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HOW LONG? HOW DO THEY COUNT? WHY DO THEY MATTER? COLLEGE ADMISSIONS & THE DUAL CREDIT DISCUSSION

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Hello!

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- Advise freshman counselors on dual credit equivalency

Today's Agenda

- The most common dual credit/Indiana College Core questions in a college admissions office
 - The Dual Credit “Literacy Gap” and how we can support dual credit literacy
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Disclaimer

Dual credit, dual enrollment, Early College are fantastic programs

The expansion of these options creates valuable educational pathways for learners

They also create questions and, at times, confusion for families, counselors, and colleges/universities

Context

Dual credit is no longer an option, it is an ***expectation***.

Students and families have questions

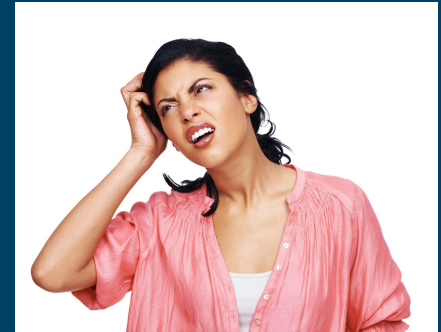
Colleges/universities must be prepared to answer these questions

The Most Common Dual Credit Questions

Will it transfer?

Will it save me money?

Will I graduate early?



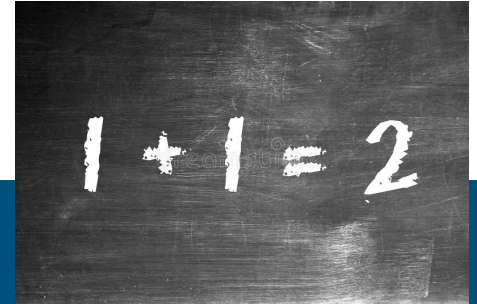
Common Dual Credit Misconceptions



More credits = earlier
graduation



High school transcript
= college credits



All credits
transfer and apply
to degrees equally

It's not that simple...

Every student's situation is different

Every college's dual credit transfer policy/applicability is different

Prior academic credit may create for more flexibility to:

- Graduate early
 - Double major
 - Take a minor or concentration
 - Study abroad for a semester
 - Take a lighter class load per semester
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All of this, and...

Dual credits are not one-size-fits-all or apply universally at every college

They may NOT alter the timeline for certain majors or programs

- Majors with set prerequisites, cohort models, specific coursework sequences
- Ex. Nursing, Engineering

What if they change majors?

Dual Credit Conversations in an Admissions Office

Official transcript requirements

Credit evaluation processes

Degree applicability

Transferability vs. usability

Timelines

Explaining the Indiana College Core

- What it is:
 - 30-credit block of transferable credits
 - A fantastic start on college coursework
 - A simplified credit transfer pathway
 - What it is NOT:
 - A universal “get-out-of-one-year-free” card
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How UIndy supports dual credit literacy

An evolving process

Freshman counselors send dual credit questions to the registrar/academic advisor → Took too long

Freshman counselors send dual credit questions to the transfer counselor → keeps process in-house

Transfer counselor attend high school visits with freshman counselors to answer questions on-site

UIndy, Dual Credits, and You! Webinars

- 15 minute overview, 45 minutes of 1:1 w/ transfer counselor → extremely popular
 - So popular, attendance limits and wait-lists
 - Changed format
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Dual Credits, UIndy, and YOU!

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UIndy and the Indiana College Core

Students who complete the Indiana College Core can have their UIndy General Education (Gen Ed) requirements **waived**



****Students must still complete one Religion course while enrolled at UIndy****

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We assume that if you're here:

- You have taken some form of dual or alternative credit course in high school.
- You're curious about how those credits will transfer to UIndy.
- You want to know how much money or time you will save by transferring these credits.

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Dual Credit Estimate from Ben Via Email

Email houstonb@uindy.edu with the following information.

- A College Transcript including all of your dual credit courses
- OR
- The name of the college facilitating your dual credit course
 - Official Course Name (ex. United States History 1865-Present)
 - Course Acronym and Number (HIST 218)
 - Grade earned in that course
 - Number of credits earned

Ben will respond with dual credit equivalencies as soon as possible.

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Important Transfer Implications

Dual credit grades can follow a student if they transfer

Since dual credit coursework appears on a college transcript, it can impact a student if their academic plans change (aka, if they transfer)

Dual credits can be difficult to distinguish from post-high school college coursework.

College admissions processing teams often do not separate these out when calculating transfer GPAs.

General Education Courses Focus

Dual credit pathways often focus on General Education coursework. Completing this block of credits can have a significant impact on later transfer pathways.

