



As the student and parent/guardian, we agree that the student plans to enroll in the Dual Enrollment/Early Admissions Programs offered at Hillsborough College (HC). We also agree to follow the policies of the Dual Enrollment/Early Admissions Programs as well as HC rules, procedures, and regulations while enrolled at HC. We agree that the student must complete an educational plan by the second term he or she is enrolled at HC, and the completed educational plan must be uploaded to the student's record.

A signed copy of the Dual Enrollment Student and Parent Agreement must be on file in the HC Dual Enrollment office in order for the student to be approved for this program. For any questions on the policies listed below, please contact [dualenrollment@hccfl.edu](mailto:dualenrollment@hccfl.edu) or call 813-253-7976.

By signing this Agreement, we understand and acknowledge the following statements:

**RIGOR:**

- The HC Dual Enrollment program is a rigorous program for academically motivated high school students who demonstrate interest, maturity, and academic readiness. The Dual Enrollment program requires a significant commitment from students for them to be successful.
- Access to instructional materials has a strong impact on student success in a course. Dual enrollment students must order instructional materials in a timely fashion so that they have the materials by the first day of class. Failure to have the instructional materials by the first day of class may result in the student being administratively withdrawn from the course.
- Parents/guardians should consider their student's organizational, time management, and academic skills before enrolling.
- College courses and the amount of time required to be successful may be greater than high school courses.
- Students will be required to participate in college level courses requiring a greater degree of self-direction and motivation. The academic work will be more demanding, and our faculty will expect students to perform at the same level as any other college student.
- Courses will not be modified to accommodate different student ages and maturity.

**ENVIRONMENT:**

- Students will be in a learning environment that explores a diverse and open range of ideas that requires a mature understanding of multiple perspectives. Students must be able to engage in discussions in a respectful and responsible manner. While appropriate for college level, course materials and class discussions may reflect topics not typically included in high school courses, which some parents may object to for minors. Alternative assignments will not be provided in these cases.
- Students will attend classes with adult, non-high school aged students and may encounter a diverse student population. Dual enrollment students at an HC campus will experience students of various ages and backgrounds, including students who may have criminal records.



### DUAL ENROLLMENT CREDIT AND GRADING POLICIES:

- By participating in this program, students will be starting their college academic record. All grades earned will be part of their official HC transcripts, including failing grades and withdrawals. Grades, including withdrawal grades, may affect subsequent postsecondary admission and financial aid eligibility at HC or another college/university.
- Students must meet statutory eligibility requirements to participate in the dual enrollment program as set forth in [Section 1007.271, Florida Statutes](#). Students must maintain a 2.0 HC GPA as well as a 3.0 unweighted high school GPA to continue eligibility in the program.
- Students who receive a failing grade or who withdraw from a course may use the Dual Enrollment Petition one time to retake a class and/or to be reinstated into the program.
- Parents/guardians do not have access to a student's progress reports, grades, assignments, coursework, or college instructors, and HC does not provide parent conferences. Instructors are under no obligation to speak to parents\*.

\*This applies to all of Hillsborough College's campus and online instructors. For courses taught in person at a student's high school location by Hillsborough County Public Schools high school instructors, parent/teacher conferences will be available in accordance with HCPS practices.

- Parents should not utilize the student's email to contact HC representatives. FERPA requirements also do not permit anyone other than the student to register for courses; therefore, parents cannot register for courses on their students' behalf. Learn more about HC's FERPA guidelines: <https://www.hccfl.edu/admissions/office-registrar/ferpa>
- Transfers of dual enrollment credits to out-of-state schools may vary, and credits may not transfer. The student is responsible for verifying course transfers.

### COMMUNICATION POLICIES:

- The Dual Enrollment office will handle all approvals for registration.
- Students will visit HC Student Services on an HC campus or utilize forms under MYHCC for all enrollment or withdrawal activities, including course selection or any other issue not directly related to course content or their grades including all requests for an accommodation.
- Students must communicate directly with their instructors for a clear understanding of course expectations and grades. Parents must not utilize Hawkmail to contact instructors on the student's behalf.
- Students must register their NetID and use their Hawkmail email address, which is the primary means of communication with any HC representative including instructors.
- HC courses offered online and at HC campuses use the Canvas learning management system. Students must monitor their Canvas page for course information.
- Students must comply with all registration dates, including Dual Enrollment registration deadline, last day to drop a class without penalty, and the last day to withdraw. Students can visit the Dual Enrollment website for Registration Deadlines for each term and for the HC Academic Calendar.



### ONLINE COURSES:

- The student experience with HC online courses differs significantly from Florida Virtual School online courses. The table below summarizes these differences.
- Dual enrollment students must follow HC policies and HC instructor requirements in all courses taken at HC, including online courses.
- All HC online courses require students to complete at least one graded assignment before the end of the drop/add period to verify their attendance in the course; students who do not sign in and complete an assignment will be administratively withdrawn. The drop/add period is specified in the HC Academic Calendar.
- Students should sign in to their course several times a week. Students must monitor their HC email and announcements posted in the course.
- Some courses may require online proctored exams. Academic dishonesty occurs when someone (including parents or guardians) other than the student, completes the exams instead of the student. Academic dishonesty is grounds for a failing grade and disciplinary action under the [HC Code of Student Conduct](#).

Florida Virtual School	Online Classes at HC
Statewide public school	Two-year college
Flexible start and end dates	Set and structured start and end dates. Assignments cannot all be turned in on the last day.
Mandatory phone call	Orientations vary from non-existent, to optional, to mandatory.
Communications through text messaging/phone	Communication through email and announcements
Regular grade report and update	Grades reported in the Learning Management System to students as needed
Flexible due dates	Scheduled due dates
Warnings provided when falling behind schedule	Students are required to track their own progress
Options to redo work to earn a higher grade	Few options, if any, to redo work
Parents regularly connect with teachers to review student progress	Parents do not have access to student courses, grades, or progress unless the student provides it
Beginning computer/internet skills and access required – Training provided	Intermediate computer/internet skills and access required
Opportunities for tutoring from teacher	Tutoring available at the Academic Success Center
D2L – Focuses on specific assignments	Canvas – Assignments and modules with set due dates



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### Parent or Guardian Section:

I grant permission for my child to participate in the Dual Enrollment program at Hillsborough College. By signing this Agreement, I attest that I have read, understand, and agree to the policy statements included in this document.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Student Section:

I have read, understand, and agree to follow all HC rules, procedures and regulations, including the HC Dual Enrollment program rules, procedures, and regulations

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ HC Student ID# \_\_\_\_\_

High School of Enrollment: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please submit this form through the **Dual Enrollment Portal**.  
It is only required the first time a student submits paperwork.

If you are taking this course in-person at your local high school with a high school instructor,  
please provide your signed agreement to your high school instructor.