

Parents and Students, What **Hinds CC** wants you to know about Dual Credit:

What is this?	A <u>Dual Credit Student</u> is a student who is enrolled in both high school and college at the same time <i>and</i> who is earning both high school and college credit for the post-secondary courses in which they are enrolled. They will receive both high school and college credit for each college course they complete.
Wow!	Your high school and Hinds CC have entered into a partnership in which Hinds courses are taught at the high school. Students don't have to leave campus to take college courses, and the best part is...Hinds CC does not charge tuition for these courses! Students DO pay a Dual Credit Program Participate fee each semester they enroll (non-refundable). This is a flat fee per semester, regardless of how many dual credit courses you take at your high school! This program offers an immense value and opportunity to earn unlimited college credit without paying the cost of full tuition - all before your graduate from high school.
Textbooks	Students are responsible for purchasing their own text books and any supplemental learning aids. They may choose to sell their textbooks back to the Hinds bookstore during the designated buy-back dates. Some courses have required additional fees for online course content.
This is the real thing.	The high school student will be a "real" college student held accountable to all the policies and procedures set forth by Hinds CC. Each course is a college level course and will be more challenging. These grades will become a <i>permanent</i> part of your college transcript and cumulative college GPA. So, take it seriously, and do your best!
Admissions	It is the student's responsibility to submit an application for admission to Hinds CC online at www.hindscc.edu and request an official ACT score report to Hinds. Your high school will submit the remaining admission requirements: an official transcript showing the completion of at least 10 core units and a letter of recommendation.
What can I take?	Your high school will offer college courses approved by Hinds Community College, taught by high school instructors who are first approved by Hinds Community College and who meet SACS-COC credentialing requirements. Each course that is taught has placement requirements.

	<p>Students must also have certain ACT sub scores or Accuplacer scores to be placed in any given college course. Ask your counselor for more info on course placement requirements.</p>
Registration & Billing	<p>After the student has applied and the high school has submitted admission documents, Hinds will register students into the appropriate course(s). Registration takes place shortly before each semester. After registration, the student incurs a balance and a bill will be posted to the student's My Hinds account. The bill may be paid online payment or by phone.</p>
My grades	<p>The final Hinds grade will be placed on the student's permanent college transcript which will be a letter grade of A, B, C, D, or F. Withdrawals will appear as a W on the college transcript. It is possible that Hinds and your high school have different grading scales for each course. So your high school numeric grade/quality points and college letter grade may differ.</p>
What if I change my mind?	<p>It is the student's responsibility to drop or withdraw from a college course. <u>Drops</u> are only permissible during the <i>designated college drop dates</i> (usually the first week of school). Drops do not appear on college transcripts. Drops are done by communicating with your high school counselor that you no longer wish to take the course. <u>Withdrawals</u> must be submitted during the <i>designated college withdrawal dates</i>. Withdrawals do appear on a college transcript as a W (hours attempted but not completed & does not affect GPA). Students must follow Hinds course withdrawal procedures found in the Hinds student handbook at www.hindscc.edu.</p>
It's the law.	<p>Hinds CC complies with FERPA (The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974). Hinds administrators and instructors (including your Dual Credit Hinds/high school teachers) are not allowed to discuss grades or other personal college information with parents unless the student has signed a FERPA waiver. The waiver will be included in the school's enrollment package.</p>
Transferrable college credit	<p>The academic courses taught by Hinds are guaranteed to transfer to Mississippi colleges and universities. Because we are accredited by SACS-COC, our courses are widely transferrable to other states, too. However, students are advised to check with the institution of their choice regarding their Hinds credits transferring. (But we hope your choice is Hinds!)</p>
Scholarship eligibility	<p>High school graduates who were dual enrolled still qualify for all freshmen scholarships at Hinds CC! Students attending another college after high school graduation are advised to double check with the institution of their choice regarding freshman scholarship eligibility.</p>
For more information	<p>Please contact the counseling department at your school.</p>

**ACT requirements for dual credit course eligibility:
Qualifying scores MUST be on file by April 30, 2018**

Dual Credit U.S History (rising juniors)

English sub-score of 17 or above AND
Reading sub-score of 17 or above

Dual Credit Music Appreciation (rising juniors and seniors)

English sub-score of 17 or above

Dual Credit College Algebra (rising seniors)

Math sub-score of 20 or above

Dual Credit Trigonometry (rising seniors)

Math sub-score of 22 or above

Dual Credit English Composition (rising seniors)

English sub-score of 17 or above

Upcoming ACT test dates

<u>Test date</u>	<u>Registration deadline</u>	<u>Scores First Available</u>
April 14, 2018	March 9, 2018	April 24, 2018

Sign up online at www.actstudent.org.

Select both schools to receive scores:

- St. Aloysius Code = 253140
- Hinds Community College Code = 2198