



# TARRANT COUNTY COLLEGE Dual Credit



SUCCESS WITHIN REACH.



# WHAT IS DUAL CREDIT?



- At Birdville High School, dual credit classes are Tarrant County College classes for which students also receive credit towards high school graduation.
- They are exactly the same as the TCC courses taught on campus.
- Sometimes referred to as Dual Enrollment.

# WHY TAKE DUAL CREDIT?

- Access TCC student resources
- Use your high school class time efficiently.
- Be more successful in college long-term.



# WHAT CLASSES ARE AVAILABLE?



Birdville High School Course	TCC Courses	# of Classes	# of College Hours	Grade Level
English 3	ENGL 1301 ENGL 1302	2	6	11
English 4*	ENGL 1301 ENGL 1302 ENGL 2322	3	9	12
Economics	ECON 2301	1	3	12
US Government	GOVT 2305	1	3	12
US History	HIST 1301 HIST 1302	2	6	11
College Algebra	MATH 1314 MATH 2412	2	7	11 or 12
Accounting (BCTAL Only)	ACCT 2301 ACCT 2302	2	6	11 or 12
Radio/TV/Broadcasting (BCTAL Only)	RTVB 1302 RTVB 1309	2	6	11 or 12

\*Note: If students take ENGL 1301 and 1302 in Junior year, they will take ENGL 2322 and ENGL 2323 (2 classes) for Senior Year English 4.

# MAKING THE DECISION: DUAL CREDIT VS. AP

## Dual Credit

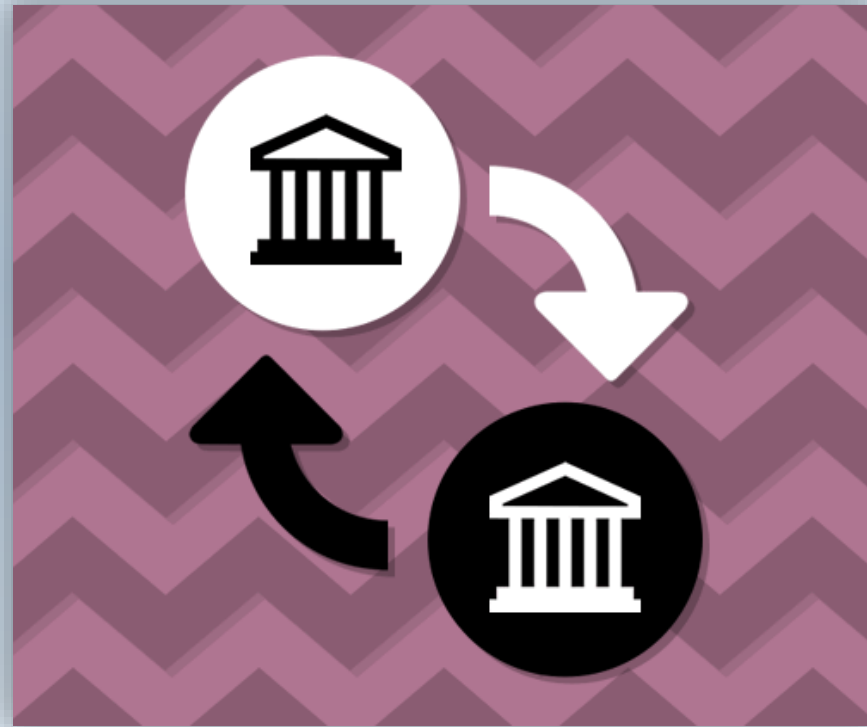
- You want a college class experience.
- You're ready for rigorous content, but high-stakes tests aren't always your strong suit.
- You want to transfer the maximum possible credits to a university or college.
- You're ready to establish a college GPA.



## Advanced Placement

- You want the challenge and structure of an AP content course.
- You test very well.
- You know you plan to attend a 4-year institution that won't accept any college credits earned during high school.
- Your academic plans require AP weighted courses for your high school GPA.

