

A top-down view of a dark desk with various items: a smartphone, a pencil, a notebook, a pair of glasses, a keyboard, and a cup of coffee on a saucer.

# EARNING COLLEGE CREDIT WHILE IN HIGH SCHOOL

Dual Credit/Enrollment Opportunities



## DUAL CREDIT VS. DUAL ENROLLMENT

Dual Credit - students are enrolled in the high school earning college credit and high school credit concurrently.

Dual Enrollment - students are enrolled in the high school and taking courses on the college campus



# PROS AND CONS OF DUAL CREDIT/ENROLLMENT

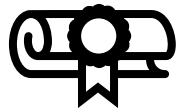
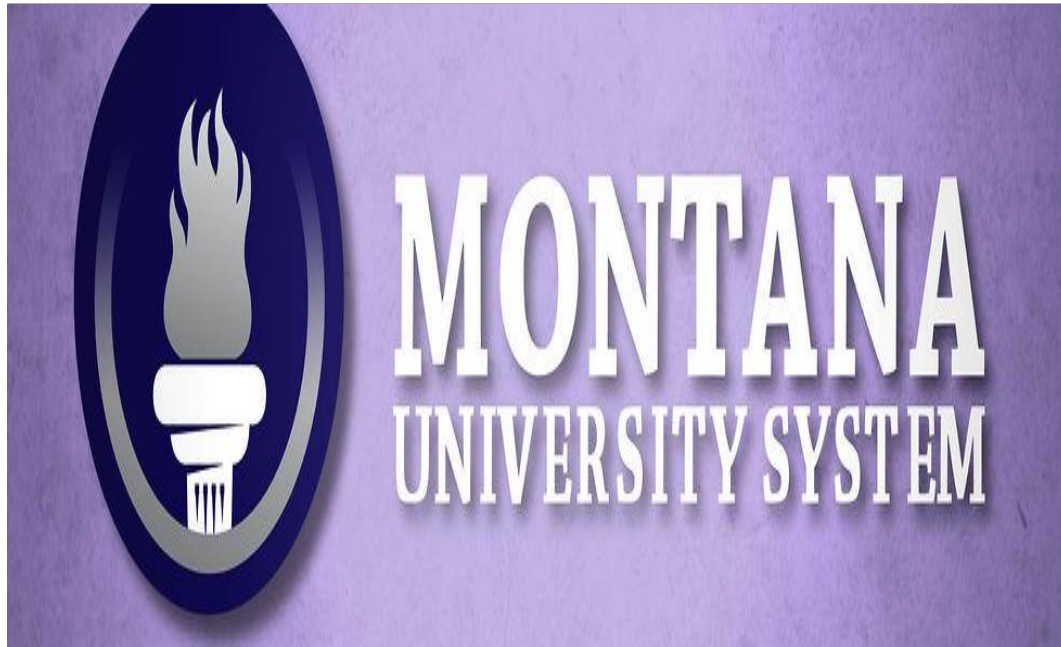


## **Pros**

- Earn H.S. Credit and College
- College level rigor
- Helps students find right career path
- Helps Expedite College Degree completion
- Cost Effectiveness - about 1/3 of the cost, saves money
- Lowers Remediation Rates

## **Cons**

- Registration process semester at HS and College don't match up
- Transferability of credits
- Rigor of courses
- Grades become permanent records on college transcript



## 1-2-Free Initiative

- **First Six Credits Free**
- **Eliminates Cost Barriers**
- **Savings of \$1,190**
- **Promotes Student Retention and Completion**
- **Reduces Remediation Rates**
- **Experience of College Rigor**
- **Access to MUS Campus Courses**
- **Promotes College/Workforce Readiness**

## EARLY ACCESS PROGRAM



- 1. On-Campus Experience Tuition Free - \$60 Student Fee**
- 2. Juniors and Seniors with 3.25 GPA**
- 3. May Take up to Two Classes Each Semester**
- 4. Total of 24 Credits – 1 full year**
- 5. Class/Schedule Availability – work with HHS School Counselor**
- 6. Students Purchase Textbooks and pay additional fees**
- 7. Courses are not dual enrollment classes**
- 8. Eliminates Cost Barriers**
- 9. Promotes Retention and Completion**
- 10. Apply Online (</apply/carroll-early-access-application>)**

# REQUESTING TRANSCRIPTS

- Transcripts must be requested from Helena College or Carroll for the school of enrollment to accept transfer credits.
- The high school transcript will not show college credits earned.
- **Helena College** - [http://www.helenacollege.edu/registration\\_transcripts/transcriptrequests.aspx](http://www.helenacollege.edu/registration_transcripts/transcriptrequests.aspx)
- **Carroll College** - <https://www.carroll.edu/registrar-office/transcripts>



# RESOURCES

<https://hhs.helenaschools.org/counseling-and-career-guidance/dual-credit-application-2/>