

# Important Information about Dual Enrollment

## Wallace Community College Selma Dual Enrollment:

The Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit for High School Students Program allows qualified students the opportunity to receive both high school credit and college credit. The program is restricted to qualified students in Alabama public and private high schools who have signed a working agreement with WCCS.

1. All students must meet the minimum GPA requirement to participate in dual enrollment. As required by statute, GPA's will be verified every semester before a student is permitted to take classes in the dual enrollment program.

2. Students who take classes through the Dual Enrollment program are in actual college classes. They are not easier for Dual Enrollment students because the student is still in high school. The State of Alabama and the college's accreditation agency require all students to be held to the same requirements. Dual Enrollment requires students to be self-motivated. College is a very different environment than high school.

3. Students must:

a. Realize that College instructors do not necessarily allow make-up work for assignments or tests missed. Missed work may mean a "0" for that assignment. Very few instructors provide opportunities for make-up work and if they do, it usually comes with a penalty (i.e.  $\frac{1}{2}$  credit for the assignment or test).

b. Read your syllabus and follow the instructions. This is the document that contains information about what is expected in the class. Keep a copy in your binder so you can refer back to it when needed.

c. Read the material assigned by the instructor.

d. Make sure you have enough time to study. National statistics show that successful students study 2-3 hours per week for every one credit hour of the course. That means 4-6 hours of homework/reading/study time per week besides class time. Some classes may take more time and some may take less time.

e. Complete your homework and turn it in **ON TIME**. Most college instructors do not accept late assignments.

f. If you need help ask! All instructors have office hours and students can meet with the instructor during their office hours.

4. Dual enrollment courses are weighted the same as AP courses in the high school record. Any course taken becomes a permanent part of the student's academic record. If a student does not successfully complete their course(s) it could affect future financial aid eligibility.

5. Dual enrollment students are held to the College's academic calendar and deadlines. Any schedule changes must be made by College published deadlines.

6. Students who earn an "F" or "FN" grade in a class are no longer eligible for dual enrollment.

7. While appropriate for college-level study, course materials and class discussions may reflect topics not typically included in secondary courses which some parents may object to for minors. Courses will not be modified to accommodate variations in student age or maturity.