

PRE UNIVERSITY PROGRAM
Agreement
on
Dual Credit Courses Offered by
West Texas A&M University and Canyon Independent School District

West Texas A&M University (WTAMU) and Canyon Independent School District (CISD) have chosen to offer, through this Pre University Program, dual credit opportunities to high school students with the purpose of providing excellent university-based higher education academic experiences for high school students who intend to pursue a university level degree.

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 CISD and WTAMU, the following provisions are agreed to by WTAMU and CISD with regard to dual credit.

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY and APPLICATION

High school juniors or seniors are eligible to participate if they have 1) taken the ACT, SAT, PSAT, or ACT Plan or are in the top half of their high school class and 2) satisfy Texas Success Initiative (TSI) requirements. To satisfy TSI a student must have passed the Texas Higher Education Assessment (THEA) test or be exempt from THEA testing requirements by meeting the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) requirement. TAKS requirements in lieu of THEA testing are: Essay score of 3 with 2200 on English Language Arts section, 2200 on Math section.

High school students applying for admission to the Pre University Program must submit the following:

- State of Texas Common Application for admission and a one-time \$25 undergraduate application fee
- Official high school transcript indicating junior or senior standing
- Official SAT-I, PSAT, ACT, or ACT Plan scores (scores posted on an official high school transcript and mailed directly from the high school are acceptable)
- Certified documentation of TSI completion
- Completed the Pre University Program agreement form signed by the high school official, the student, and the student's parent or guardian

Students enrolling in certain Pre University Program courses must meet university course prerequisites unless prior prerequisite waivers have been obtained. For instance, students enrolling in English 2311 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 Pre University Program course will be employed by WTAMU. The instructor must meet credential requirements of WTAMU and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

GRADING CRITERIA/PROCEDURES

At the end of each semester, WTAMU will provide a grade roster with numeric grades to the high school principal for Pre University Program courses.

Upon graduation from high school, students must submit an official high school transcript before any of the WTAMU transcripts will be released to other colleges or universities.

The WTAMU courses offered through the Pre University Program are regular university courses with no variance in syllabi, course outlines, grading procedures, and other academic policies. Letter grades are given in accordance with academic policies printed in the university catalog and placed on the university transcript.

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TRANSFERABILITY OF CREDIT

WTAMU is a fully accredited institution and academic courses are widely transferable to other universities. However, because each university may have its own policy regarding the transferability of courses, each student considering attending a university other than WTAMU is strongly advised to verify transferability with that university which he or she plans to attend.

STUDENT EXPECTATIONS/SERVICES

Students enrolled in the Pre University Program

- Are expected to follow university rules and regulations
- Are classified as undeclared majors
- Are limited to two (2) WTAMU courses each fall, spring, or summer semester
- Receive academic advising for course registration at the Student Advising, Registration, and Retention (STARR) Center
- Must provide to the Office of Admissions, upon high school graduation, a final high school transcript showing rank-in-class and graduation date

FEES

WTAMU fee waivers for students enrolled in the Pre University Program dual credit courses result in a price per course much lower than that paid by other WTAMU students. Students will pay \$100 per course. This will gain students an ID card, mandatory property deposit, and access to library and computing (HELC & email). Various other services are optional if students elect to purchase them, such as the Virgil Henson Activity Center, parking permit (must have if parking on campus) and athletic events.

JOINT PLANNING

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 CISD and WTAMU. Both parties endeavor to provide a positive university-level experience for those high school students with the maturity and academic preparation to benefit from university-level courses.



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