

PARENT CONSENT FORM FOR ONLINE DUAL ENROLLMENT STUDENTS¹

Student's Name: _____

FIU Student Panther ID: _____

I understand that my son and/or daughter will be enrolled in an FIU online college-level course during Florida International University's (FIU) Summer B Term (June 19 – July 28, 2017). As in any college-level online course, strong organizational skills, study habits, and discipline will serve the student well in striving for academic success. Note, too, that FIU summer term coursework, including online coursework, is delivered in an accelerated instructional format.

Special Note: In order to ensure the optimal delivery of online instruction and student learning, FIU will make available success coaches and/or facilitators to monitor student progress.

By signing this form, I am allowing the student, named above, to enroll in FIU's Summer B Dual Enrollment Program.

For more information about the summer online dual enrollment program, please contact the Dual Enrollment Office at: dualenro@fiu.edu , tel. 305-348-2800.

THIS FORM NEEDS TO BE ON FILE PRIOR TO ENROLLMENT IN AN FIU ONLINE DUAL ENROLLMENT CLASS.

Parent/Guardian name (Print): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Enclosed: 1. Important Considerations and Information about FIU's Dual Enrollment Program, including Online Dual Enrollment;
 2. Transfer Guarantee Statement

¹ A parent and/or guardian would need to sign this Consent Form in the case that the dual enrollment student is under 18 years of age.

WHAT MUST I KNOW AS A PARENT OF A STUDENT CONSIDERING ENROLLING IN AN ONLINE DUAL ENROLLMENT COURSE AND GENERALLY, DUAL ENROLLMENT?

- Florida statute allows students to take, as a dual enrollment student, post-secondary coursework and simultaneously earn credit toward high school completion and college coursework. Students are exempt from paying any registration, tuition, or laboratory fees. To ensure student readiness for post-secondary instruction, all students interested in participating in FIU's dual enrollment program must meet the following requirements:
 - Be enrolled in a course of study which will fulfill requirements for high school graduation;
 - Have a 3.0 unweighted high school GPA;
 - Meet minimum standardized college placement and/or college readiness score according to <http://www.fldoe.org/schools/higher-ed/fl-college-system/common-placement-testing.stml> ; and,
 - Satisfy any course prerequisites.
- Dual enrollment courses and grades become a part of a student's permanent college transcript and, as such, could adversely affect future eligibility and scholarship opportunities vis-à-vis college/university selectivity/acceptance and coursework. **Special Note:** Any future college application requires submission of previously attended colleges or universities. Failure to submit the FIU transcript is considered a breach of the applicant's integrity statement when applying to a college or university.
- Eligible students who enroll in the FIU's Summer B online dual enrollment courses will conduct *independently*, on their own time, class and credit requirements. Thus, students would need to have available laptops, computers and/or other electronic device to be able to carry out the coursework. Hardware and operating systems' compatibility will be defined by FIU prior to enrollment to ensure the students' ability to participate in the online learning experience.
- In order to continue in the dual enrollment program, students must maintain a 3.0 unweighted GPA in their high school academic work and earn a 3.0 or better in college-level work, as confirmed by their school guidance counselors. **For students taking dual enrollment courses for the first time in their studies:** In the case that a student takes the first course ever as a dual enrollment course and obtains a 'C' in his/her first dual enrollment course, the student will be allowed to continue in the dual enrollment program contingent on a request from the counselor to continue eligibility based on: a) the offering of additional academic support from the school involved and b) the close monitoring of the student's progress in the second dual enrollment course. By time of completion of the second course, the student must have achieved an overall 3.0 college GPA or the student's eligibility will be discontinued.
- Dual enrollment students are responsible for following FIU's student code of conduct, which outlines acceptable and unacceptable academic or behavioral misconduct. The student code of conduct delineates appropriate disciplinary procedures and sanctions in the case of unacceptable behavior. FIU's Student Code of Conduct can be accessed via the following link:
<http://studentaffairs.fiu.edu/get-support/student-conduct-and-conflict-resolution/student-code-of-conduct%20/assets/Student-Code-of-Conduct.pdf>
- FIU's online dual enrollment courses will not be modified to accommodate variations in student age and/or maturity.
- Dual enrollment college credit will transfer to any Florida public college or university offering a course with the same prefix and number and must be treated as though taken at the receiving institution. If students do not, upon high school graduation, attend the same college or university where they earned the dual enrollment credit, the application of transfer credit to general education, prerequisite, and degree programs may vary at the receiving institution.

Withdrawal Procedures. All dual enrollment students are responsible for officially withdrawing from classes that they are no longer attending in accordance with FIU requirements. Online dual enrollment students will need to initiate the withdrawal process by observing FIU's "Drop/Add" Period dates. The last date to add or drop a Summer 2017 Online DE course with FIU is Monday, June 26, 2017. The Registrar's Office must receive an official withdrawal from the online dual enrollment course(s) within the stipulated timeframe. Students who do not officially withdraw from a class may receive a failing grade. Such a failing grade does become a part of a student's permanent transcript records and could have a negative effect on future college admissions, scholarship opportunities, and/or financial aid. All withdrawal deadlines will be communicated to students by the dual enrollment staff and this staff will be available to provide guidance and assistance as needed. For assistance, contact the Dual Enrollment Office at: dualenro@fiu.edu , tel. 305-348-2800.

Special Note: It is not recommended that Dual Enrollment online students who drop an online course within the "Drop/Add" period of FIU's Summer B term (no later than Monday, June 26, 2017), register for another online dual enrollment course. Courses will have already progressed making it difficult for the student to keep pace.

DUAL ENROLLMENT TRANSFER GUARANTEES

The dual enrollment program is an opportunity to take challenging courses and accelerate education opportunities. With hundreds of dual enrollment courses available, there is great potential to further engage and motivate students to pursue academically rigorous courses that capture their interests. Successful completion of dual enrollment courses allows eligible high school students to simultaneously earn high school core or elective credit and postsecondary credit toward a career certificate, an associate degree, or a baccalaureate degree.

Dual enrollment courses will receive the same weighting for the high school grade point average as Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), and Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) courses. In addition, dual enrollment courses that meet core state university admission requirements in English/Language Arts, Mathematics, Natural Sciences, Social Sciences, or World Languages shall receive the same weighting as AP, IB, and AICE courses in the calculation of the high school grade point average used for admission decisions.

Students should understand, however, that dual enrollment courses are college-level courses, and the amount of work and rigor of content in dual enrollment courses may be much greater than in high school courses. In addition, dual enrollment course grades become a part of a student's permanent college transcript and are calculated into the student's permanent postsecondary grade point average. Poor performance in dual enrollment courses may affect university admissions and financial aid. It is important to do well in these courses to realize the benefits of dual enrollment.

Course selection is important for the dual enrollment student since different programs at a college require different courses to complete the certificate or degree. By choosing courses wisely, students can reduce the time it takes to complete a program after high school graduation. Some students are even able to complete their college certificate or degree at the same time they graduate from high school. Students who don't know what they want to study in college should consult with an advisor to consider focusing on completing general education requirements in communications, mathematics, social sciences, natural sciences, and humanities. All degree programs require general education coursework and, while there is some variation from institution to institution, there are general education courses that are common among most, if not all, institutions.

Florida dual enrollment college credit will transfer to any Florida public college or university offering the Statewide Course Numbering System course number, and must be treated as though taken at the receiving institution. However, if students do not attend the same college or university where they earned the dual enrollment credit the application of transfer credit to general education, prerequisite, and degree programs may vary at the receiving institution. Private and out-of-state colleges and universities may or may not grant college credit for courses taken through dual enrollment.

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