

Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate Courses		Dual Enrollment Courses	
Potential Positives	Potential Negatives	Potential Positives	Potential Negatives
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most colleges around the US will give credit for strong test scores on either AP or IB exams, with limitations set by each college. • AP and IB coursework is consistent worldwide, so the student, the school and the college all know what is expected. Yes, there are variations based on schools and teachers, but the curriculum is standardized. • AP and IB students are able to get an idea of the level of work needed for a college-level class while still in a high school course. • Taking AP/IB courses in your high school allows a student to remain active in high school activities and events, as they stay on their HS campus. • AP and IB students are in classes with other people who are looking to really challenge themselves in their coursework and in class interactions/projects. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obtaining college credit for AP/IB exams is not consistent nationwide, and there is the potential to not receive any credit for a lower exam score. At times, there are limitations on the variety of AP/IB courses offered at a high school. • There is a cost associated with AP/IB exams, which while not huge, can still be daunting for some students and families. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The availability of dual enrollment options is very widespread, and this is especially important for students who attend a high school with no AP/IB courses. In addition, the wide range of courses offered for dual enrollment students at each college is great. • If you pass a DE course, a majority of public colleges (and some private ones) will award you credit for the courses. • For students in some states, the cost of a dual enrollment course is minimal. • If you are attending dual enrollment courses at a local college, you are in class with true college students, which allows DE students a chance to both see and learn from this experience. Students also are able to get an idea of the level of work needed for a college-level class. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The consistency of dual enrollment colleges and courses varies greatly, so make sure you choose locations and courses which will prepare you for upper level major courses at your potential future colleges. • A number of very competitive colleges might not accept dual enrollment coursework, and it varies depending on whether the DE course is taught on the college campus or on in the high school (HS campus DE is sometimes referred to as Concurrent Enrollment by colleges). • Dual Enrollment courses will remain on your permanent record, so if you are looking at graduate school programs or if you really struggle in a DE class, this could be an issue. When UGA calculates an overall college GPA, DE work is a part of this calculation.

The information is one university's perspective on AP/IB vs DE courses. These are a few potential points to consider, not a comprehensive list and may not directly apply to every university. Source: <http://ugaadmissions.blogspot.com/2018/03/apib-vs-de-courses-pros-and-cons.html>