Engaging these students early allows you to discuss their transfer credits and how they fit into their potential major plan.



Supporting Dual Credit Literacy Early



Dual credit acceptance varies from one college to another

Encourage families to do their own research

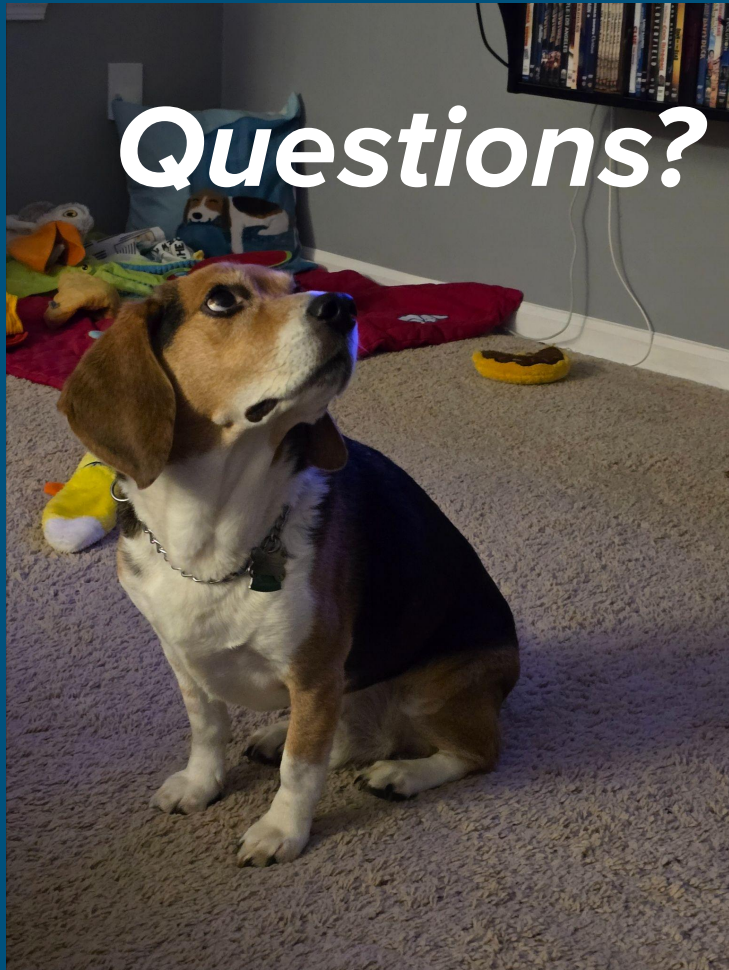
Understand major-specific requirements

Contact the schools they are interested in

Use the resources available (MyCollegeCore, TransferIN)



Questions?



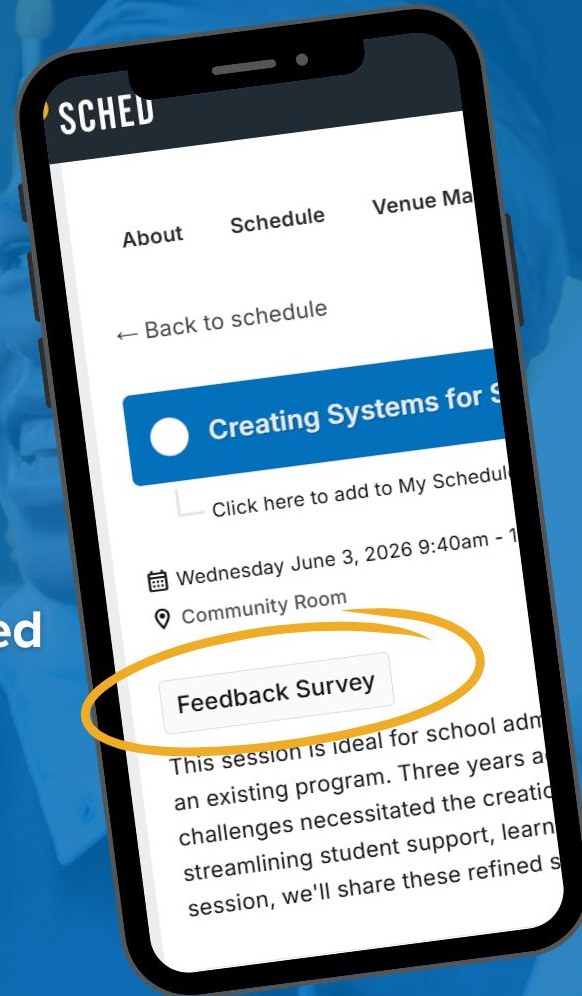
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