



### Honors Courses

- Curriculum is developed by high school teachers
- Most common Honors courses are:  
English: 9 & 10  
World History: 10  
Biology: 10      Chemistry: 10, 11, or 12      Physics: 11 or 12  
Math 1: 9      Math 2: 10      Math 3: 11

### Advanced Placement (AP) Courses

- Nationally developed and standardized curriculum
- AP courses are sometimes referred to as the most rigorous courses on a high school campus
- Students are awarded a weighted grade for AP courses if they earn a “C” or higher
- Each AP course has a national testing day in May. Fee waivers are available for the exams!
- AP exams are scored 1-5 with 3 being a passing score. Universities differ on the amount of credits awarded for each AP course depending on the student’s score.
  - [Shasta College Advanced Placement Policy](#)
  - [California State University Advanced Placement Policy](#)
  - [University of California Advanced Placement Policy](#)
- [List of AP Exams](#)

### Dual Enrollment (DE) Courses

- DE courses are offered on the high school campus by a high school teacher that has been approved to teach the course by a community college.
- DE courses are free.
- Students are informed of the challenges in taking a DE course and can elect to enroll in the college course or simply remain in the course as a high school student.
- The number of DE courses and the subject areas are determined by the high school staff.
- DE courses receive a weighted grade if they earn a “C” or higher.

### Concurrent Education Courses

- Concurrent education is when a student takes a community college course on the college campus or online.
- Students may take a community college class during the summer or during the regular school day.
- Concurrent courses are free for high school students with the exception of a \$20 health fee.
- Concurrent courses may be taken from different community college campuses.
- Shasta College requires a gold Concurrent Enrollment form and the form must be signed by the school counselor and principal each semester.
- Grades earned from concurrent education are awarded weighted grades for a “C” or higher.

Type of Course	Grade Level	Purpose / Rationale
Honors	9-12	Challenge oneself Prepare for AP courses Enhance college applications
Advanced Placement (AP)	9-12	Challenge oneself Earn weighted grades (A=5 pts. instead of 4) Enhance college applications <u>Potential to earn college credits while in high school</u>
Dual Enrollment (DE)	9-12	Challenge oneself Enhance college applications <u>Earn college credit AND high school credit during the regular school day</u> Some high schools award weighted grades for DE courses
Concurrent Enrollment	9-12	Explore a large variety of courses Online courses available Online community college courses can be taken from different campuses providing flexibility in scheduling Some high schools award weighted grades for concurrent courses

[View your high school's list of courses approved by the University of California's Office of the President](#)