1818 Advanced College Credit Program

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About 1818 ACC
Founded in 1959, Saint Louis University's 1818 Advanced College Credit Program is the oldest dual credit program west of the Mississippi and has a long-standing history of providing outstanding high school juniors and seniors the stand-out opportunity to earn college credit from Saint Louis University at their high school while earning their high school credit!

What is Dual Credit?
The 1818 Advanced College Credit Program (1818 ACC) operates under the National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Programs (NACEP) definition of dual credit, which states:

“Concurrent enrollment provides high school students the opportunity to take college-credit bearing courses taught by college-approved high school teachers. It is a low-cost, scalable model for bringing accelerated courses to students in urban, suburban, and rural high schools. Students gain exposure to the academic challenges of college while in their supportive high school environment, earning transcripted college credit at the time they successfully pass the course.”

Academic Rigor
All students enrolled in an 1818 ACC dual credit course, regardless of their choice to register for college credit or take it for high school credit only, at any partnering high school should expect the course rigor, content, assessment, and student expectations to be identical in comparison to the rigor and expectations placed on university undergraduate students enrolled in the same course on the Saint Louis University campus.

High School / Instructor Qualifications
The 1818 ACC Program is an opportunity available to any high school, however a working relationship must be established before approval of any courses. The Program welcomes new inquiries from prospective high schools.

Teachers in the high schools who teach 1818 Advanced College Credit courses are thoroughly screened by the department/discipline to ensure they adhere to meeting the requirements set forth by respective states and High Learning Commission for approval and adhere to the university’s own requirement to be approved as an adjunct instructor.

Courses Offered
Advanced courses are taught by approved high school adjunct instructors and include the following disciplines:

- Art History
- Anthropology
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Chinese
- Communication
- Computer Science
- Education
- English
- Environmental Science
- Film Studies
- Forensic Science
- French
- German
- Greek
- History
- International Studies
- Latin
- Mathematics
- Music
- Philosophy
- Physics
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Russian
- Sociology
- Spanish
- Statistics
- Theatre
- Theology
- Women's and Gender Studies

Transferability
Students who successfully meet the course requirements will earn three or four credit hours per course of graded, transcripted credit at Saint Louis University.

Saint Louis University dual credit is nationally transferable to other colleges or universities.

Cost
Saint Louis University remains committed to offering 1818 ACC students a reasonable tuition rate of $65 per credit hours for dual credit courses.

Accreditation and Compliance
Saint Louis University's 1818 Advanced College Credit Program is a founding and fully accredited institution of NACEP, the National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships, fully accredited through the HLC, Higher Learning Commission’s North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, and complies with both the Missouri Department of Higher Education (MBHE), "Dual Credit Policy," and Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) Dual Credit Task Force.