


AP/Dual Credit/On Ramps: What's the Difference? 2020-2021

	Advanced Placement (AP)	Dual Credit (DC)	OnRamps (Dual Enrollment)
Description	The AP Program allows students to take college-level courses and the related AP exam, to potentially earn college credit while still in high school.	Dual Credit allows students to simultaneously earn high school and college credit by successfully completing El Paso Community College (EPCC) courses.	Dual Enrollment (OnRamps) allows students to earn high school and potentially earn college credit through UT Austin while still in high school.
College Credit	College credit is typically granted when students pass the AP examination with a score of 3 or higher. Individual colleges and universities, not the College Board nor the AP program, grant course credit and placement.	College credit is awarded when the student passes the course. The individual colleges and universities determine if the credit is accepted as Texas Core Credit or elective credit.	Students receive weighted high school credit when they successfully complete the course. Students also receive college credit if they pass the college portion of the course. This counts as Texas Core Credit at all Texas public universities and colleges.
Teachers/Instructors	Courses are taught by high school teachers trained by The College Board.	Taught by high school teachers who are accredited through EPCC.	Taught by high school teachers trained by UT Austin professors.
College/University Acceptance	Accepted throughout the nation. Usually requires a score of 3 or higher on AP exam. See individual college/university for their policy. Some may require higher than a score of 3 depending on the major.	May transfer to public colleges and universities in Texas, and many private institutions, as well as NMSU. Some colleges and universities may not accept. Some will accept as course while others may accept as an elective. Check with individual college for academic requirements.	Accepted at any public university in Texas. Accepted at most private universities. Check with individual college for academic requirements.
Location	AP courses are taught on the Jefferson/Silva HS Campus in person.	Dual credit courses are taught on the Jefferson/Silva HS Campus in person.	UT OnRamps Dual Enrollment courses are taught at Jefferson/Silva HS through collaboration with a Jefferson teacher and a UT professor.

Eligibility	Open to any student. Students are expected to have the skills and knowledge from prior Pre-AP courses, and be motivated to work outside the school day on college level material.	Students must qualify by taking the Texas Success Initiative (TSI) test, or by having a STAAR EOC waiver. The TSI test is offered free of charge at Jefferson/Silva HS. Students are expected to be motivated to work outside the college classroom on college level material.	Open to students who show high achievement in the regular classroom, and who wish to experience a college-level course and are motivated to work outside of the school day on college level material.
Cost	AP courses are free. There is a \$94 fee to take the corresponding AP exam (per exam). The deadline to register for exams will be in November for 2020- 2021. Economically disadvantaged is \$5.	Dual Credit courses vary in cost for the student under the current agreement with EPCC for the 2020-2021 school year. Cost is absorbed by Jefferson/Silva HS/EPISD.	UT OnRamps Dual Enrollment courses will cost \$149 per course (\$99 Free/Reduced lunch) with appropriation from the legislature. Without appropriation, the course would be \$249 per course and \$199 Free Reduced Lunch. Cost is absorbed by Jefferson/Silva HS/EPISD.
Textbooks	Provided by the school	Provided by the school	Provided by the school
Impact on high school GPA	Weighted GPA-Tier 1 courses and carry the highest weight.	Weighted GPA-Tier 1 courses and carry the highest weight.	Weighted GPA-Tier 1 courses and carry the highest weight.
Courses offered at Jefferson/Silva High School	<p>Currently Offered:</p> <p>AP Biology AP Chemistry AP Physics AP Calculus AB AP English AP Human Geography AP World History AP US History AP Government/Economics AP Spanish</p>	<p>Currently Offered:</p> <p>DC College Transition (EDUC 1300) DC English 3 (ENGL 1301/1302) DC Pre-Calculus (MATH 1314/MATH 2412) DC US History (HIST 1301/1302) DC Biology (BIO 1306/1307) DC Physics (PHYS 1301/1302)</p> <p><i>**Silva Health Magnet also offers Dual Credit courses as part of our Health Science Curriculum. Please contact the Magnet Coordinator for additional information on these classes.</i></p>	<p>Currently Offered:</p> <p>UT OnRamps Algebra 2 UT OnRamps Earth and Space UT OnRamps English 3 UT OnRamps Physics UT OnRamps Pre-Calculus</p>