

WITC Dual Credit

> Free college credits for high school students!

Dual enrollment programs such as Dual Credit courses help you prepare for the rigor of college courses as you develop technical skills for a multitude of careers. Research shows that students who participate in dual enrollment programs are more likely to:

- Earn higher grades in high school
- Graduate from high school
- Enroll in postsecondary education
- Earn a postsecondary degree

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Frequently Asked Questions

➤ What is a Dual Credit course?

WITC Dual Credit courses are taught in the high school by high school instructors certified to teach college curriculum. Dual Credit courses use 100% of WITC curriculum, learning competencies, grading policies, and textbooks. Students earn both high school and WITC credit upon successful course completion with a grade of "C" or better.

➤ Are Dual Credit courses really free?

Yes! Thanks to a partnership with local school districts, the Dual Credit program allows WITC to offer high school students the opportunity to earn college credits free of tuition and book costs.

➤ Why take a Dual Credit course?

By taking Dual Credit courses, you can save money on college, get your degree faster, and begin earning your career salary sooner!

➤ Who is eligible to take a Dual Credit course?

High school sophomores, juniors, or seniors are eligible, depending on the courses offered.

➤ What Dual Credit courses are available at my high school?

Visit www.witc.edu/HS-Dual-Credit-Courses for a list of classes available at your school.

➤ How do I sign up for a Dual Credit course?

To receive Dual Credit, students must submit a WITC registration form provided by the teacher at the start of the course. Credit will not be given retroactively.

➤ Should I take a Dual Credit course if I am not planning to attend WITC?

Absolutely. Many Dual Credit courses transfer to other colleges, particularly other Wisconsin technical colleges. Some courses may also transfer to a four-year college. Even if the course does not satisfy a particular degree requirement at your college, it may count toward an elective or general education requirement.

➤ Do I need to provide my social security number to register for a Dual Credit course?

Yes, as the social security number accurately identifies students and ensures there is no duplication of student records.

➤ What if I am not satisfied with the grade I am earning in a Dual Credit course?

Dual Credit grades are on your permanent college transcript so it's important to do as well as you can in the course. Any student earning below a grade of "C" can submit a request to drop the course before 80% of the course is completed.

➤ How do I receive Dual Credit if I will be attending WITC after high school?

If you submitted a WITC registration form and earned a passing grade, the course title and grade will be posted on your WITC transcript. Because you have already earned those credits you do not need to retake the course!

➤ How do I know if a Dual Credit course will transfer to another college?

Transferability of Dual Credit courses is at the discretion of each higher education institution. Visit www.witc.edu/transcript to request an official transcript through WITC's online ordering service. The pricing and payment options are listed.



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WITC Advanced Standing

> Free college credits for high school students!

Courses taught at high schools that hold an Advanced Standing agreement with WITC are similar to dual credit courses. Students may earn WITC credit for prior learning while in high school once enrolled in a WITC program.

> Contact your High School Guidance Counselor to find the best college credit options for you!



Frequently Asked Questions

What is an Advanced Standing course?

WITC Advanced Standing courses are taught in the high school by licensed teachers. Courses must meet 80% of WITC competencies. You may earn college credit upon successful course completion with a grade of "B" or better and enroll at WITC.

Are Advanced Standing courses really free?

Thanks to a partnership with local school districts, the Advanced Standing program allows WITC to offer high school students the opportunity to earn college credits free of tuition and book costs. If the Advanced Standing course is full credit, it is free. Some are partial credit, so you may have to retake the class and only pay for credits unearned.

Why take an Advanced Standing course?

By taking Advanced Standing courses, you may save money on college, get your degree faster, and begin earning your career salary sooner!

Who is eligible to take an Advanced Standing course?

As with Dual Credit, high school sophomores, juniors, or seniors are eligible, depending on the courses offered.

What Advanced Standing courses are available at my high school?

Visit www.witc.edu/HS-Advanced-Standing-Courses for a list of classes available at your school.

How do I qualify for Advanced Standing credit?

When you satisfactorily complete a class that is covered by an Advanced Standing agreement you will be issued an Advanced Standing Certificate. When enrolling in a WITC program, present the certificate to be awarded the credits you have earned.

How do Advanced Standing courses benefit me?

When you enroll in a program at WITC, credit for those Advanced Standing courses can be applied toward your technical college degree.

Will I complete a WITC program more quickly?

You may experience quicker completion and the opportunity to take additional courses to enrich both your professional and personal life.

Will I benefit if I don't attend WITC?

The Advanced Standing Certificate may be beneficial if you choose to attend another college within the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) or a college that offers a course similar in content to the WITC course for which you earned your certificate. Please check with your college of choice.

What if I decide to earn a 4-year degree?

Wisconsin technical colleges are continually developing articulation agreements with both private and public 4-year institutions. These agreements allow technical college associate degree graduates to receive credits toward baccalaureate degrees in participating institutions.

How do I learn about opportunities at my high school?

Begin with your high school counselor who has information about specific courses and programs available through WITC as well as other colleges within the system. Your counselor or class advisor can help you plan your education to best take advantage of all opportunities available through WITC and other colleges within the system.



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