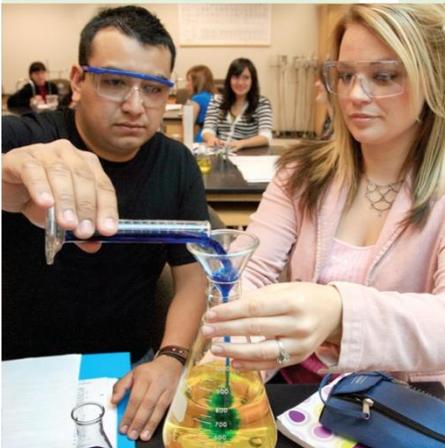


DUAL ² DEGREE

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What Is STC Dual2Degree?

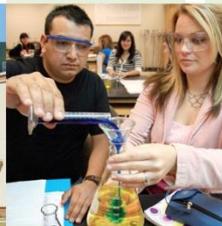
- Dual Enrollment allows high school juniors and seniors to simultaneously earn high school and college credit.
- Dual Enrollment classes are offered to qualifying students free of charge.
- Dual Enrollment students are considered college students.
- DE courses are offered to students during the day and evening during the Fall/spring and Summer.
- Students will be taught by regular high school teachers or STC professors who are eligible to teach specific courses.



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How is It Helpful?

- **Save Time**- Taking dual enrollment classes will shorten the amount of courses you need to complete towards your college degrees, thereby, allowing you to graduate faster.
- **Save Money**- Every dual enrollment course you take saves you hundreds of dollars, and allows you and your family to invest money on other college expenses.
- **Be College Ready**- Taking DE courses prepares you for college-level education, and helps you succeed in your college careers.

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Benefits of Dual Enrollment

- Students with a history of dual enrollment courses have a higher chance of succeeding in college. *(*Impact on First Semester):*

	G.P.A.
No College History	1.94 - 2.07
With Dual Enrollment History	2.54 - 2.61
With STC & UTPA Dual Enrollment History	2.88 - 3.26

81,000+ dual credit students since fall 2002



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How Much Will You Save?

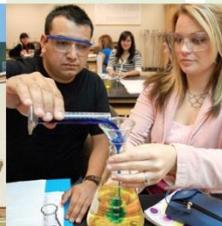
Credit Hours	Investment
0-3	\$563.00
4-6	\$946.00
7-9	\$1,329.00
10-12	\$1,730.00
13-15	\$2,140.00
16-18	\$2,550.00
19-21	\$2,960.00
22-24	\$3,383.00
25-27	\$3,806.00
28-330	\$4,316.00



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- This year, more than **12,800** students across Hidalgo and Starr Counties have registered for Dual Enrollment Courses.
- Since Fall 2003, STC has served more than **81,000** dual enrollment students. At no cost to the students, this program has helped families save more than **\$85 million**.

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What Courses Are Offered?

- **ACADEMIC:** English, Arts, Math, Chemistry
- **CATE:** Accounting, Digital Int Media, Bus Information Management

- **Course Offerings are subject to HS*
- **This is not a complete list*

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Why Take Certificate Courses?

- Graduate from HS with a certificate
- Become Specialized in a field of study
- Get Hands-On Experience
- Enhance Your Resume

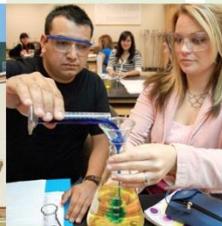
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Register Independently at STC

- HS students may register for courses independently at STC.
- Students will be charged a \$50 per credit hour tuition discount
- Interested students must meet with HS counselor to review opportunities for dual credit
- Students may register online via JagNet or by visiting STC Admissions/Outreach

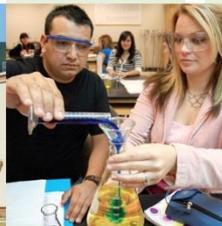
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What Can You Do With DE Courses?

1. DE students typically transfer their general core courses to the colleges and universities of their choice.
2. DE students also apply these courses to their specific degree plans.
3. STC has articulation agreements with in-state institutions of higher education.

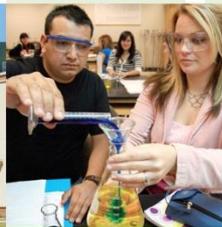
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How Do I Sign Up?

