



Summary of College Research Comparing Advanced Placement (AP) and Dual Credit (DC)

In the United States, there are 2,828 institutions offering four-year college programs and 1,485 providing two-year college courses. Each college independently establishes its own admissions standards as well as policies for granting credit for Advanced Placement and Dual Credit courses prior to matriculation. AHISD interviewed 54 universities in the spring of 2024. A broad overview of these criteria is outlined below.

Type of University	# AH Students in last 2 years	% AH Students in last 2 years	Impact on Admission	Impact on Course Credit	
			Consideration of Advanced Placement and Dual Credit courses during admission process	Award of Dual Credit course credit for college credit	Award of Advanced Placement (AP) exam scores for college credit
Texas Public	204	51%	AP and DC recognized in the same way	Accept core 42 DC hours	Accept 3+ *Some specific majors require higher AP scores or college placement test scores too
Texas Private	87	22%	AP and DC recognized in the same way *TCU prioritizes AP for 5 courses	Individual review of transcripts *Many accept up to 66 DC hours *Trinity and Rice only accept DC not used for HS graduation credit	Accept 4+ *Rice does not accept all AP exams
Out of State Public	67	17%	AP and DC recognized in the same way	Individual review of transcripts	Most Accept 3+ *Colorado School of Mines, NYU, Auburn 4+
Out of State Private	42	11%	AP and DC recognized in the same way	Individual review of transcripts *The more selective the university the more limited the transferability of DC. Many limit the number of DC credits or only accept DC not used for HS graduation credit	Accept 4+ *The more selective the university the more limited the transferability of AP credit. Some limit the exams accepted, or number of AP hours accepted.