

**Arborbrook Christian Academy
Dual Enrollment Program**

A Unique Opportunity in the Charlotte Area

2019-2020

What is Dual Enrollment?

Dual Enrollment classes are college classes Junior and Senior students take during High School. Students receive high school and college credit for these classes. That college credit can be transferred to the colleges and universities students attend post High School graduation. These classes also prepare students very well for college and university academics but do so in the Christ-centered, caring community of ACA.

History of Dual Enrollment at Arborbrook

Arborbrook partners with Ocean County College in Ocean County, NJ to offer embedded dual enrollment courses to our Juniors and Seniors. We chose to partner with Ocean County College primarily because they are one of the few colleges that will allow dual enrollment courses to be taught on our campus by our teachers. That dynamic is what makes this program so unique. No other High School in the Charlotte area offers dual enrollment classes on their campus during the school day. No other High School in the Charlotte area offers dual enrollment classes taught by their teachers, already hired and vetted.

In 2018-2019, we offered 8 dual enrollment classes to students. A total of 18 Juniors and Seniors participated in those classes. 12 Seniors will graduate in May with a range of 6-19 college credits. 6 Seniors already have at least one semester of college credits to their name. Not only are they better prepared for the college academic experience, they can graduate a semester early if they choose. The financial savings to graduating a semester early at any university are huge.

Dual Enrollment vs. AP

There is a distinct advantage of taking DE classes over AP classes.

- ❖ DE credits are guaranteed. AP college credits are never guaranteed. Students must take an AP exam in order to receive any college credit for the course. Some colleges and universities do not accept the credit from AP courses.
- ❖ AP courses try to mimic college courses. DE courses ARE college courses. Colleges and Universities accept the credits from OCC. The administration at OCC advocates for all students in these courses with other colleges and universities. All credits earned by Arborbrook students have been accepted by the universities to which they have been accepted.

Financial Assistance for Dual Enrollment classes

Each credit hour for a DE class costs \$100. Classes range from 3-4 credit hours, so each class will cost \$300-400. Arborbrook will pay for the first 3 credit hours taken by Junior and 7 credit hours taken by Seniors. If students participated both their Junior and Senior year, that is a savings of \$1000 for families.

Consider this: If your student chose to take up to 24 credit hours, the maximum allowed by OCC, you would pay only \$1400 for the equivalent of one semester of college.

Who can take Dual Enrollment Classes?

Any full time ACA Junior or Senior who is willing to work hard. Two classes, English and Calculus have SAT benchmark requirements (500 Verbal / 500 Math). The other courses are open to all students with no benchmark requirements. Students who may have struggled in the past could be asked for a teacher recommendation in order to sign up for a course; however, it is our goal to help any student who wishes to take a dual enrollment course.

Why Choose Dual Enrollment at Arborbrook?

Simply put, no other High School in the Charlotte area offers the same opportunity to students. Taking college level classes that award college credits in a Christian High School environment where students can still enjoy all the benefits and pleasures of High School life is truly unique. We are thankful to the Lord for leading us to OCC so that we can provide this top tier program to students.

Course Descriptions

Psychology 172 (3 credit hours)

This introductory course focuses on the study of behavior and cognitive processes. Emphasis is on neuroscience, states of consciousness, human development, sensation and perception, learning, memory, intelligence, emotion and motivation, personality, psychological disorders, psychotherapy, and social behavior.

Sociology 181 (3 credit hours)

This course presents the fundamental concepts, sociological perspectives, and methods of social research. Course topics include culture, socialization, deviance, social class, race and ethnicity, and gender and sexuality.

Biology 130, Anatomy & Physiology (4 credit hours)

This course is encouraged for those wishing to pursue a Science or Health major in college. Students will learn about the structure of the human body by studying and memorizing the various systems.

Calculus (4 credit hours)

This class is for students who have completed Pre-Calculus their Junior year and desire a fifth math in preparation for a Science or Math major.

English 151 (3 credit hours)

This fall semester course will instruct students in academic and persuasive writing. Students will learn and practice the writing skills necessary to succeed in a college academic setting.

English 152 (3 credit hours)

This spring semester course will instruct students in the analysis of literature. Students will read various texts and learn the skills associated with comprehending works written at a collegiate level.

Elementary Spanish 1 & 2 (3 credit hours per class)

In these two semester courses, students will study and practice advanced Spanish working towards fluency and mastery through the use of classic Spanish literature, film, and in-depth projects.

The following courses will be offered in the 2019-2020 school year. Course descriptions will be available in summer of 2019:

Physics (4 credit hours)

Economics (3 credit hours)

US Government (3 credit hours)