

What is dual enrollment?

Aquinas College's Dual Enrollment program provides an opportunity for qualified high school juniors and seniors to enhance their education by enrolling early in college courses. Students may take courses either at our Main Campus or at a participating Catholic high school.

What are some benefits of the dual enrollment program?

- Credits earned in the program count toward both the student's high school diploma and most college degree programs.
- Grades earned in dual-enrollment courses appear on both high school and college transcripts.
- Participation in this program allows students to gain insight into the college academic experience.
- Dual enrollment helps facilitate a seamless transition from the high school to the college classroom.
- College-bound students are provided additional opportunities to embrace academic challenges.
- Students gain an early start on achieving an Associate or Baccalaureate degree.
- Parents save money on college tuition.
- Qualified students receive a \$1,000 scholarship should they decide to enroll at Aquinas College upon graduation from high school.

Who is eligible for the Aquinas College Dual Enrollment Program?

Students who have completed their sophomore year of high school with a minimum of a 3.2 GPA (on a 4.0 scale) may apply by submitting:

- A completed Dual Enrollment application
- An official high school transcript
- A \$25 nonrefundable application fee (payable to Aquinas College)

Students and parents should keep in mind that success in dual-enrollment courses demands more effort than high school courses.

NOTE: Students participating in the Dual Enrollment program must achieve a cumulative grade point average of 2.75 (on a 4.0 scale) for all college-level courses. Students whose cumulative Aquinas College GPA falls below 2.75 or who receive a grade of C or below in an individual course are ineligible to continue in the dual enrollment program.

What courses are available?

Aquinas College works closely with participating high schools to determine which courses will be offered.

Sample courses include: English Composition I, English Composition II, General Psychology, College Algebra, Introduction to Computers, Introduction to Sociology, General Biology, Speech, Elementary French, Elementary Spanish, Western Civilization, Introduction to Philosophy, and Introduction to Christian Beliefs.

How do I transfer these courses to other institutions?

Aquinas College is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, and most courses transfer credit-for-credit to other institutions of higher education. However, since transfer policies vary, Aquinas College cannot guarantee that all other institutions will accept credits obtained through this program. Transcripts may be requested from the Office of the Registrar at Aquinas College as soon as grades are on file.

What is the cost?

For dual-enrollment courses taught at our Main Campus, Aquinas College offers a **25% discount** off regular tuition.

For dual-enrollment courses taught at your high school, Aquinas College offers a **50% discount** off regular tuition.

Tuition for academic year 2009-10 is \$556 per credit hour. Thus, students enrolled in a typical three-hour course offered at their high school pay only \$834 for an Aquinas College course that normally costs \$1,668! (Or \$1,251 for a three-hour course taught at our Main Campus.)

In addition, the State of Tennessee offers a dual-enrollment grant that provides \$100 per credit hour per semester for eligible students (up to three hours or \$300 maximum per semester, \$600 maximum per year), reducing the **net cost of a three-hour course taken at the high school to \$534 (\$951 for Main Campus courses).**

To apply for the Tennessee Dual Enrollment Grant or for more information regarding program requirements, please contact Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation at (615) 741-1346 or toll free at (800) 342-1663 or visit their website at www.collegepaystn.com.

NOTE: Courses taken under dual enrollment do not affect qualification for the Tennessee Hope Scholarship program.



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