

Dual Enrollment ECHS Orientation



“College 101” College Basics

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What is a Semester

- A period of time you spend in the same class of instruction
- Usually 12-15 weeks
- Midterm marks the halfway point
 - Exception ECHS 9 week semester

*Term = Semester



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Semester

- Three semesters per year
 - Spring (January – May)
 - Summer (May– August)
 - Fall (August – December)
 - Beginning of the “school year”

Summer Semester



12 – 15 Week



Mini Semester





What Is A Credit Hour?

- Unit of measure for college credit
- Contact Hours
 - Professor/Student
 - Lecture or Lab

This means that the student invests the equivalent of three hours per week in the formal instruction process for each three-credit hour course.



Credit Hours

- 1 class = 3 credit hours*
 - Exception: Science courses and Kinesiology
- Degree/Certificate Hours*
 - Associate 72 hours = 24 classes (4-6 semesters)
 - Certificate 27 hours = 9 classes (2-4 semesters)
 - No academics

*On average



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GPA

- GPA = Grade Point Average
- Term GPA
- Cumulative GPA



How To Calculate GPA

Letter Grade	Grade Points
A	4
B	3
C	2
D	1
F	0



How To Calculate GPA (con't.)

GPA Formula
(simple)

Total Grade Points
÷
Total Classes

GPA Formula
(accurate)

Total Grade Points
÷
Average Total Credits



Class Schedule

- MWF
 - Monday, Wednesday, Friday
 - T/TH
 - Tuesday, Thursday
 - S
 - Saturday
- Technical classes





Course	Inst	Credits	CRS			CEUs	Stat	Printed
Instructor	Days	Meeting Times	Location Bldg/Room	Meth	Start Date	Term		
Comments								

SPCH-1318-2002	MWF	11:15AM 12:10PM	200 200W	W123	LEC	08/31/09	09/FA	3.00cr New
Interpersonal Communi								
J. Garcia								

SPCH-1311-2001	MWF	09:05AM 10:00AM	200 200W	W123	LEC	08/31/09	09/FA	3.00cr New
Intro to Speech Commu								
F. Balcos								

BIOL-1309-2040	TTH	01:00PM 02:25PM	200 200U	U202	LEC	08/31/09	09/FA	3.00cr New
Biol/Non-Sci Maj II 3								
O. Cano								

BIOL-1109-2041	TTH	02:35PM 04:00PM	200 200U	U132	LAB	08/31/09	09/FA	1.00cr New
Biolo Non-Sci Maj Lab								
O. Cano								

Total Credits: 10.00
Total CEUs : 0.00



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Standards of Academic Progress

- ❖ A Student must maintain at least a 2.0 GPA per term and overall.
- ❖ Current system =
 - ❖ Probation
 - ❖ Suspension



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“No Show” Status

- ❖ A “No Show” is a student who registers for a class, never attends the class and does not “officially withdraw”.
- ❖ ECHS students reported as “No Show” will be notified by high school counselor of status



Attendance

- ❖ ECHS students should confirm their class schedule with high school counselor
- ❖ ECHS students should not attend a class if you have not been officially registered



Organizing/Changing Classes

- ❖ Organization of your schedule is up to you!
 - Select your classes based on your availability **and high school schedule**
 - Consider the time of day when you will be most able to learn.
- ❖ What do I do to change classes?
 - **See high school counselor**
 - **Submit changes to Dual Enrollment Office**
- ❖ Use your advisors
 - **High School counselor**
 - **Dual Enrollment Advisors through Dual Enrollment Office**



Tutor/Mentor Location

- ❖ You might face difficulties, but there is help available!
 - Trouble understanding a class: tutors are available.
 - Need more in-depth help for a specific course: SI tutors.
 - Have trouble navigating through the “college process:” Mentors.

Remember college can be a difficult process but you’re not alone, simply drop by and we’ll be happy to help! Come by the Academic Achievement Center, located at D-138 to see a mentor or advisor, and we can point you in the right direction.





WebAdvisor

- What??? – Allows access to your information via the internet.
 - It is an exact mirror of Datatel
- What can I do on it?
 - View:
 - Current & Past Grades
 - GPA by term
 - Class Schedule
 - Update address
 - Look-up Gmail account
 - Request official transcript
 - Conduct evaluation on program of study
- What is the link?
 - My.tstc.edu





(FERPA)

Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974

- TSTC Harlingen complies with the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act and informs students of their rights under the act. Student rights covered by the act are as follows:
 - The right to inspect and review the academic record.
 - The intent of TSTC Harlingen is to limit the disclosure of information contained in a student's academic record under the following circumstances:
 - With the student's prior written consent;
 - As an item of directory information which the student has not refused the college to disclose; or
 - Under the FERPA provisions which allow a college to disclose information without the student's prior written consent.
 - The right of a student to petition TSTC Harlingen to amend or correct any part of his/her academic record which is believed to be inaccurate, misleading, or in violation of the privacy or other rights of the student.
 - The right of any person to file a complaint with the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act Office, Department of Education.**



**Address available in Student Handbook

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College Student! Now What?