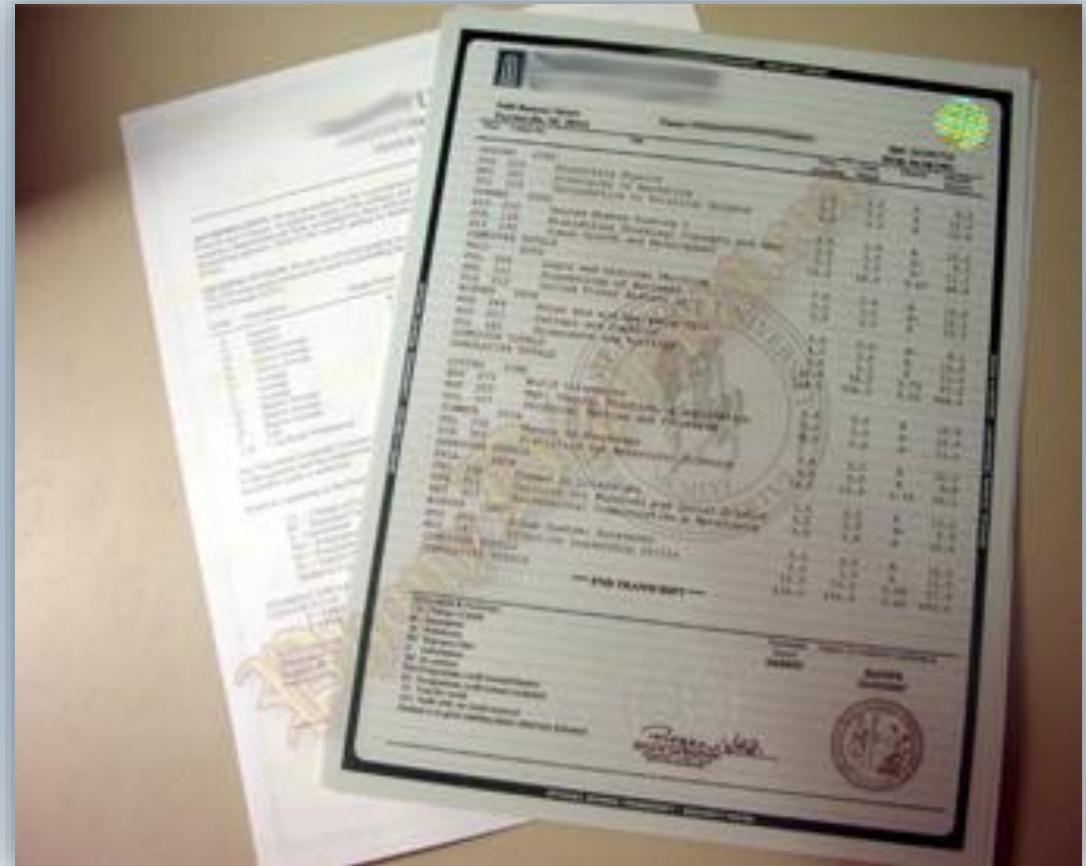
# WILL MY CREDITS TRANSFER?