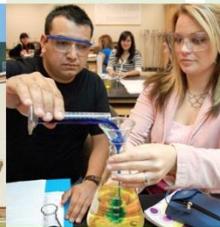
- Must Be Junior/Senior
- Meet With Your HS Counselor
- Have Qualifying THEA/ACCUPLACER/TSI Scores
- Complete Application www.applytexas.org
- Submit Transcript
- Must Sign “S” Form For EACH DE COURSE
- Attend Mandatory Orientation



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CONSEQUENCES:

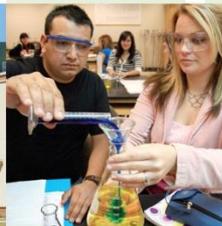
- What Happens if I do not submit my application on time or fail to sign “S” form?
- Students who do not submit their application online and/or fail to sign the “S” Form risk not receiving college credit. In most cases, students will have to pay a \$150.00 late registration fee. There are exceptions for migrant and seasonal farm-working students.



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QUALIFYING FOR DE COURSES:

- Students must meet certain testing requirements on their STAAR or THEA/ACCUPLACER/TSI examinations.

TSI SCORES:

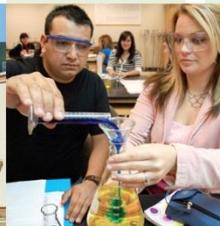
Section	Minimum Passing Score
Reading	351
Writing	Essay Score of 5 OR Essay Score of 4 & Multiple Choice of 363
Math	350



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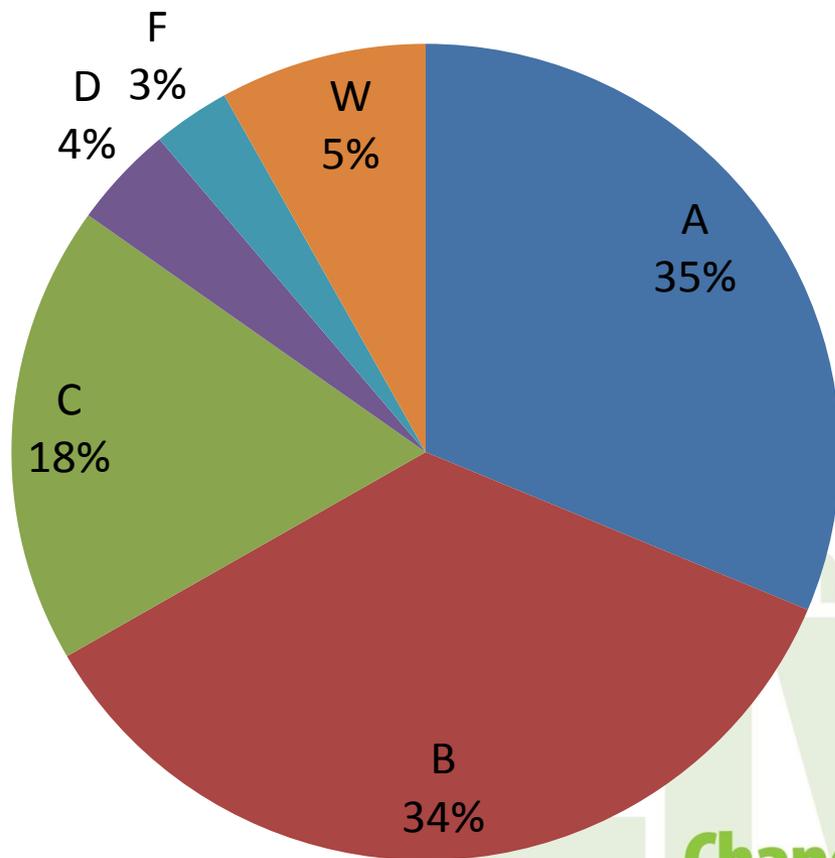
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DE Success Rates – Fall 2012



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FAILING/DROPPING DE COURSES:

Failing/dropping your dual courses may:

- Affect your college GPA
- Affect your financial aid eligibility when graduating from HS
- Result in financial aid/academic probation or suspension
- Affect admission into college/university or scholarship eligibility

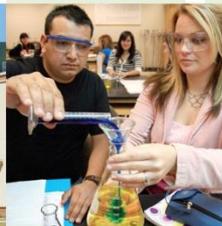
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Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP):

- All students, including dual enrollment students, must adhere to the SAP policy for financial aid as entering freshmen at STC.

