

Advanced Academics - Overview and Comparison

	<i>Advanced Placement® (AP®)</i>	<i>International Baccalaureate® (IB®)</i>	<i>Dual Credit(DC)</i>
Philosophy and Perspective	AP is a selection of college preparation courses offered in all academic areas, as well as foreign language and art. These courses are designed to be academically challenging and highly rigorous, exposing high school students to college-level instruction. College Board’s mission is to widen college access for all students.	IB is a college preparation program, with IB Diploma students completing coursework in six subject areas plus Theory of Knowledge. The program is recognized worldwide and designed to be academically challenging and highly rigorous, with a global focus and an international perspective.	DC is a specific type of concurrent enrollment where a student receives both high school and college credit for the same class. The program provides students with the opportunity to establish an educational foundation that will enable them to continue their academic success at a college or university.
Curriculum	College Board provides the focus for all AP courses. Teachers must submit their syllabi to College Board for approval.	IB determines the curriculum for all courses. In addition to six core subject areas, IB Diploma students also complete an Extended Essay, Theory of Knowledge course, and Creativity, Activity, and Service requirements.	DC courses will be equivalent to the corresponding course offered at the Collin College main campus with respect to curriculum, materials, instruction, and course rigor. These standards are upheld regardless of the student composition of the class—whether entirely concurrently enrolled high school students or blended with full-time college students and high school students.
Learner Profile	<p>AP students are: <i>Curious</i> <i>Creative</i> <i>Committed</i> <i>Motivated</i> <i>Organized</i></p> <p>Students who are successful in AP courses tend to be linear thinkers who are motivated and thrive in a rigorous classroom environment. They appreciate the flexibility of being able to enroll in individual AP courses based on their academic interests.</p>	<p>IB students are: <i>Inquirers</i> <i>Knowledgeable</i> <i>Thinkers</i> <i>Communicators</i> <i>Principled</i> <i>Open-Minded</i> <i>Caring</i> <i>Risk-Takers</i> <i>Balanced</i> <i>Reflective</i></p> <p>Students who are successful in IB courses tend to be questioners who thrive in a rigorous classroom environment. They are looking for a well-rounded, complete program approach to their academics.</p>	<p>DC Students are: <i>Committed</i> <i>Independent</i> <i>Mature</i> <i>Motivated</i> <i>Organized</i> <i>Self-Starters</i></p> <p>Students must meet Collin College’s requirements for admission. DC students tend to earn A’s or B’s in college preparatory high school classes. Students should possess advanced academic skills, and they should have the maturity level needed to be successful in college-level course work.</p>
Enrollment	Open enrollment for all 11 th and 12 th grade courses, with some courses specific to grade level: AP Human Geography (9 th) AP World History (10 th)	Open to all 11 th and 12 th graders who choose to pursue an IB Diploma. Some IB courses are open only to Diploma candidates. Open-enrollment IB courses are listed on the AHS IB website: https://www.allenisd.org/domain/4072	Open enrollment for high school students. Some courses require prerequisites.

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College and University Admission	<p>Students who take AP courses stand out in the college admissions process, due to the rigor and depth of coursework they have experienced.</p>	<p>Students who take IB courses stand out in the college admissions process, due to the rigor and depth of coursework they have experienced.</p>	<p>Students who take DC courses stand out in the college admissions process, due to the rigor and depth of coursework they have experienced.</p>
College and University Credit	<p>Depending on the specific college/university, students who earn a qualifying score on an AP exam may receive college credit for that course. Students and parents should contact the college admissions counselor to verify the school's recognition policy.</p>	<p>Depending on the specific college/university, students who earn a qualifying score on an IB exam may receive college credit for that course. Students and parents should contact the college or university directly to verify the school's IB recognition policy. IB Diploma students who complete the diploma requirements and earn a score of 4 or better on their exams are eligible for 24 credit hours at any Texas public university.</p>	<p>Students who successfully complete a DC course with a passing grade are awarded both high school credit and college credit. Credit reflected on the student's Collin College transcript may or may not be transferred to some colleges or universities, especially those outside of Texas. Students and parents should verify the school's recognition policy before attempting to transfer credit earned.</p>
Financial Commitment	<p>Average \$100.00 per examination.</p>	<p>Average \$100.00 registration fee each year, plus \$120 per examination. (IB Diploma students do not pay the registration fee.)</p>	<p>Average \$140.00 per course (3 credit hours), plus the cost of books or other supplies.</p>
GPA Calculation	5.0	5.0	4.5

*Pre-AP/IB classes are calculated on a 4.5 scale.