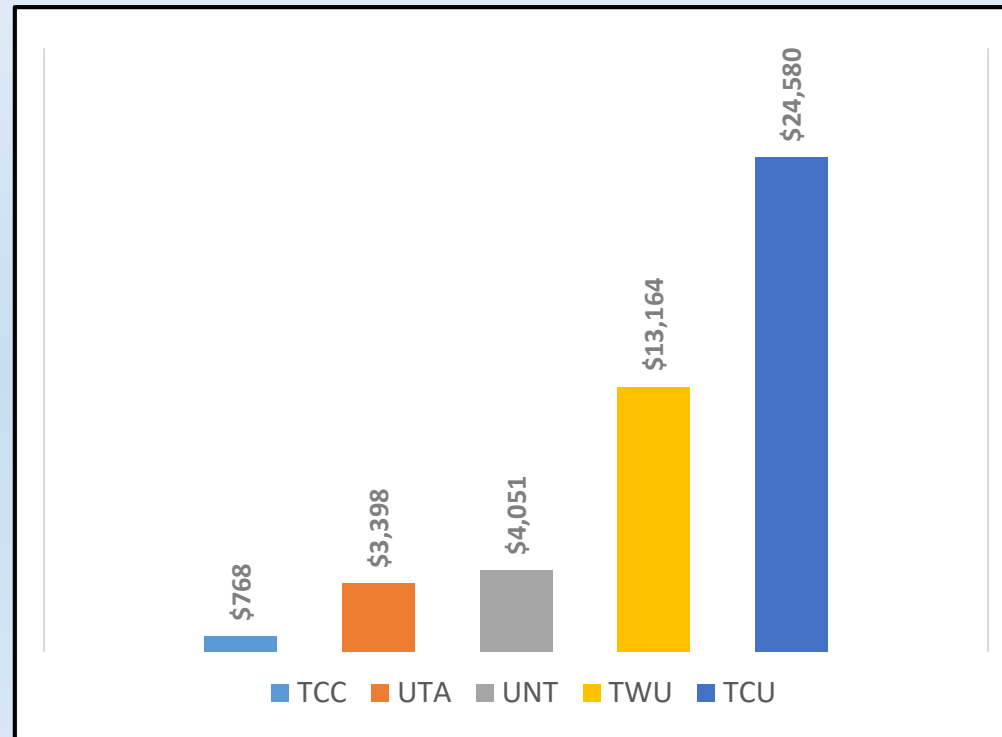
- **ALWAYS** ask the school where you plan to complete your degree what transfer credits they accept.
- Except for ACCT and RTVB, all TCC dual credit classes offered at Birdville High School are part of the Texas Common core: classes that all public Texas colleges and universities must accept.
- Know the difference between elective credits and credits that will apply toward your degree!

# YOUR COLLEGE TRANSCRIPT

- When you take Dual Credit, you enroll as a TCC student.
- Dual Credit classes start your college GPA and transcript.
- Dual Credit grades are reported on your permanent, official college transcript from TCC, and can be seen by every university to which you apply.



# SAVE ON COLLEGE TUITION



Cost of a full semester course load for 2017-2018  
(12 credit hours)



# HOW CAN I BE SUCCESSFUL IN DUAL CREDIT?



- Work hard.
- Don't procrastinate (much).
- Know why you want to graduate with college credits.
- Be ready to deal with sometimes controversial issues or subject matter.
- Have at least to study at least 6 hours a week to study for a 3-credit class
- Ask your instructors questions.
- Get help when you are struggling.
- Be okay with pre-AP-weighted classes.
- **BE PROACTIVE!**

# HOW DO I GET STARTED?



# DUAL CREDIT AT BIRDVILLE HIGH SCHOOL



- Your counselor schedules dual credit classes based on your other scheduled courses.
- Dual credit teachers are assigned by the high school counselor.
- Dual credit courses are pre-AP weighted.
- You must earn a C or better in all dual credit classes to continue in the program.

# APPLY TO TCC

- You must apply to TCC to take dual credit classes.
- ApplyTexas sessions at Birdville High School:

**January 29, 30, and 31 from  
3:00-5:00 PM.**



# TAKE THE TEXAS SUCCESS INITIATIVE ASSESSMENT



- **TSI Math** - 350 minimum score (all math classes)
- **TSI Reading** - 351 minimum score (English and history)
- **TSI Writing** - essay score of 4 plus 340 multiple choice minimum score (English classes)

# HOW DO I TAKE THE TSI?

- Watch the Pre-Assessment Activity (PAA) during the ApplyTexas session.
- **Take the test at Birdville High School:** March 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>
- **Take the test at TCC's testing center.** (You must get a testing referral from the Dual Credit office.)



