

College Course and Internship Information and FAQ - Allen High School

FRIDAYS options for seniors:	
1	Take a "Fridays" at NECC that meets in person on Fridays.
2	Set up and attend a pre-approved, non-paid internship with a local business.
3	Attend classes during the school day in Allen.

TYPES of COLLEGE COURSES:

Type	Method / Location	Paid?
"Fridays" Classes for Srs.	@ NECC Norfolk or South Sioux	Currently free for high school students
Online classes for Jrs./Srs.	Online through college of your choice.	NO but only \$49/hour through WSC. Free through NECC
Online classes – Dual Credit (Intro to Psyc. and Intro to Soc. only)	Online through NECC	YES – but tuition is reimbursed AFTER you successfully complete the course, so you have to pay up front.

What are dual credit classes and how are they different from early entry online classes?

With dual credit classes, students are able to earn BOTH high school credit AND college credit with the same class. With early entry online classes, students ONLY earn college credit. Instructors of dual credit classes MUST be qualified to teach college courses and ALSO hold a valid Nebraska teaching certificate.

Can students substitute DC classes for classes taught at the high school?

IN SOME CASES. Students may only substitute courses if they teach the same content as the offered course here in Allen. For example, DC American History may be substituted for American History here in Allen. DC American Government is only a semester course at NECC, but a full year of American Government is a graduation requirement here in Allen, therefore a student still must complete one semester here at school. Elective DC courses such as Introduction to Psychology or Introduction to Sociology will be given elective credit at the high school. Classes like English Composition or English Literature do not contain the whole content of yearly English classes at Allen so therefore can only be counted as electives.

Are there any drawbacks to taking DC courses?

Some colleges do not grant transfer college credit for DC courses. It is the responsibility of the student to check with prospective colleges (prior to taking the class) in order to confirm that transfer credit will be granted. (Be sure to have the course numbers and information ready when making that initial phone call.) It is recommended that this confirmation is received and kept in writing. Because of this, AHS may choose NOT to put DC courses on a student's high school transcript. since some colleges are less likely to grant transfer credit for dual credit classes than they are an online college credit only class. If the student NEEDS the high school credit, we would place on the student's HS transcript, but if not, we would leave it off. This would be considered on a case-by-case basis

How do students sign up for DC classes?

We will announce upcoming classes in the bulletin at school and provide students with the paperwork needed to enroll. First students need to apply to the college, and then once approved, request enrollment. Classes fill up very quickly so it is recommended to do so as quickly as possible once enrollment opens. It is also very common that they add a class at the last minute, so it is always good to check back with Mrs. Kneifl regarding offerings.

What is the cost of tuition for DC classes?

For the 2024-25 school year, NECC will be waiving tuition for all dual credit classes, so students will only need to pay for books and fees (if there are any.) Wayne State College dual credit tuition is \$49 per credit hour. "Fridays at Northeast" classes are paid by the school up front.

What if a student has a question about bad weather, a problem with a professor, or a question about grading in a DC, online, or Fridays course?

Students need to discuss all questions and issues with the DC course with the college and the course instructor. Allen School cannot be responsible for answering grading or attendance questions or addressing issues with course policy. However, please let us know about any potential problems as we can help students make contact and come to a resolution!

What if there is a problem with my grade?

Again, students will need to communicate with their professors about grades and classroom expectations in the same way they would if they were their freshman year at college.

What happens if a student does not complete or pass a DC Class?

Just like any other class at the high school, DC classes count toward a student's GPA. NECC allows for students to RETAKE failed courses and will replace a low grade with a higher grade once the class is completed a second time, but the first class is STILL shown on the transcript.

What if my class gets cancelled?

We have had the situation where we had a student sign up for a class, but due to too few students registering, the college decided to cancel the class. In that case, we try to let the student know right away and find another class for them. If there are no classes the student is interested in, then they need to either set up an internship, or attend Allen on Fridays.

How are DC course grades shown throughout the semester?

Student grades are recorded by the NECC instructor on the college portal. It is the responsibility of the student and/or parent to use that site to check student grades throughout the semester.

How are DC course grades recorded on the student's transcript in PowerSchool at Allen School?

Upon successfully completing the course, students must request that NECC sends a transcript to Allen School. That final grade will be recorded in "Historical Grades" for the student for that semester (including Q1 and Q2) once the transcript is received.

What if I get a bill for a Fridays at Northeast class?

NECC should NOT submit bills to students for tuition for classes. However, some classes do come with small fees for supplies and other items they use. Typically, but not always, they are around \$20-50 for the entire class. These fees are the responsibility of the student. If NECC submits a bill for the entire tuition of the class, please call Allen and speak with Mrs. Oswald or Mrs. Smith and we will do our best to figure it out.

What about transportation?

Students must arrange their own transportation to and from their internship or college class on Fridays. They will be asked to provide a transportation permission waiver to the office.

What if the weather is bad but NECC or WSC does not call off Fridays at Northeast classes?

One of our goals is that students get a taste what it is like to be a college student. Parents will need to decide if they do not want students to drive to class on Fridays due to weather, and students will be responsible for communicating that to their professors. NECC has communicated that they will try to be understanding of driving and weather issues. If parents feel that a professor is not taking that into account, they have to decide if they need to contact that professor or speak to a college official regarding that issue just as they would if it were the student's freshman year in college. **(It would be a very good idea to have a conversation with professors at the beginning of the semester and work out a plan for communicating having to miss class BEFORE it comes up.)**

*Students who make the decision to miss class due to roads or car trouble will be expected to attend the full day of classes in Allen if school is not called off here.

*If the COLLEGE calls off classes but we do not, the student does NOT need to attend classes at Allen.

What about internships and attendance?

Again, if the STUDENT chooses not to attend their internship due to weather or vehicle related issues, they will be expected to attend the full day of classes in Allen if school is not called off here. If the BUSINESS with whom you are interning cancels for any reason, the student does NOT need to attend classes here in Allen.

What if a student wants to do an internship but cannot fill the entire semester of Fridays?

It is often difficult to get a company or business to provide internship opportunities on EVERY Friday. Students are encouraged to try to find more than one business to work with, but on days that cannot be filled, students just need to attend the school day in Allen.