Admission Eligibility for Dual Credit

Before registering for your class, ensure you are eligible. The admission requirements are as follows:

1. High school junior eligible to enroll in a high school in South Dakota who meets one of the following requirements:
   a) earn a cumulative GPA of at least 3.50 on a 4.0 scale; or
   b) rank in upper one-third of their graduating class; or
   c) earn an ACT composite score of 24 reflective of the 70% percentile

2. High school senior eligible to enroll in a high school in South Dakota who meets one of the following requirements:
   a) earn a cumulative GPA of at least 3.25 on a 4.0 scale; or
   b) rank in the upper one-half of their graduating class; or
   c) earn an ACT composite score of 21 reflective of the 50% percentile

Note: If a student doesn’t meet the general dual credit eligibility for juniors or seniors, there are alternative ways to potentially qualify for dual credit. Please contact us for details.

English Placement

The English placement procedure at USD helps place you in the highest-level English course based on your English ACT subscore, SAT reading and writing scores or Smarter Balanced English score. If you do not have any valid scores in these areas, you will need to take a placement test (ACCUPLACER).

Math Placement**

Registration into a math course will require placement via ACT/Math index, ACCUPLACER and/or Smarter Balanced Assessment. If you do not meet the score requirements listed below, you will either need to complete the ACCUPLACER or complete a remedial course prior to the coursework listed below. Remedial courses are not available to take through dual credit.

How to Apply

Choose one of the following applications to apply for dual credit. More information and both applications may be found online at usd.edu/admissions/dual-credit/apply.

Online Application: Are you new to dual credit or did you take a break from dual credit courses this past semester? This is the application for you!

Continuing Registration: Did you complete at least one dual credit course this past semester? Then this is the application for you!
How to Check Grades

1. Instructors will add assignment, quiz and test scores in D2L for the students to track their progress during the semester. In D2L, select your course > Assessments > Grades. Faculty are also asked to raise alerts on students with whom they have concerns throughout the semester:
   a. Early alert after four weeks
   b. Midterm deficiency after eight weeks
   c. Alert for withdrawal after 10 weeks

If instructors flag students during these alert periods, the USD dual credit advisor will notify those students and their high school counselors.

2. To view final grades, students should log into the MyUSD portal and click the red button, REG Registration Self-Service. Next, click View Registration Information (you may be asked to log in again). Then in the upper left-hand corner, click the four-square icon > Banner > Student Links > My Academic Information > Grades - Final.

3. School counselors will receive a copy of the students’ final, official grades in the mail.

Add/Drop Form

The add/drop form is for dual credit students who are currently enrolled at a Regental institution. Completed forms to add, drop and/or withdraw from courses should be reviewed by Claire Rizzio, USD’s dual credit advisor, who will help you submit your forms to the appropriate campus office. Contact Claire at Claire.Rizzio@usd.edu or at 605-658-6132. Specific deadlines for adding, dropping and/or withdrawing from courses can be found online on USD’s academic calendar.

Continuing Eligibility

1. Students must meet satisfactory academic progress in all HSDC or concurrent coursework credit to maintain eligibility in the program.
   a. A student with a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or better is considered to be in good academic standing.
   b. If a student’s cumulative grade point average for all earned credit in HSDC or concurrent credit coursework falls below 2.0, the student will be placed on suspension and unable to register for or remain enrolled in any HSDC or concurrent credit coursework for the following term (reflecting Fall and Spring semesters only).

2. Any student who fails or withdraws from a HSDC course in any given term shall be denied any future enrollment unless one of the following criteria are met:
   a. Have a minimum, cumulative GPA of 2.5 in all prior HSDC coursework. OR
   b. If you have less than a cumulative GPA of 2.5 in all prior HSDC coursework, petition for re-enrollment by showing “good cause” when submitting an Eligibility Exemption Form. Contact Claire Rizzio, USD’s dual credit advisor, at Claire.Rizzio@usd.edu or at 605-658-6132 with questions and for more information.

Visit link.usd.edu/dual-credit-guidelines for more detailed information. All of the provided information is subject to change to be in accordance with the SDBOR policies for dual credit.

USD is proud to offer the South Dakota Dual Credit Scholarship to South Dakota students who successfully completed HSDC courses with USD. This scholarship is awarded not just for one year, but for up to four years as a Coyote.

Learn more at usd.edu/dualcreditscholarship.