

## OnRamps vs Advanced Placement AP

OnRamps courses align with entry-level courses taught at the university. OnRamps curriculum is not designed to prepare students for an AP test. Students who successfully complete the spring-semester college course earn college credit for the appropriate course at The University of Texas at Austin, in addition to high school credit. Successful completion of an AP course results only in the awarding of high school credit. College credit may be awarded for successful performance on an AP test, but the standards and policies for how AP courses are accepted vary by institution.

## OnRamps Registration

A student registers for OnRamps courses during the registration process conducted at their high school during the spring semester prior to the fall semester in which they take the course.

Students will also register at the start of the fall semester by completing an online registration process via a link provided by the school or district that gives them access to course materials, UT's learning management system and technology tools.

## What Students Say About the Program

"This course has given me the critical thinking skills necessary for college and I feel like I am actively learning new things that are applicable to the real world."

*Will George, Bowie High School*

"I would recommend the OnRamps Pre-Calculus course to a friend, because it provides a deeper understanding of the content and will prepare them for what to expect in college."

*Kenrick Mack, Akins High School*

"This course is providing me with a kickstart into college. I feel like I will have more background knowledge, therefore, better prepared to enter college. Taking this course has helped me gain knowledge I didn't have before."

*Zuri Collins-Tucker, Lanier High School*

## For More Information

Contact your school counselor or visit us online at [onramps.org](http://onramps.org)



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# Increase Your Students Chance of Completing College

**ONRAMPS**  
ACCELERATING SUCCESS



## Dual Enrollment

Dual-enrollment programs provide opportunities for high school students to earn both college and high school credit.

The University of Texas at Austin (UT) OnRamps program provides high school students the opportunity to engage in UT coursework and to earn UT credit.

## Dual Enrollment Exposes

Students to rigorous classes that prepare them for college success while building their confidence.

**Access:** Provides UT-Austin experience on your local high school campus

**Transferability:** OnRamps courses can transfer to public colleges and universities in Texas and beyond

**Flexibility:** Students are exempt from TSI requirements for OnRamps courses

**Saves Money:** Provides UT-core courses at 75% off the cost for the same course taken on campus

**Preparation:** Students gain early exposure to college expectations, easing the transition from high school to college

## Onramps Course Offerings

Students are enrolled in a yearlong course taught by their high school teacher for high school credit. Throughout the year, the high school teacher uses OnRamps curriculum, pedagogy, and online learning tools to teach the high school course. During the spring semester, students may be eligible to enroll in an undergraduate course for college credit.

### During the Fall Semester

A student must complete a series of required assignments that are designated by UT course staff. A student must earn a grade of 75% or better on the required assignments to be eligible to be dual enrolled in a university course offered during the spring semester.

### During the Spring Semester

A student must complete a series of additional required assignments that are designated by the UT course staff to determine successful completion of the college course. The grade for the high school course may differ from that for the college course, as the assignments that determine each grade may be slightly different.

## Grades

**For high school credit:** Each OnRamps high school instructor is solely responsible for grading student work and assigning a high school grade.

**For college credit:** Each OnRamps course has a set number of assessments associated with their corresponding college course. Student progress is evaluated by the University's Instructor of Record to determine qualification to enroll in college portion and for college grade.

## Student Eligibility

If a student does not meet the eligibility requirements to be dual enrolled in the spring college course, he can remain enrolled in the same OnRamps course during the spring semester for the opportunity to earn high school credit only. Even though he will not have the opportunity to earn college credit, he will have the advantage of a high-quality, university-level learning experience while still in high school.

## Dropping the Course

A student may drop the college enrollment at any time without penalty if he is dissatisfied with his performance.

## Transfer of Credit/Transcripts

OnRamps dual-enrollment college credits are awarded on a UT-Austin transcript and are transferable to any public college or universities in Texas. Dual-enrollment students who wish to transfer to non-UT institutions are responsible for checking with that institution to determine whether their UT credit will apply toward the general education requirement or as electives at that school.

