

Moraine Valley Community College

The **Early College Dual Credit Program** allows high school students to enroll in select college courses and take them at their high school as part of their regularly scheduled day. This unique partnership between Moraine Valley Community College and participating area high schools allows you to simultaneously earn college credit and high school credit, which means you can save time and money when you pursue a college degree or certificate.

Dual credit classes are actual college-level courses and are taught by teachers at your high school who have met specific requirements that qualify them to teach at the collegiate level.

BENEFITS OF TAKING A DUAL CREDIT COURSE

- Get a head start on college and your career.
- Save hundreds of dollars on college tuition and textbooks.
- Accelerate your academic progress by taking actual college-level courses with advanced content and new types of assignments.

COURSES OFFERED

Dual credit courses cover a wide range of academic areas and interests, and are categorized as Career and Technical Education or General Education. To find out what courses your high school offers, go to morainevalley.edu/earlycollege/courses.

HOW ARE DUAL CREDIT CLASSES DIFFERENT THAN ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) CLASSES?

Both offer advanced educational opportunities. However, one of the major differences between the two is that if you complete all the required assignments and assessments in your dual credit course and achieve a “C” or better, you will earn college credit. AP courses require you to take a high-stakes exam at the end of the course and achieve specific qualifying AP scores to earn college credit.

DO DUAL CREDIT COURSES TRANSFER TO COLLEGES?

As a participant in the Dual Credit Program, you will automatically have a Moraine Valley transcript and will have a great start on earning your degree or certificate there if you choose to do so. If you plan to go to another four-year institution—either right after high school or after taking additional courses at Moraine Valley—you will find most colleges and universities will accept the college credits you earned through this program. To be assured that a course will seamlessly transfer to a particular college or university, please visit itransfer.org for schools in Illinois and transfer.org for out-of-state schools. All Dual Credit students are highly encouraged to contact Moraine Valley’s Academic Advising Center to review transfer guides to four-year institutions or visit transfer.org regarding transferability and applicability of the college course(s) as it pertains to their major. Contacting the four-year institution also is highly recommended.

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

Since you will be enrolling in college-level courses, you must complete course placement tests and satisfy course prerequisites when applicable to assure you have the same qualifications and preparation as other college students. You will be required to take the Accuplacer placement test and/or submit qualifying Advanced Placement (AP), ACT or SAT scores.

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PLACEMENT TESTING

You will take the placement test at Moraine Valley's Testing Center in Building G, Room G231. You will complete the test on a personal computer in the Testing Center. The test is untimed, but plan to spend up to two hours for the full placement test, if needed. Pre-registration and pre-payment are required for placement testing. You can register online or in person. Your dual credit instructor or high school counselor can provide you with a prerequisite letter that outlines placement testing instructions. Learn more at morainevalley.edu/placement-tests.

STUDENT REGISTRATION

To enroll in a dual credit course, you will need to complete an online Dual Credit Course Registration Form during established registration dates, which will be included in the registration information that you can get from your dual credit instructor. Once your Dual Credit Program online application has been received and processed, you will receive a welcome letter in the mail that will include important information such as payment deadlines, your student username and password, and your Moraine Valley student email address. Keep this information, as you will need it to access Moraine Valley's MVConnect student portal where you can view your final grades, request transcripts, pay online, check email, and much more.

Late registration will not be accepted. Dual credit cannot be given retroactively. If you do not complete an enrollment form during the assigned registration time, you cannot get dual credit for the class at a later date, even if you successfully completed the course in high school and earned a final grade of "C" or better.

STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

When you take a dual credit course, remember you are in an actual college course so you will be expected to follow the same curriculum used by Moraine Valley students and assume the same responsibilities. Therefore, be sure to activate your Moraine Valley student email account and frequently check it to remain up-to-date on communication related to Moraine Valley. Go to morainevalley.edu and click on the Login button on the home page.

GRADES

You must earn a final grade of "C" or better in your dual credit course to earn college credit. After successfully completing a dual credit course with a final grade of "C" or better for the first time, your Moraine Valley Community College transcript will be initiated.

The grades earned through Dual Credit are a part of your permanent college record. College grades earned while in high school affect college GPA. For example, if you earn a final grade of "C", you will have a college GPA of 2.0. There may be future financial aid or scholarship implications to your GPA, so we advise you to consult with your intended four-year transfer school.

If you earn a "D" or below in a dual credit course, no record of the class will be indicated on your transcript, and you will not receive college credit. Moraine Valley grades will be posted at the end of the course on the students' portal page through MVConnect. You will want to verify that your grades are posted to the student portal prior to requesting a transcript.

FEES/PAYMENT DEADLINES

General education/transfer courses, such as communications (COM-101) and history (HIS-201), etc., require a nonrefundable fee. Career and technical education courses such as automotive technology (AUT-112) and information technology (LAN-111), etc., may be free or at a reduced cost. Payments must be made by payment deadline. Students who are dropped for nonpayment will not be able to re-register for the course and will not receive dual credit. Students are not eligible for state or federal financial aid while enrolled in high school. Dual credit fees are subject to change annually and are not refundable.

Note: All high school partnership agreements are reviewed, and are subject to change, on an annual basis.