

Advanced Placement vs Dual Enrollment: which is right for me?

What is the difference between Advanced Placement and Dual Enrollment?	
About Advanced Placement (AP)	About Dual Enrollment (DE)
Classes are offered primarily to students in 11 th and 12 th grade with the exception of a few classes. See course offerings.	Classes are offered primarily to students in 11 th and 12 th grade with the exception of a few classes. See course offerings.
Syllabi are approved by the College Board [®] , a national organization that is also responsible for the SAT [®] .	Syllabi are approved by Chandler-Gilbert Community College part of the Maricopa Community College District which is nationally accredited by NCA.
To receive college credit in an AP course, students must pay for and take the appropriate exam and score within certain limits.	To receive community college credit, students must pay for the class and get a grade of C or above.
To transfer credit to an institution of higher education, students must request that the Advanced Placement Program [®] mail the student's test scores to the student's institution of choice.	To transfer credit to an institution of higher education, students must request that the college mail the student's college transcripts to the student's institution of choice.
Individual higher level institutions determine the score required for college credit and if any other classes are required in addition. The category of the credit given is also determined by the receiving institution. The institution's website is the best place to seek this information.	Individual higher level institutions determine if the institution accepts community college credit and the category of the credit. The institution's website is the best place to seek this information. The Maricopa Community Colleges have transfer agreements with in-state Universities AND over 90 out of state universities.
Cost for each exam is currently \$91 (2014-2015). AP exams are administered in May. Cost may change each year as determined by the College Board. Prices may change from year to year.	Cost for a community college class is \$84 per credit hour (2014-2015). A typical semester class is 3 credit hours. Science classes are 4 credit hours. Math year-long classes are 4-5 credit hours. Carpentry classes are 1-2 credit hours. Prices may change from year to year.
Tests are ordered and paid for through the high school. Payment plans are available through the high school as long as tests are requested at a reasonable time prior to the high school's predetermined test ordering date.	Registration and enrollment in classes are facilitated through the high school, but paid to the Maricopa Community Colleges in person or through the student's college account (MEID). Financial assistance is available through the college as well as payment plans.

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Teachers meet all highly qualified AZ State high school teacher requirements. Teacher may or may not have a master's degree.	Teachers meet all highly qualified AZ State High School teacher requirements and all Maricopa Community College instructor requirements. Academic content areas require a master's degree. Career and Technical content areas require work experience.
Courses do not contribute to college Grade Point Average (GPA).	Courses do contribute to college Grade Point Average (GPA).
Advanced paced instruction, in-depth content, rigorous grading, outside of class study.	Advanced paced instruction, in-depth content, rigorous grading, outside of class study. College on-campus tutoring and resources are available to students in addition to high school campus tutoring.
Students receive high school honors credit.	Students receive high school honors credit in specific content area classes. Non-honors dual enrollment classes are also available in some content areas.
Require a grade of C or above in previous English classes to be in the class.	Require a passing score on the Accuplacer [®] College Placement Test which is provided by the College Board [®] and a grade of C or above in previous English classes to be in the class.
Which is right for me: Advanced Placement or Dual Enrollment?	
<p>Advanced Placement is right for you if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You test well under pressure on timed tests. • You are good at memorizing and recalling information learned over a length of time. • You prefer small classes that spend class time analyzing, discussing, and interpreting. • You prefer to read, write, research, and study on your own time. • You are ready for college level study and discussion of college level materials. • You are guaranteed full ride scholarships at institutions of higher education. 	<p>Dual Enrollment is right for you if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You are a diligent and self-motivated student, but don't test well under pressure. • You prefer to be in classes with students who are also focused on furthering their education. • You prefer to spread your college costs over time. • You want to save money on college books. (The high school provides the college books required for Dual Enrollment classes.) • You are interested in working on a college program of study while in high school with the possibility of completing a two

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You will qualify for the Presidential Scholarship at the Maricopa Community Colleges. • You are going to a university that does NOT accept community college credit. This may be in-state or out-of-state. • You are interested in a program of study that the Maricopa Community Colleges does not offer. 	<p>year associate’s degree.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You prefer to be in control of the grade you earn in the class and know that you are guaranteed the credits upon completion of the class. (As long as you have paid for the class.) • You are going to a university that DOES accept community college credit. This may be in-state or out-of-state.
Where do I go for more information?	
<p>AP Students Webpage: https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/home</p> <p>At Queen Creek High School: Mrs. Lechner: AP Co-coordinator & Dual Enrollment Liaison mlechner@qcusd.org</p> <p>Ms. Oster: AP Co-cordinator & Assistant Principal joster@qcusd.org</p>	<p>Chandler-Gilbert Community College Dual Enrollment Program Webpage: http://www.cgc.maricopa.edu/Academics/Dual/Pages/Home.aspx</p> <p>At Queen Creek High School: Mrs. Lechner: AP Co-coordinator & Dual Enrollment Liaison mlechner@qcusd.org</p>