

2021-2022 Cairn Dual Credit Deadlines and Advanced Placement (AP)[®] Information

A Dual Enrollment and/or AP Course Overview

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DCA began offering Advanced Placement courses years ago (2007-2008). Because Dayspring Christian Academy offers a Principle Approach[®] to learning, our students understand that there are conflicting worldviews with which they will grapple when studying any subject matter and that the Word of God triumphs through it all; thus, DCA's offering AP courses is not in conflict with the school's mission. At this point Dayspring offers the AP exam as a relatively inexpensive viable option for students because scoring well on the exam truly may support that student's next step in the journey on which God is leading him/her.

Overview of Dual Credit and AP Courses

1. Many students build a college portfolio in high school by taking one or more dual credit college-level courses and paying for credits at a reduced cost or by scoring well on an AP exam.
2. **Because not all colleges accept dual credit and/or AP scores, students should check with their colleges of choice to be certain of their policies.** Some colleges accept both AP exams and dual credit course transfers; some accept one or the other (not both); some accept neither.
3. Signing up and paying for dual credit or AP exams is an option, not a requirement. It is simply an opportunity—often a very good one—to gain valuable educational experience and habits while in high school, to build a solid transcript that may appeal to some colleges and universities, and to reduce overall college expenses.

How Does Dual Credit Work?

1. Dayspring partners with Cairn University to offer students the opportunity to build a college transcript while completing high school. Students who take dual credit courses can earn college credits at a great discount, so there is great potential for high school students to save money while preparing for their future with college-level thinking and coursework.
2. Cairn is fully accredited, so dual credits may be used there or transferred to other accredited colleges and universities.
3. Dayspring dual credit courses include AP Biology, Honors Chemistry (a 4-credit course), AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC AP Psychology, AP U.S. History,, and AP Statistics, Honors English Language and Composition, and Honors British Literature.

4. The grade the student earns in the DCA class is the grade earned on the Cairn transcript. Dual credit is a “sure thing” in that a student who pays for the college credit will earn it if he/she passes the course.
5. Students may request a transcript from Cairn after DCA final grades are registered, typically by the second week of June.
6. Students new to Cairn must complete an application, which essentially makes them Cairn U students. There is no application fee. Applications are available in a form holder on the wall outside of Mrs. Hurley’s office.
7. **Payment is due to Mrs. Hurley by the third Wednesday in December, 12/15:**
 - a. The cost is \$297 per 3-credit course (\$99/credit) (\$396 for Honors Chemistry)
 - b. Payment must be made by check (payable to Dayspring Christian Academy) and submitted to Mrs. Hurley in an envelope marked with the student name and titles of course exams for which payment is being made.
 - c. Students new to Cairn must also include a Cairn application in the envelope.

What About AP Exams?

1. Many colleges offer credit to students who score well on AP exams.
2. Typically, only scores of 4 or 5 out of 5—and sometimes 3—will be accepted in place of a course the student would take in college.
3. Students may take one or more AP exams even if they do not take the corresponding AP course. AP courses offered by DCA include AP Biology, AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC,, AP Psychology, AP U.S. History, AP Statistics, and AP 2-D Art and Design.
4. Every AP course has a corresponding website of resources to assist the student in preparing for the exam. These resources may sometimes contain unbiblical viewpoints. Teachers of AP courses, too, will support students’ being “wise as serpents and innocent as doves” (Matt. 10.16) should they decide to register for the May exam(s).

Any student who wishes to sign up for an AP exam will

- A. Go to his/her AP account at myap.collegeboard.org.
- B. Click on "Register for Exam" for each AP course he/she is currently taking.
- C. Select Confirm Registration.
- D. Confirm that the school listed is Dayspring if confirming registration.
- E. Pay \$95/exam is due to Mrs. Hurley by 10/30, with an indication of the specific exam(s) the student wishes to take. Checks: Dayspring Christian Academy.