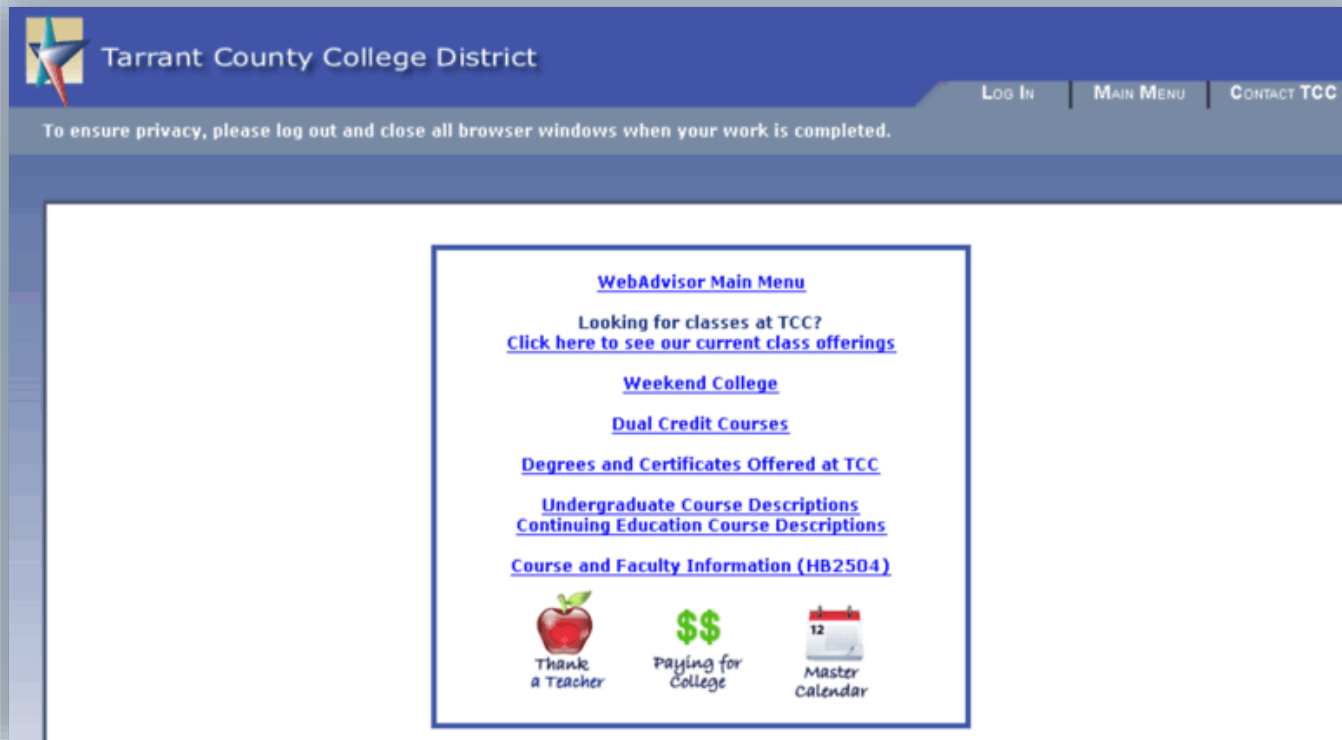
# TSI EXEMPTIONS



**EXEMPT**

- **SAT minimum exemption scores**  
(March 5, 2016 or after):
  - Verbal/Writing – 480
  - Math – 530
- **ACT minimum exemption scores:**
  - English – 19
  - Math – 19
  - Required composite - 23
- You ***must*** send an official copy of your SAT/ACT score directly from the testing agency to TCC.

# REGISTER FOR CLASSES



The screenshot shows the Tarrant County College District website. The header includes the logo and name "Tarrant County College District" on the left, and "LOG IN | MAIN MENU | CONTACT TCC" on the right. Below the header is a privacy notice: "To ensure privacy, please log out and close all browser windows when your work is completed." The main content area features a central box with the following links and icons:

- [WebAdvisor Main Menu](#)
- Looking for classes at TCC?  
[Click here to see our current class offerings](#)
- [Weekend College](#)
- [Dual Credit Courses](#)
- [Degrees and Certificates Offered at TCC](#)
- [Undergraduate Course Descriptions](#)
- [Continuing Education Course Descriptions](#)
- [Course and Faculty Information \(HB2504\)](#)

At the bottom of the central box are three icons with text below them:

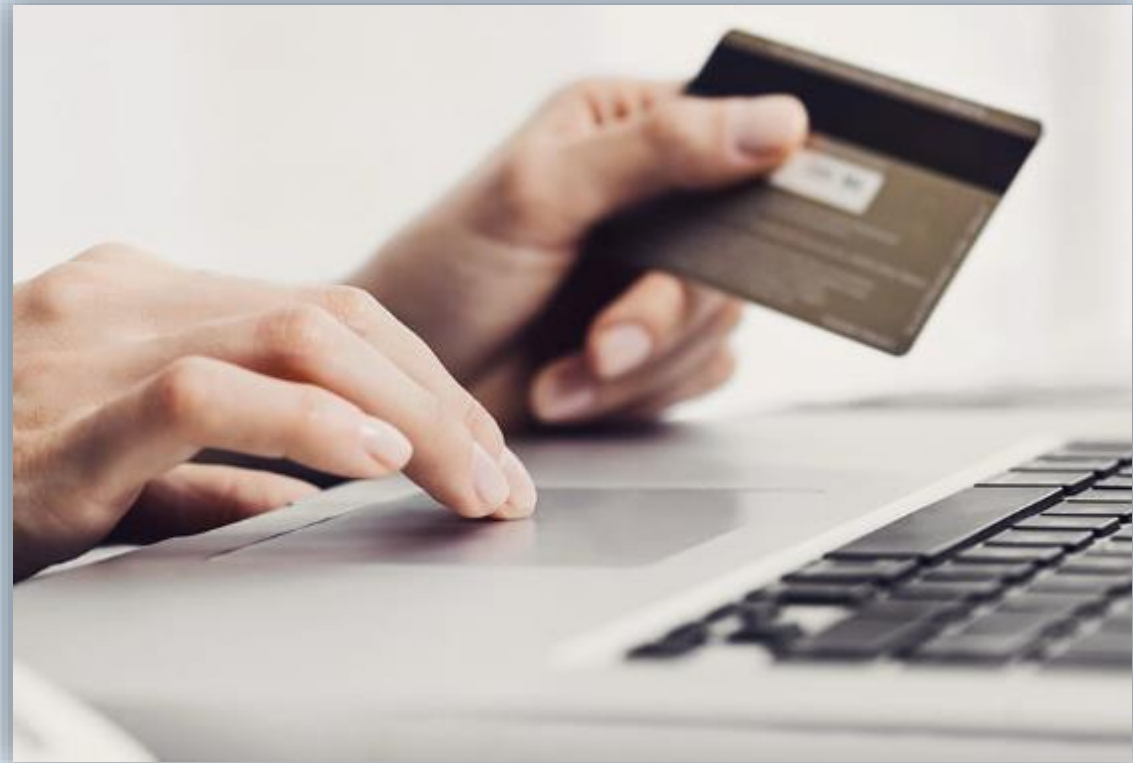
- An apple icon with the text "Thank a Teacher"
- A dollar sign icon with the text "Paying for College"
- A calendar icon with the text "Master Calendar"

- Confirm with your high school counselor which specific course(s) you will be taking.
- Attend a self-registration session at Birdville High School this spring.
- You are not signed up for TCC dual credit courses until you receive your confirmation email at your TCC email account.



# PAY FOR YOUR CLASSES

- You must pay for your classes EACH semester. If you miss the payment deadline, you will be dropped from the course.
- You can pay for classes online or in person at TCC's business services office.
- TCC has payment plans available.