REMEMBER

**We really do
Want you
to succeed!**



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But

High School

and

College

are Different

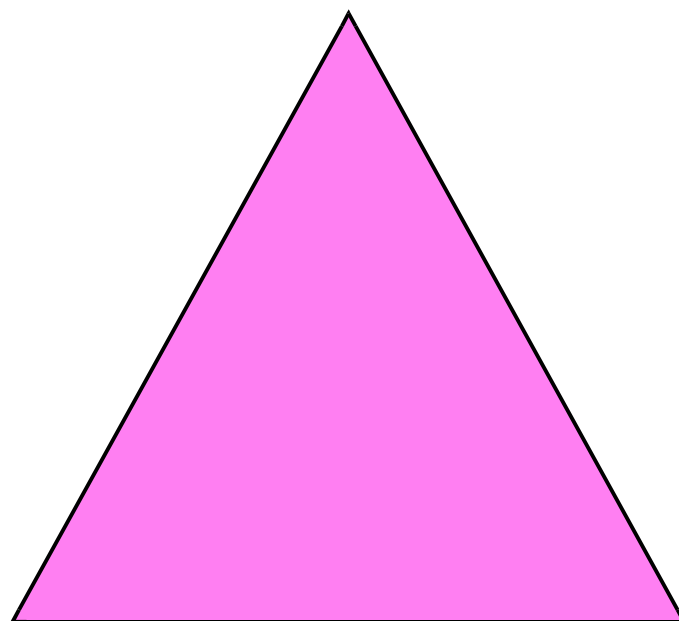


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**Learning in college is
all about a student's:**

Skill



Will

Self-Regulation



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Early College High School

- Offers you a blend of High School and College extremes
- Take advantage of the gentle learning curve to get completely ready for college



Personal Freedom



High School	College
Your time is structured by others.	You manage your own time.
Parents and teachers are there to remind you.	You balance time, priorities, responsibilities, ethics.
You are told your responsibilities and corrected by others.	You take responsibility for your actions and consequences.

Classes



High School	College
All teachers monitor class attendance.	Instructors may or may not take roll.
Hands up for permission to leave (hall passes).	Don't disrupt the class. Be on time. Stay. Leave when dismissed.
Bells.	No bells (usually).

Studying



High School	College
May not have a lot of home work.	2 to 3 hours of outside work or preparation for each classroom hour.
Classroom work has most of what you need.	Outside reading may not be reviewed in class.
Usually told what you need to learn.	You must read and prepare. Classroom lectures assume you have read and understood the material.



Need Help?

STUDENTS

Ask for it!



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Teachers



High School	College
Teachers will come to you to offer help.	Instructors expect you to come to them for help.
Teachers will provide you with notes for missed material.	Instructors expect you to get notes from classmates.
Teachers often write important notes on the board.	Instructors expect you to identify important items.
Teachers remind you of assignments due.	Instructors expect you to read the syllabus/CIS.



Tests / Assignments



High School	College
Frequent tests over small chunks of materials.	Often only 2 tests over lots of materials.
Teachers often rearrange test dates to minimize conflicts with activities.	Instructors seldom consider outside activities when planning tests.

Grades



High School	College
Extra credit may raise scores.	Very little (if any) extra credit.
Initial low test grades may have little effect on final grade.	Most tests and assignments are weighted equally.
Effort counts.	Results count.

Absences



High School	College
Note from Mom and all is forgiven.	“You don’t have to schedule a doctor’s visit during my class.”
	Know about an absence – turn in work early.
	Official trip: Bring a note. Medical emergency: Bring a note.
	Mom doesn’t count!



College Rules

- Rule 1: A student does **not** have to:
 - Go to class.
 - Turn in assignments.
 - Participate in classroom activities.
 - Pass tests.
- Rule 2: A student does **not** have to pass the class.



Self-Contained vs. Mixed

- Self-contained classrooms with only high school students: Most instructors are aware of their audience and adjust teaching and assignments. Some high school rules apply. **1st two years of ECHS.**
- Mixed classrooms: Instructors don't pay attention to ages or student status. **Last two years of ECHS.**



Instruction

- High schools have curriculum.
 - TEKS
 - TAKS/STARS
 - End of course exams

- Colleges have instructors.
 - Academic freedom



Students:

Enjoy college and its freedoms...

BUT

Remember...freedom brings
responsibilities!



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See you at TSTC!