Students must meet three requirements:

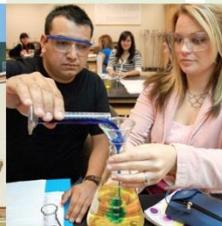
1. Complete 67% of courses attempted per semester
2. Maintain overall GPA at 2.0
3. Graduate within Maximum Time Frame MTF – Required hrs to graduate x 150%



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COMPLETE 67%

- Completion Involves
- Attendance: attend entire length of course (not dropping course)
- Passing: Receive a letter grade “A,” “B,” “C,” and “D,”

Attempted HRS in a Semester	67%	Must Earn
8 Credit Hours	67%	5 Credit Hours
7 Credit Hours	67%	5 Credit Hours
6 Credit Hours	67%	4 Credit Hours
5 Credit Hours	67%	3 Credit Hours
4 Credit Hours	67%	3 Credit Hours
3 Credit Hours	67%	2 Credit Hours
2 Credit Hours	67%	1 Credit Hour
1 Credit Hour		1 Credit Hour

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MAINTAIN A GPA OF 2.0 OR Better

GPA

- Equivalent to receiving a C letter grade for every course the student attempts.

67% Rule v. GPA

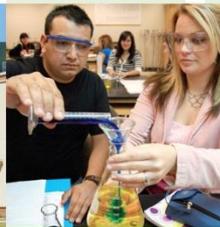
- If a student is in a situation where he/she is doing poorly in a course, sometimes the better option is to drop the course rather than remain in the course and have their GPA suffer.



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FINANCIAL AID STATUS

Good

Students in Good Standing are meeting SAP

Warning

Student is in a “probationary” status, financial aid may still be awarded to a student in warning; however, they must ensure to meet SAP

Suspension

Student’s financial aid award will be suspended until student is able to meet SAP requirements or has successfully appealed



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FAQ's:

What happens if I drop a course?

Students who drop **before** the 12th college class day (see South Texas College Academic Calendar) will not be penalized. Students who drop a course **after** the 12th college class day, risk not satisfying the 67% rule. Dropping will result in receiving a “W” for that course and will not be considered an earned credit for the 67% rule.

What happens if I completely drop all my dual enrollment courses?

- Students who drop **all** their courses **after** the 12th college class day automatically face a change in their status. If you are currently on good standing, you will be placed on warning status for the following semester. If you are currently on warning status, you will be placed on suspension for the following semester.

How do I get out of suspension or probation?

If you are on suspension and meet both requirements you will be placed on warning status the following semester. If you are on warning status and meet both requirements, you will be placed back on good standing the following semester.



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FAQ's CONTINUED:

- **What will happen to my status if I skip a semester?**
 - Your status will remain unchanged. If your status was warning, it will remain on warning. If your status was suspension, it will remain on suspension.
- **I am planning on attending STC next semester, but I am on suspension. Can I get Financial Aid?**
 - If you are on Financial Aid suspension when you enroll as a regular student at STC, though you may qualify for financial aid, we will not be able to release any of your funds unless you are able to satisfactorily complete the appeal process.
- **What if I attend a different institution after graduating from high school?**
 - Please check with your prospective college or university.

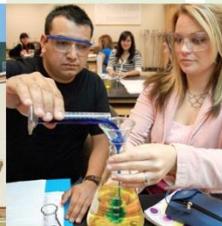
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AVOID FAILING/DROPPING CLASSES

- Each semester, STC grants students the opportunity to withdraw/drop from their dual courses if they are failing.
- Students must submit a STC “DROP FORM” by a certain deadline.
- Failure to drop the course by the deadline may result in receiving a poor grade in your dual course(s).



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Fall 2013 Withdraw Deadline

- The deadline for Fall 2013 to withdraw from your dual enrollment courses is **NOVEMBER 15, 2013**.
- Visit with your HS counselor and fill out a Drop Form

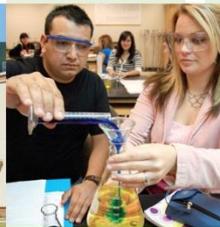
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USE STC RESOURCES!

As dual enrollment students, you are entitled to utilize STC's resources such as:

- Library
- Computer Labs
- Tutoring Center
- Counseling & Advisement Center

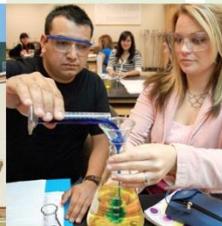
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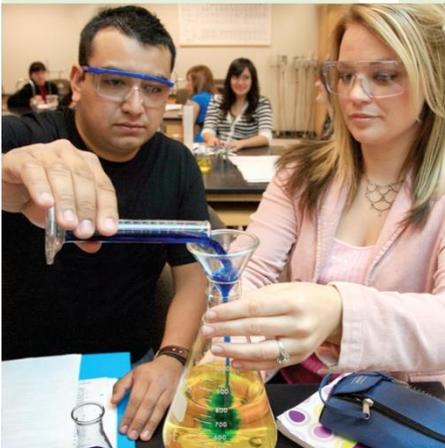


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