

Dual Credit U.S. vs. APUSH

PURPOSE AND COLLEGE CREDIT

- Dual Credit (DC): Students earn both high school and college credit through a partnership with HCC. Successful completion of the course will award students transferable college credit hours (6 total) that count toward a college degree.
- APUSH: Students take a high school-level course. They must score a 3, 4, or 5 on the AP Exam to earn college credit.

WORKLOAD AND RIGOR

Dual Credit (DC):

- The workload aligns with that of a college course, with study hall days provided to help manage the responsibilities and ensure success.
- The course focuses on analytical essays and class discussions, not multiple-choice tests.

APUSH:

- The workload is also consistent with a college course. The course follows College Board's curriculum with a mix of multiple-choice tests, essays, and short-answer questions.

STUDENT PROFILE

Dual Credit (DC):

- Best for students who want to earn guaranteed college credit while in high school and can handle college-level independence and structure.

APUSH:

- Ideal for students who excel at standardized testing, enjoy fast-paced learning, and are preparing for college-level rigor in a more structured high school environment.

FAQs

What colleges and universities accept Dual Credit U.S. History?

Credits are transferable to Texas public colleges and universities.

What are the prerequisites for enrolling in Dual Credit U.S. History?

You must take the TSI for ELAR & Essay and apply to HCC as a dual credit student.

When and how do I register for the Dual Credit course?

Course selection begins in January. Take the TSI, complete the HCC application, and notify your counselor that you want to enroll in Dual Credit U.S. history.

How do I know if Dual Credit U.S. history is the right choice for me?

If you want a challenge, enjoy active learning, and want to earn college credit, this course is a great fit. Support is provided through study hall days for reading, assignments, and collaboration.

How does the workload in Dual Credit compare to APUSH or Academic history?

All three require outside work, but dual credit offers more flexibility with built-in study hall days to manage the workload.

Who teaches Dual Credit U.S. history-- a high school teacher or college professor?

Both! Your instructor is credentialed to teach high school and college.

I have more questions. Who should I talk to?

Visit Mrs. Sukhu in room 1355.

DUAL CREDIT UNITED STATES HISTORY



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About the Course

Ready to explore the story of America from its beginnings to the present day? In this course, you'll dive deep into historical documents, debate big ideas with your classmates, and take part in engaging discussions like Socratic seminars and spider-web conversations. This isn't just about memorizing facts—you'll analyze, question, and share your perspective as we uncover what shaped the nation. Get ready to think critically, speak confidently, and discover how history connects to the world around you.



Benefits of taking Dual Credit

Taking Dual Credit U.S. History offers more than just a challenging academic experience. Here's what you can look forward to:

EASE THE TRANSITION TO COLLEGE

Dual credit helps bridge the gap between high school and college, giving you a head start on your educational and career goals while boosting your readiness for college-level coursework.

GAIN INDEPENDENCE AND LIFE SKILLS

By enrolling in dual credit, you'll take charge of key college responsibilities. This experience builds critical skills such as time management, self-discipline, and higher-level thinking that are essential for college and beyond.

SAVE MONEY

Dual credit courses are an excellent way to reduce the overall cost of a college education. With only a minimal fee required, you can earn valuable college credits now, saving significantly on long-term college expenses.

Entry requirements

Students must complete the following steps in order to enroll in the course:

1. Schedule to take the TSI exam (**ELAR & Essay**) by using the QR below



2. Apply to HCC as a dual credit student and obtain a HCC student ID#
<https://tinyurl.com/SLHSdualcredit>
3. Sign up for DC US History during course selection