

Manor ISD Options for College Credit in High School

College Credit Options	AP – Advanced Placement www.collegeboard.org	Dual Credit (ACC) www.austincc.edu	OnRamps (UT) www.onramps.utexas.edu
What is it?	College-level classes that are more challenging and faster-paced than traditional high school courses, all with the goal of students receiving the opportunity to test for college credit, which is recognized internationally, depending on the scoring requirements of universities.	College course that allows a student to simultaneously earn academic credit for the course from both the college and the high school.	Classes where students are concurrently enrolled in a high school course and college course with a focus on self-regulated learning; allows students to earn a high school grade and college grade
Who teaches the course?	High school teacher who is certified in the subject area, understands the needs of high school students, and can guide them through challenging course work. Coursework is designed, delivered, and assessed by the teacher.	ACC (Austin Community College) professor or HS teacher who also serves as an adjunct professor for ACC. (Master’s degree in the field required)	The course is evaluated and facilitated by an OnRamps certified high school teacher who delivers daily lessons. College course is evaluated and monitored by the college professor, who works with the high school teacher and provides assessments
Where is the course taught?	On the high school campus	On the high school campus, college campus, or on-line	On the high school campus
What grade levels can participate?	9 th – 12 th	9 th – 12 th	11 th – 12 th
What is the curriculum?	Standards provided by the College Board with syllabus approved through the AP Audit process. Must also meet TEKS standards.	Standards provided by ACC. Student is still responsible for the associated End Of Course STAAR Exam where applicable (i.e. US History)	Standards provided by UT and meet TEKS standards
How do students enroll?	High school prerequisites	High school and college prerequisites as noted and any TSI requirements	High school and college prerequisites and any TSI requirements
How credit is awarded?	Students register for and take the internationally-recognized AP exam that is associated with the course. Exams are scored on a scale of 1-5. Credit is determined by individual colleges/universities, with scores of 3 or higher receiving college credit at Texas public colleges and universities per legislative rule.	High school and college credit is awarded. Students receive a college grade which is recorded on both the high school and ACC transcript. The high school credit is awarded with a grade of C or better, although college credit may be granted with a D.	Students earn a high school grade based on all assessed activities in the course (test, quizzes, homework, and daily work) which is recorded on the high school transcript. Students earn a college grade based on the college exams, which is recorded on a college transcript. The grades awarded for high school and college may be different. The student has the opportunity to decline the college grade and credit.
Is the course weighted?	Yes	Yes	Yes
Does it count in GPA and class rank?	Yes	Yes	Yes
How many courses can a student take?	Unlimited	12 courses without tuition, if taken while enrolled in MISD HS	Unlimited
What are the associated costs?	AP exam cost is determined by the College Board and is approximately \$100 per AP exam. Fee reductions or subsidies are available for student who qualify for free or reduced lunch. The College Board is a non-profit organization seeking to make college credit affordable and inclusive for all students.	Courses in the core curriculum are at no cost to MISD students. Students may need to purchase college textbook or resources which will cost \$100-\$200.	MISD covers the cost of OnRamps courses for all students for school year 2019 2020
How are textbooks handled?	Course resources are provided by the high school campus	Course resources may be purchased by the student.	Course resources are provided by UT and/or open source
When are courses available?	Courses are embedded during the school day as part of the	Courses may be embedded during the school day as part	Courses are embedded during the school day as part

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	student schedule during the school year	of the student schedule. Courses may also be taken at an ACC campus during the school year or in the summer.	of the student schedule during the school year.
What do colleges/universities accept?	Credit accepted at public state schools for scores of 3 or higher, and internationally at the discretion of the college/university.	Credit accepted by public state schools in Texas, and elsewhere at the discretion of the college/university	Credit guaranteed to transfer to any public state college or university, and elsewhere at the discretion of the college/university
What graduation regalia or special recognition might students receive?	Performance Acknowledgment (earning a score of 3 or higher)	Performance Acknowledgement (12 or more credit hours earned with a grade of 3.0 or higher on a scale of 4.0)	UT OnRamps Cord. Performance Acknowledgement (12 or more credit hours earned with a grade of 3.0 or higher on a scale of 4.0)
What is the experience like for students?	Advanced Placement is college-level work requiring college-level study loads and habits (and a lot of reading). Because students are motivated to earn college credit, many shift into intrinsic motivation, setting goals for growth and adjusting to attain them. Students experience learning environments that offer challenge, failure/critical feedback/revision opportunities, collaborative learning, problem-solving, and authentic connections between content, themselves, and the world. Teachers coach their students into developing ownership of learning, agency in action and work ethic, and refined thought-processes.	The Dual Credit experience is just like attending an ACC college course because it is the same ACC college course taught by college instructors. Students are expected to attend lectures and complete individual reading and assignments outside class. Number of grades are less than a high school course and are dependent on midterm and final exams to comprise the majority of the student grade. Students must be keep track of grades through ACC processes and procedures.	OnRamps students are exposed to the academic and social expectations for a college classroom and the high-quality educational experiences to better prepare them for college success. They are empowered to take on the role of college student at a low risk, due in part to their status as non-matriculated, non-major students and a scaffold support system. They are more likely to be motivated by high quality courses instead of class rank and test scores and able to demonstrate course proficiency.
Additional Notes and Considerations	All Texas public colleges/universities are required to give credit for scores of 3 or higher, but they can determine whether the course would count as credit for a core course or as an elective. What colleges and universities accept varies greatly nationally. It is the responsibility of the student to confirm credit acceptance policies.	ACC Transcript is generated and can be submitted to any institution for review. ACC credit is accepted at most Texas colleges and universities. What colleges and universities accept varies greatly nationally. It is the responsibility of the student to confirm credit acceptance policies.	UT Transcript is generated. UT course credit is accepted at all Texas public colleges/universities. What college and universities accept varies greatly nationally. It is the responsibility of the student to confirm credit acceptance policies.