Dayspring Christian Academy

2026-2027 Cairn Dual Credit Overview

1. Many students build a college portfolio in high school by taking one or more dual credit/dual enrollment (DE) college-level courses and paying for credits at a reduced cost.

2. Because not all colleges accept dual credit, students should check with their college(s) of choice to be certain of their policies.

3. Paying for dual enrollment is an option, not a requirement. Taking a DE can help students 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.

4. All of Dayspring's dual enrollment courses are under a weighted GPA. See the Educational Programs section of the Dayspring Christian Academy *Family and Student Handbook*.

5. Each student (and parents/guardian) will wisely appraise him/herself, the college, and the intended program/major when making decisions about earning college credit in high school. Also, the intensity of the program and the number of college credits earned in high school will impact the decision for the student to enter college as a first- or second-semester freshman or even as a sophomore. These are valuable discussion points to have at home and with the high school and the college guidance department. Mrs. Kim Gainer, kgainer@dayspringchristian.com, is a good resource for this.

How Does Dual Credit Work? How Can a Student Earn College Credit While Still in High School?

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 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 3-credit courses include

   gr 10: Honors Chemistry (a 4-credit course)

   gr. 11: Honors U.S. History, Honors English Language and Composition

   gr. 12: Honors British Literature, Honors Psychology

   gr. 11 or 12: Honors General Biology (a 4-credit course), any grade after a student has successfully completed Precalculus: AP Calculus AB, and AP Calculus BC.

4. The grade the student earns in the DCA class is the corresponding letter 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. **To sign up for Cairn dual enrollment credits, please follow these steps:**

   a. **Pay**: Payment must be made by check (payable to Dayspring Christian Academy) and submitted to Mrs. Hurley in an envelope marked TO MRS. HURLEY, the student's name, and title of each course.
      1) **Payment is due (and application for those new to Cairn) to Mrs. Hurley by December 15.**
      2) The cost is $240 per 3-credit course ($80/credit) ($320 for Honors Chemistry and Honors General Biology).

b. **Apply**: Students new to Cairn must complete an application, which essentially makes them Cairn U students. Submit this to Mrs. Hurley with course payment. There is no application fee. Applications are available via email (dhurley@dayspringchristian.com) or in a form holder outside of my office. Cairn D.E. Application-New Students

Questions? Please contact Director of Curriculum and Instruction Mrs. Donna Hurley at dhurley@dayspringchristian.com.