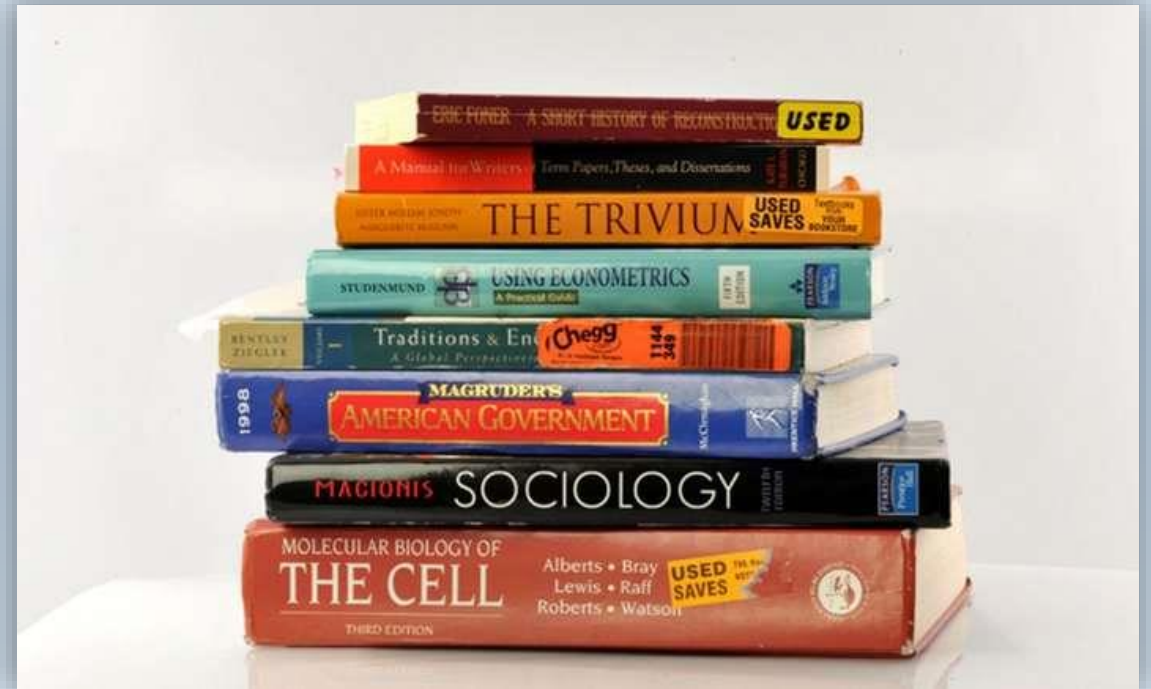
# DUAL CREDIT GRANT



- The Dual Credit Grant is available on a first-come-first-serve basis to students who qualify financially.
- Complete the FAFSA and the one-page TCC Dual Credit Grant Application

# TEXTBOOKS

- You are expected to have your textbook on the first day of class.
- After you receive your dual credit schedule from your counselor, you can buy your textbook from any TCC campus bookstore or online at [tccd.bncollege.com](http://tccd.bncollege.com).
- If you rent your textbook or buy it from another retailer, be certain to buy the textbook with the **correct ISBN number**, as there are often multiple editions.



# STUDENT ACCESSIBILITY RESOURCES

- All accommodations (IEP and 504) go through TCC's Student Accessibility Resources (SAR) office.
- If you require **ANY** form of accommodation, please notify the SAR department as early as possible. **The deadline to apply is 20 business days before the first day of your dual credit class.**
- College accommodations are not retroactive.
- In college, it is the student's responsibility to make sure that they are receiving their accommodations.



# FERPA



- The **Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)** is a federal law that protects the privacy of student education records.
- Rights transfer solely to the student at age 18 or if the student attends a schools beyond the high school level.
- FERPA Waiver of Privacy

# ATTENDANCE

- You must attend class at least 85% of the time; failure to do so may result in the professor dropping you from class.
- Involvement in high school extra-curricular activities and illness do not excuse you from course responsibilities or attendance – **be very proactive in your communication with your instructor!**
- Census dates and drop dates
- You may not drop a dual credit course without permission from your high school counselor.



# GRADES



- Regularly check your grades online in myTCC and WebAdvisor.
- Talk to your instructor if you have a question about a grade!
- Double-check if you think you submitted something and still see a zero before the term ends.

# KEY DATES FOR 2019-2020 DUAL CREDIT

- **January 29, 30, 31** – ApplyTexas sessions at BHS
- **March 5 and 7** – TSI Testing at BHS
- **March 22** – All testing and paperwork due
- **March 26** – Self-registration sessions at BHS
- **August 12** – 1<sup>st</sup> semester payment due
- **August 14** – Students dropped for non-payment





# SIGN UP FOR REMIND 101



- **BHS dual credit reminders:**  
81010 @dc1819bhs
- **TCC dual credit office reminders:**  
81010 @ hh9d3b

# QUESTIONS?

