Dual Credit Admission Policies

A. Sophomore, junior, and senior high school students qualify for admission to the dual credit (concurrent enrollment) program at Lamar University by providing test scores that prove college readiness. Students must have qualifying subject-area scores applicable to the courses they plan to take.

- **Effective Fall 2021**, students do not have to submit a full set of scores. They may submit partial scores but will be limited to enrolling in the courses that correspond to their qualifying scores only. (For example, a student who has qualifying SAT Math scores but does not have SAT EBRW or TSIA2 ELAR, will be limited to enrolling in Math courses only.)
- **Also effective Fall 2021**, students can meet admission requirements by submitting qualifying subject-area scores from two different tests listed below *as long as one of the two tests is the TSIA or TSIA 2.0.* (For instance, SAT Math and TSIA 2.0 ELAR, or PSAT EBRW and TSIA 2.0 Math.)

1. **PSAT/NMSQT:**
   - Evidence-Based Reading and Writing – at least 460
   - Math – at least 510

2. **STAAR EOC:**
   - English – at least 4000 on English II
   - Math – at least 4000 on Algebra II OR at least 4000 on Algebra I *with* a passing grade of C or better in the Algebra II course. (Grade must appear on student’s high school transcript.)

3. **TSIA (test administered before January 11, 2021):**
   - Reading – at least 351
   - Math – at least 350
   - Writing – at least 340 and 4 on the essay
     - if below 340, then 5 on essay and 4 on ABE Writing

4. **TSIA 2.0 (test administered January 11, 2021 and beyond):**
   - ELAR – 945 + essay: 5
     - below 945 + diagnostic level of 5 or 6 + essay: 5
   - Math – 950
     - below 950 + diagnostic level of 6

5. **SAT**
   - Evidence-Based Reading and Writing – at least 480
   - Math – at least 530

6. **ACT:**
   - English – at least 19
   - Mathematics – at least 19
   - Composite – at least 23
B. Criteria for approval for dual credit enrollment for students below sophomore year high school standing

To enroll in dual credit courses, students must have at least sophomore year high school standing. Any student below sophomore high school standing wishing to enroll in dual credit courses will have to submit qualifying test scores from Section A along with a recommendation from the high school principal attesting to the student’s ability to be successful in university courses.

Students enrolled in a private or non-accredited secondary school or who are home-schooled must satisfy the same requirements.

C. Course Load

High school students may be enrolled in three dual credit courses on their first attempt at dual credit with Lamar University. Students who are successful in their first attempt at dual credit (C or higher in all dual credit courses with a minimum gpa of 3.0 on all dual credit courses) may take up to four courses in subsequent semesters.

Students who earn a D or F as their final dual credit course grade will not be allowed to enroll in future dual credit courses.

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