

**AGREEMENT
ON
DUAL CREDIT COURSES OFFERED BY
THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT ARLINGTON**

In accordance with and under the authority of Texas Education Code Sections 61.027 and 61.076 and the Rules and Regulations of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, high school students may enroll in university courses and receive simultaneous academic credit from both the university and the high school. In order to ensure the quality of dual credit courses and to facilitate communications and understanding between Harmony Science Academy of Fort Worth and The University of Texas at Arlington (UTA), the following provisions are agreed to by UTA and Harmony Science Academy of Fort Worth with regard to dual credit.

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

High school juniors or seniors who are in the top quarter of their class with no minimum PSAT, SAT or ACT score or rank lower than the top quarter and have earned a minimum composite SAT-I score of 1050, PSAT score of 105, or ACT score of 21 are eligible to participate if they have passed the (Texas Higher Education Assessment) THEA test or are exempt from THEA testing requirements by meeting the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) requirement, or SAT or ACT score.

TAKS requirements in lieu of THEA testing are given below:
(Must provide certified student score report to be exempt)

- Writing: Essay score of 3
- Reading: 2200 on English Language Arts section
- Math: 2200 on Math section

High school students applying for admission to dual credit courses must submit the following:

- Application for admission and a \$35 application fee
- Official high school transcript indicating junior or senior standing
- Official SAT-I, PSAT, or ACT scores (scores posted on an official high school transcript and mailed directly from the high school are acceptable)
- Completed Early Admissions Program agreement signed by the high school principal, the student, and the student's parent or guardian

Students enrolling in certain dual credit courses must meet university course prerequisites unless prior prerequisite waivers have been obtained. For instance, students enrolling in English 2309 must have completed or been awarded credit for English 1301 and 1302. In some cases waivers of prerequisites will be granted.

FACULTY QUALIFICATIONS

The instructor for a dual credit course will be employed by The University of Texas at Arlington (UTA). The instructor must meet credential requirements of UTA and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

All classes will be held on the UT Arlington campus or taken by Distance Education. Classes are open to all UT Arlington students.

GRADING CRITERIA/PROCEDURES

At the end of each semester, the UTA registrar will provide a grade roster with numeric grades to the high school principal for dual credit courses.

Students may request an official transcript from The University of Texas at Arlington (UTA) for a fee of \$7 per copy.

The UTA courses offered for dual credit, regardless of format, follow the same syllabus, course outline, grading procedure, and other academic policies. Letter grades are given in accordance with academic policies printed in the university catalog and placed on the university transcript.

Official grades will be provided, if requested, on the dates specified to meet grade-reporting dates as required by the school district and the University Interscholastic League (UIL).

Harmony Science Academy of Fort Worth will record the student's official grade on the student's report card and the final grade on the student's Academic Achievement Record. The student must earn a grade of 70 or higher in order to earn high school credit.

TRANSFERABILITY OF CREDIT

The University of Texas at Arlington (UTA) is a fully accredited institution and basic academic courses are transferable. However, since each university has its own policy regarding the transferability of courses, each student is strongly advised to check with the university which he or she plans to attend, if other than UTA, to determine the transferability of the UTA courses.

STUDENT EXPECTATIONS/SERVICES

Students enrolled in dual credit courses –

- Are expected to follow university rules and regulations
- Are classified as undeclared majors
- Are limited to two (2) University of Texas at Arlington (UTA) courses each fall, spring, or summer semester while concurrently enrolled in high school
- Receive academic advising for course registration at the UTA Honors College

FEES

The University of Texas at Arlington (UTA) fee waivers for students enrolled in dual credit courses result in a price per course lower than that paid by other UTA students. Specifically, students enrolled in a three (3) credit hour course pay \$150* (\$50 per semester hour). Additionally, students are responsible for parking fees, specific departmental fees and books.


*Estimate based on current charges - tuition and fees are subject to change.

JOINT PLANNING


The University of Texas at Arlington (UTA) will submit only those courses for dual credit that specifically meet the mandates of the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) as specified by the Texas Education Agency (TEA). In order to assist the District in determining compatibility with the TEKS and local needs, UTA will submit course descriptions at least one semester in advance of offering a course.

Annual renewal of this agreement is automatic unless one institution notifies the other in writing of its desire to modify the dual credit agreement.

More important than the stated provisions above is the spirit of cooperation between the Harmony Science Academy of Fort Worth and The University of Texas at Arlington. Both parties endeavor to provide a positive collegiate-level experience for those high school students with the maturity and academic preparation to benefit from college-level courses.



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