

Dual Enrollment FAQs for 2017/2018

Virginia Baptist College now offers 42 credits of college-level courses to Juniors and Seniors in high school each year (21 credits per semester). Course structure may vary, but all courses are identical to their traditional undergraduate counterparts. Below are some frequently asked questions and their answers.

Q: Who is eligible to take these courses?

A: High school juniors and seniors with a cumulative high school GPA of 2.5 or above.

Q: What is the cost of the program?

A: Each course will cost only \$250. That is a savings of \$410 per course based on the current tuition rate. All application, registration, and technology fees are also waived.

Q: Can we use financial aid?

A: No. Federal Financial Aid and VBC scholarships are only available to undergraduate students enrolled in a degree program.

Q: How do I pay my tuition?

A: You will pay your tuition through your online Populi account on the financial tab.

Q: Do I have to pay for all of my classes upfront?

A: No. Payments can be made over four months beginning in August for the fall semester and January for the spring semester. Payments are due on the 20th of the month. Overdue accounts will be charged a \$25 late-payment fee.

Q: What about textbooks?

A: A list of the required textbooks for each course will be posted on the course page with links to an online distributor. Students are responsible to order their own books. It is up to the student to decide whether he wishes to purchase new or used, paper or digital.

Q: Are all of these courses accredited?

A: Yes. Virginia Baptist College is a member of the Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools (TRACS) [15935 Forest Rd., Forest, VA 24551; Telephone: 434.525.9539; email: info@tracs.org] having been awarded Accredited status as a Category III institution by TRACS' Accreditation Commission on April 19, 2016; this status is effective for a period of 10 years. TRACS

is recognized by the United States Department of Education (USDE), the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA), and the International Network for Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education (INQAAHE).

Q: Will these credits transfer to other colleges and universities?

A: Most dual enrollment students have had success with transferring some, if not all, of their credits to other institutions either as required courses or as electives. Every institution has different policies regarding the transfer of credit. Many regionally accredited universities will only accept credit from other regionally accredited institutions. It is up to the student to research this before beginning classes at Virginia Baptist College. Students may call the college or contact Academic Advising at advising@vbc.edu to see if credits have been accepted to certain colleges in prior years. *Please understand that we are training for ministry and it is other ministry-focused institutions that we have benchmarked our courses with.*

Q: Do I have to attend all sessions of my classes on campus?

A: No. VBC uses a blended course format for all classes that include a live lecture. Students may choose course to course and session to session to attend the class live on campus, to attend live via Zoom video-conferencing from another location, or to watch the recording of the lecture that will be posted within 12 hours of the end of the live lecture. See below for a schedule of classes offered for this coming semester, including the day/time of the live lecture, the name of the instructor, and the location that the instructor is lecturing from.

Q: How many times can I miss class before it affects my grade?

A: Because of our blended class format, VBC instructors do not take attendance. If you miss class, you can watch the recording. However, substantial online discussion is required for all classes. Missing the deadlines for completing your online discussion posts and responses will result in a loss of points. Weekly discussion questions are graded for completion and for content.

Q: Do you offer summer courses?

A: US History I and II and History of Western Civilization I and II are offered in alternating summers as eight-week modules. All four of these courses qualify for dual enrollment prices.

Q: Can I take other college courses that are not listed?

A: High school seniors can register for any course. However, if the course is not designated as Dual Enrollment, the student will have to pay the current price per credit as well as the registration and technology fees. High school juniors may not take other courses without receiving special permission from the Academic Dean.

Q: If I decided to attend VBC, will these courses count toward my program?

A: Yes. If you complete all of the courses offered, you will have completed one-third of any of the bachelor degree programs you choose to enter at VBC.

Q: How do I know my grades?

A: Your grade is updated in real time on Populi. Every time a quiz or test is taken or a project/paper is graded, Populi will update your grade, so you can keep up with it on a daily basis.

Q: How do I get my grades to my school so that they can be applied to my high school transcript?

A: Either you or the school can request to have an official transcript sent to them. Your bill must be paid in full before your transcripts are released. <http://vbc.edu/student-information/forms/transcript-request-form/>

Q: Is your grading scale the same as my high school?

A: VBC uses a 10-point scale.

Q: Are these courses the same as AP courses?

A: AP courses are regulated through the College Board, so neither we nor your high school can give them the designation of *AP*. However, college-level courses are advanced. For this reason, we suggest that high schools accepting our credits transfer them in as honor credits, using a 5-point scale so that a low *A* in a college course does not translate to a *B* on the high school transcript, lowering your GPA. Below is the suggested honors equivalent scale. *Note: Your high school is under no obligation to use the suggested Honors Scale.*

VBC Scale			Suggested Honors Scale for High School GPA		
4.0	90-100	A	5.0	95-100	A
3.0	80-89	B	4.0	90-94	A
2.0	70-79	C	3.0	80-89	B
1.0	60-69	D	2.0	70-79	C
0.0	0-59	F	1.0	60-69	D
			0.0	0-59	F

Dual Enrollment Classes Fall 2017

Schedule of Live Courses: *These courses will include a live lecture. Students may choose session to session to join live on campus in the rooms listed, to join from another location via Zoom video conferencing, or to watch the recorded lecture that will be posted on the course page within a few hours of the end of the live lecture.*

Old Testament Survey	8:00 – 9:32 a.m.	Monday/Wednesday	Rm 315	Mr. Davis (on campus)
Composition I*	8:00 – 9:32 a.m.	Monday/Wednesday	Conference Rm	Mrs. Joyner (Zoom)
English Literature	9:36 – 11:08 a.m.	Monday/Wednesday	Conference Rm	Dr. Edmonds (on campus)

**The instructor will be teaching live from North Carolina. Students in this class are strongly encouraged to bring their own device that has audio and video (laptop, tablet, etc.) and a set of ear phones if they plan to attend on campus.*

Online Courses: *These courses are also available at the Dual Enrollment rate. However, there will not be a live lecture component during the school day. Students may choose session to session to either watch the recorded lecture on the day following the live evening class, or to attend the evening class via Zoom or on campus when available.*

Bible Doctrines I	8:20 – 9:40 p.m.	Monday	TBD	Mr. Davis (on campus)
College Math	5:10 – 7:20 p.m.	Thursday	TBD	Mr. Allen (on campus)
History of Western Civ. I	7:30 – 9:40 p.m.	Thursday	TBD	Mr. Wollan (on campus)
Life and Teachings of Jesus I	-----	-----	----	Pastor Skelly (online only)