Dual Enrollment: Accel, Joint Enrollment, Move On When Ready

Dual enrollment courses are primarily available for eligible 11th or 12th grade (in some limited cases 9th-10th grade) high school students. Students may enroll full-time or part-time in approved credit-bearing college-level courses. The Accel Program and Move On When Ready are the most common dual enrollment programs.

The Accel Program

Students who are receiving dual credit for high school courses and college level courses from an eligible public or private college in Georgia will be eligible for the Accel Program. Public or private HOPE-eligible high schools can participate in this program. Students are eligible for the program as long as they are classified as a Georgia resident for purposes of in-state tuition, according to the Board of Regents policy, for at least 12 consecutive months immediately preceding the first day of classes of the school term for which Accel Program payment is sought. Eligible high school courses include only core-curriculum courses of English Language Arts, Mathematics, Social Studies, Science, and Foreign Language that can be used to satisfy the required high school curriculum. Hours paid for by the Accel Program will not be counted towards the 127 semester HOPE credit hour cap. The Accel Program award for public colleges and universities will cover tuition only.

Students must apply by submitting an application for admission to Georgia Southern (no application fee required), high school transcript, SAT or ACT scores and an online Accel Program application. The Georgia Department of Education (DOE) has produced and provided to the Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC) a directory of eligible public high school courses that can be substituted with college level coursework and applied toward high school graduation requirements for dual credit students. Georgia Student Finance Commission contact information - (770) 724-9000 or http://www.gsfc.org/.

Questions regarding this program should be directed to the student's high school counselor or the Office of Admissions. Students should confer with their high school counselor to determine which courses are necessary for satisfying high school graduation requirements. Placement in these courses cannot be guaranteed.

Homeschooled students who meet the University System of Georgia and Georgia Southern University admission requirements may also be eligible to participate.

Accel is a state-funded program for public and private high school students that provides dual enrollment tuition assistance in Georgia. The program offers the opportunity to earn dual credit, satisfying high school and college core curriculum requirements. Joint-enrollment is not a state-funded program and does not guarantee satisfaction of the high school core curriculum.

Admission Requirements for the Accel Program or Joint Enrollment

Eligible students may apply to enroll for college credit while attending high school. To be admitted, the student must satisfy the following:

1. Earn an academic grade point average of at least a 3.0 (85 on numeric scale) as calculated by the Office of Admissions;

2. Submit satisfactory scores on the College Board Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) - minimum 1010 SAT total (math + critical reading) - or American College Test (ACT) with a 21 composite;

3. Gain permission from their high school guidance counselor to participate in the program;

4. Submit the online Accel Program application on the GaCollege411 website (Accel students only) (in addition to the application for admission); and

5. Meet all other regular (non-provisional) admissions requirements.

Students who are dual enrolled during high school with a college or university other than Georgia Southern University must meet the University System of Georgia's joint enrollment requirements before credit will be awarded in transfer to Georgia Southern.

Accel students will only receive letter grades from Georgia Southern University. Numeric grades are not provided to the high schools.

Move On When Ready (MOWR)

Students who are entering 11th or 12th grade and who have spent the prior year (two consecutive semesters) in attendance at a Georgia public high school are eligible for the Move On When Ready program. Public HOPE-eligible high schools can participate in this program. Private school and homeschooled students are not eligible for Move On When Ready. A high school student must be classified as an 11th or 12th grader to participate and be classified as a Georgia resident for purposes of in-state tuition, according to the Board of Regents policy, for at least 12 consecutive months immediately preceding the first day of classes of the school term for which Move On When Ready payment is sought.

Eligible high school courses include only core curriculum courses of English Language Arts, Mathematics, Social Studies, Science, and Foreign Language that can be used to satisfy the core curriculum high school graduation requirements. Students must be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credit hours as of the last day of the postsecondary institution's drop/add period.

Only tuition and a portion of the mandatory fees will be paid by the Georgia Department of Education. All other charges will be the responsibility of the student and payment will be required by the published fee deadline. MOWR does not cover any hours taken above the required 12 credit hours nor does it cover courses not on the approved GSFC Accel course listing. Postsecondary institutions are under no obligation to offer courses that will ensure a student participating in MOWR will complete high school graduation requirements on time. MOWR is available fall and spring semesters only.

Students must apply by submitting an application for admission to Georgia Southern (no application fee required), high school transcript, SAT or ACT scores. The Georgia Department of Education (DOE) has produced and provided to the Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC) a directory of eligible public high school courses that can be substituted with college level coursework and applied toward high school graduation requirements for dual credit students. Georgia Student Finance Commission contact information - (770) 724-9000 or http://www.gsfc.org/.

Questions regarding this program should be directed to the student's high school counselor or the Office of Admissions. Students should confer with their high school counselor to determine which courses are necessary for satisfying high school graduation requirements. Placement in these courses cannot be guaranteed.

Move On When Ready is a state-funded program for public high school students that provides dual enrollment tuition assistance in Georgia. The program offers the opportunity to earn dual credit, satisfying high school and college Required High School Curriculum.
Admission Requirements for Move On When Ready

To be admitted, the student must satisfy the following:

1. Earn an academic grade point average of at least a 3.0 (85 on numeric scale) as recalculated by the Office of Admissions;

2. Submit SAT scores of at least 1010 (math + critical reading only) or 21 Composite ACT;

3. Gain permission from their high school guidance counselor to participate in the program;

4. Submit the MOWR Georgia Southern Checklist and Permission Form (available from the Office of Admissions) (in addition to the application for admission); and

5. Meet all other regular (non-provisional) admission requirements.

Students who participate in MOWR during high school with a college or university other than Georgia Southern University must meet the University System of Georgia’s dual enrollment requirements before credit will be awarded in transfer to Georgia Southern.

MOWR students will only receive letter grades from Georgia Southern University. Numeric grades are not provided to the high schools.

Admission requirements are subject to change.