent reading, writing, research, and projects
- Students whose grade is below a C- will not receive college credit. The grade will appear as an F on their college transcript.
- The grade reported in IC may not be the same as that reported to the University. The case against zero or rounding up will not be allowed when reporting to the University.
- Students who withdraw from the course may result in a withdrawal on a college transcript.
- Consider the following guidelines before enrolling in Dual Enrollment Courses:
 - o Student works well independently and effectively communicates in small groups.
 - o Student exhibits strong work habits, time management, and study skills.
 - o Student must possess strong academic skills and passion for the subject.

Student's Initials Parent Initials I understand/agree to ...

_____	_____	there are costs associated with UCONN and SCSU courses.
_____	_____	commit the necessary amount of time to prepare for the class.
_____	_____	proactively communicate with & seek help from teachers.
_____	_____	monitor my progress in Infinite Campus on a weekly basis.
_____	_____	practice a higher level of academic integrity.
_____	_____	work effectively and respectfully with peers.

I, the parent/guardian of _____, have read and reviewed the expectations of Dual Enrollment courses with my student. We understand that courses require a semester/year-long commitment, and they are prepared for the Dual Enrollment courses that have been selected.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____
Student Signature _____ Date _____

Important Considerations Regarding AP & Dual Enrollment Courses

Selecting an AP or Dual Enrollment course is a big commitment that should be given careful consideration.

How much time do I have to devote to these courses?

- Do I have a job?
- Do I participate in a sport or activity?
- Do I do volunteer work?
- Do I have responsibilities at home?
- Do I have the time required to do well in each AP or Dual Enrollment course?

Questions to consider and discuss before you register

Before you meet individually with your counselor, be sure that you have seriously considered the following questions and discussed them with your parents. While no one expects to be overwhelmed by too many commitments, it does happen.

- Am I taking the course(s) for the right reasons?
- Do I have enough time in the day for all these commitments?
- How committed am I to doing well in this course even when it proves a challenge to me?
- How quickly/efficiently do I complete my homework?
- Have I considered the cumulative effect of taking multiple AP/Dual Enrollment courses?
- What will happen if the course load is difficult and I cannot change my schedule?
- Would I be willing to adjust my employment schedule?
- Would I be satisfied with a grade less than a "B"?

The Right Reasons

- Love the Subject
- Want to learn more about the subject
- Want to go in more depth in this area

Wrong Reasons

- Looks good on my transcript
- All my friends are taking it
- I am feeling pressured to take it

Signing up for an AP or Dual Enrollment course is a semester/year-long commitment. Once you are registered for the course, you are expected to complete it and take the AP/Dual Enrollment exam. Dropping an AP or Dual Enrollment course should be a rare circumstance.