

# Dual Credit Helpful Hints

- 1. Do your homework** - research how the dual credit course will apply toward your intended major before signing up. Be sure to look up the following at the college/university you plan to attend:
  - a. Their transfer policies
  - b. Their general education requirements
  - c. Their major requirements
  - d. How many (if any) elective hours are allowed
- 2. College grades are permanent.** Poor performance in a dual credit course could affect financial aid, scholarships, or put you at risk for academic probation. Potential employers, as well as graduate or professional schools, will see all grades on your college transcripts.
- 3. More dual credit isn't always better.** Dual credit is most useful to the student when it applies purposefully toward an educational program or degree. Extra hours that don't transfer or apply to your program can actually harm you in the long run. Federal financial aid can run out after you've earned a certain number of credit hours, based on the number of total credit hours earned— even if your degree isn't complete.
- 4. Take unofficial transcripts, from each institution, to your freshman advising session.** This will help your advisor build a freshman schedule based on the college credit already earned.
- 5. Be sure to send official college transcripts.** Courses based upon the courses being indicated as such on your high school transcript. You **MUST** send official college transcripts, from every college at which you have earned dual credit, to your college of choice.
- 6. Pay any bills for dual credit coursework (if there is a charge).** Your transcript won't be released if you still owe fees, nor can you enroll in further dual credit or campus coursework at that institution.



**Questions about dual credit, in general, or VU's Project EXCEL program, specifically?**  
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