

**Briarwood Christian School and  
Jefferson State Community College  
Dual Enrollment and AP-FAQs**

**1. What is Dual Enrollment?**

Dual Enrollment is a program that allows qualified high school students to enroll in college level courses and receive both high school and college credit each semester.

**2. What Dual Enrollment Courses will be offered?**

Honors U.S. History (HIS 201 and 202) open to 11<sup>th</sup> grade recommended students

Pre-calculus (MTH 112 and MTH 113) open to both 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students

Honors Pre-calculus (MTH 112 and MTH 113) open to both 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students

Honors English 12 (ENG 101 and 102) open to 12<sup>th</sup> grade recommended students

**3. What qualification must a student have to enroll?**

**Honors U.S. History:** Student must receive Honors recommendation notification and have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above.

**Pre-calculus:** Students must have a minimum 24 ACT math subscore and a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above. Students without an ACT score may test for placement eligibility. Testing is conducted at Jeff State and should be done when school is out in May. Further information about how to take this test will be provided later. Students may register for the DE course during spring registration. Placement can be amended if necessary once the Jeff State placement test or ACT test results are received.

**Honors Pre-calculus:** Student must receive an Honors recommendation notification, have a minimum 24 ACT math subscore, and a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above. Students without an ACT score may test for placement eligibility. Testing is conducted at Jeff State and should be done when school is out in May. Further information about how to take this test will be provided later. Students may register for the DE course during spring registration. Placement can be amended if necessary once the Jeff State placement test or ACT test results are received.

**Honors English 12:** Student must receive an Honors recommendation notification and have a minimum 20 ACT English subscore and a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above.

**4. What about Dual Enrollment vs. Advanced Placement (AP)?**

**Dual Enrollment** provides a value added opportunity for Briarwood students to earn college credit each semester while in a competitive college preparatory environment. The content and teaching methodology of DE designated courses will be at the college level. Jefferson State Community College's grades are indicated by letter grade only (A, B, C, D, F) without pluses or minuses or numerical grades. Credit at the college level will be awarded by JSCC if the student earns a minimum grade of C or better. Briarwood's grading scale and criteria for high school course credit remains unchanged.

**Advanced Placement (AP)** courses are designated courses whose content is at a college introductory level. Upon completion of the course, students take an AP Exam and earn college credit based on the result of their AP Exam score (credit is generally awarded to students scoring a 3 or higher on the AP Exam). Students enrolled in AP courses must meet the guidelines outlined in Briarwood's Honors Selection Criteria.

**DE Honors Pre-Calculus and AP Calculus:** Generally, Briarwood students enrolled in Honors or Advanced Honors Pre-Calculus will go on to take AP Calculus (provided they meet the AP

requirements). At some colleges and universities, a student who achieves a score of 3 or higher on the AP Calculus Exam will automatically receive college credit for Pre-Calculus and Calculus (generally 6 credit hours). If a student takes the Honors Pre-Calculus DE course and goes on to take the AP Calculus course, the DE enrollment Mth 112 and 113 courses could still count as elective college course credit. **It is strongly recommended that parents and students familiarize themselves with the AP Exam credit policies at the institution(s) to which the student will apply.**

**5. Is there a fee for Dual Enrollment courses?**

**Yes.** For the 2016-17 school year, a 3-hour DE course is typically \$414. This amount covers all JSCC tuition and fees for one semester. For the year-long course, each semester would be \$414, or a full-year course for \$828. We have not received the cost for the 2017-18 school year so it may vary slightly.

**6. What about class size?**

JSCC requires a minimum of 10 students per section to implement a dual enrollment course.

**7. Will DE courses transfer?**

JSCC makes available a list of approved Dual Enrollment courses that are guaranteed to transfer to any public school in the state of Alabama (i.e. University of Alabama, Auburn University, University of Montevallo, etc.). It is recommended that students check with Briarwood's Counseling Department regarding transferability of courses to private colleges and universities, as well as those institutions which are out-of-state. While Briarwood's Counseling Office will make every effort to assist students and parents in obtaining accurate information regarding transferability to specific institutions, **it is ultimately the parents' responsibility to verify this information with the college or university.**

**8. What is the registration process?**

Students who are enrolled in dual enrollment section(s) of the courses offered at Briarwood will be given instructions at the beginning of each semester. The instructions will include specific steps for online registration through Jeff State's website.

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