

OFFSITE DUAL ENROLLMENT

Frequently Asked Questions

Q What are the minimum qualifications for Dual Enrollment?

A 3.0 GPA on college prep courses and one of the following: 900 SAT/PSAT or 19 ACT.

Q What are the minimum credit hours for LTAP to pay for my courses?

A Students must enroll in a minimum of 6 credit hours per semester to qualify for LTAP.

Q Which school calendar do I follow?

A Dual enrollment courses offered on your high school campus follow that district's academic calendar but the semester start and end date along with the exam schedule is determined by USC Sumter.

Q How do I know if class is cancelled due to inclement weather?

A Follow the closing schedule for the school district.

Q Who will teach my courses?

A Your instructor will be a faculty member approved by USC Sumter and Columbia.

Q Will I have a USC transcript and a high school transcript?

A Students will have a separate USC transcript for dual enrollment courses.

Q Will my course credits transfer to other colleges and universities?

A Contact the institution(s) you are considering and ask about their dual enrollment transfer credit policies. All courses will transfer to USC Columbia.

Q Do I have to take the ACT or SAT again once I am enrolled as a DE student?

A Yes. You need to test again to receive your best possible score required for the college or university you are planning to attend after USC Sumter.

Q What are the attendance policies for USC Sumter courses?

A Professors will state specific attendance policies for each course in the syllabus.

Q What is the grading policy for my courses?

A The course syllabus specifically states that professor's grading policy. Note that no two policies will necessarily be the same.

Q How are grades submitted?

A Only letter grades are required for USC Sumter. Numerical and letter grades will be provided to each high school at the end of each semester for report cards, GPA and class rank purposes.

Q How do parents find out grades or information about their child?

A DE students must have a Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) agreement on file. All names of persons given permission to share any information with must be on their agreement. Without a FERPA, it is illegal for any faculty or staff of USC Sumter to discuss any information about that student.

Q Since my child is under the age of 18, is a FERPA agreement still required?

A Any student, even under the age of 18, that enrolls in a college course is legally covered under FERPA.

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