

Dual Credit Philosophy Statement

Columbus State has been a regional leader in the implementation of Ohio's College Credit Plus program. As Central Ohio's front door to higher education, we have expanded access to college credit to students in over 102 different schools in Ohio. Columbus State is an Achieving the Dream Leader College, a member of the National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Programs, and a participant in the Academic Quality Improvement Program for accreditation through the Higher Learning Commission. This means that Columbus State is committed to upholding standards of outstanding student support, academic quality, and continuous improvement in all of our programs, including Dual Credit.

At Columbus State, our goal is to educate and inspire students by providing them with the opportunity to achieve. The Dual Credit program at Columbus State is committed to promoting quality and rigor in our courses and support for students no matter where they are enrolled. This means that our Dual Credit courses meet all state transfer requirements. All grades and credits earned are recorded on an official, and permanent, college transcript. Therefore, we require instructors in the high schools to teach the same curriculum, at the same pace and rigor, and using the same assessments as our traditional courses.

We recognize that Dual Credit courses offer a unique opportunity, but also significant risks. So, we expect our instructors to understand and support the unique learning needs of Dual Credit students. To meet this goal, we promote instruction that offers a college-equivalent experience for students taking our courses in a variety of modalities. Our staff and faculty partner with districts and train teachers to develop success strategies that meet the curriculum and assessment requirements of our college courses. In all of these efforts, it is our goal to provide students the chance to pursue college opportunities that are truly "Beyond Measure".