



## **Dual Enrollment Program FAQ**

### **A College Experience for High School Students**

#### **What is Dual Enrollment?**

Under this program, students earn college credit while earning credit toward their high school diploma. Students in the Dual Enrollment program are able to take credit bearing courses at a discounted rate.

#### **How are courses selected?**

Thiel College also seeks input from its partner high schools on student needs and desires. Finally, Thiel tries to offer courses that students cannot take at their high school (we do not want to duplicate advanced placement classes). Course times and days are also very important in course selection.

#### **How do we pay for Dual Enrollment?**

At this time there are no state grant funds to help support the Dual Enrollment program. Therefore, all families will be billed directly for the tuition and fees for Thiel College courses. For summer, fall and spring semesters, Thiel is offering students the opportunity to take college credit bearing courses at the deeply discounted rate of \$199.00/credit hour (most classes are 3 or 4 credit hours) plus fees. Private music lessons are \$100 per credit hour and \$250 per hour if not taken for credit. Thiel College will also waive the parking fee for students. The cost of books and all other course supplies are the responsibility of the student.

#### **What if the student ultimately chooses another college after graduation?**

While we would enjoy having the student join the Thiel family and our 150 year plus tradition of high quality baccalaureate education, we understand that some students will choose to study at other quality institutions after high school graduation. DE courses are selected for transferability, although *transferability is always at the discretion of the receiving institution*. Since Thiel is an accredited 4-year institution, most colleges across the U.S. will accept our courses as general requirements or electives. Be aware though, that many colleges, like Thiel, will not accept grades lower than a "C" for transfer, so students must work to maintain good standing in their college coursework.

#### **What other things will my student have to do before beginning Dual Enrollment classes at Thiel College?**

If your student intends to participate, please notify the Dual Enrollment representative (normally the high school guidance counselor) of their intent. Your school must have a good estimation of the number of interested students and the number of classes they might like to take each semester (they can take up to 12 credits in the fall and 12 credits in the spring as a senior and 9 credits for each semester for juniors and sophomores (upon approval)). Students must maintain a "C" or better in all Dual Enrollment courses in order to continue taking DE/TS courses in the future. An enrollment/registration form is available online at [www.thiel.edu/admissions/dual-enrollment](http://www.thiel.edu/admissions/dual-enrollment) or through your guidance office. Students must obtain necessary signatures for the application (parent, guidance counselor, and student). Students can indicate their class choices on those enrollment forms. Students might be required to take a placement test if enrolling in an english or math course, in lieu of a placement test, students may submit PSAT, PACT, SAT, or ACT scores. DE/TS students will attend an orientation day prior to the beginning of their course work where they will be shown their classrooms, issued college I.D. cards, oriented to the campus and the regulations of the college.

#### **What are the requirements for students to participate in this program?**

For most participating schools the following requirements are in place for 2021-2022: The student must be a high school sophomore (upon approval), junior or senior, who is making satisfactory progress toward fulfilling applicable secondary school graduation requirements, as determined by your district. The district will determine satisfactory progress based on credits earned. The student must demonstrate readiness for college-level coursework (academically and behaviorally) in the intended subject area of study, as determined by Thiel College and the district's principal or guidance office. Thiel College will determine readiness based on placement exams administered prior to enrollment in certain courses.

**What is the advantage of attending Dual Enrollment through Thiel?**

Students are taken out of their “comfort zone” for a portion of the day and gives them access to many of the academic and extracurricular activities available to every other student on campus – they are, in essence treated like every other college student. DE students may participate in all on campus college events except for varsity sports and Greek life. At Thiel, Dr. Greg Butcher, Associate Academic Dean for Student Success & Justin Gregorich, Assistant Director of Admission, act as the students’ advocates.