



## Advanced Placement vs. Dual Credit vs. International Baccalaureate

Knowing and understanding the difference between Advanced Placement, Dual Credit, and the International Baccalaureate Program will assist you in planning for high school and college courses.

	<b>Advanced Placement (AP)</b>	<b>Dual Credit (DC)</b>	<b>International Baccalaureate (IB)</b>
<b>Description</b>	The AP program allows students to take college-level courses and exams to potentially earn college credit while still in high school.	Dual Credit allows high school students to simultaneously earn high school and college credit by completing courses at their high school. Students can take Academic Courses or Career and Technical Education Courses through dual credit.	The International Baccalaureate program allows high school students to take college-level courses and exams to potentially earn an international diploma and college credit while still in high school.
<b>Credit</b>	College credit is awarded based on the score the student receives on the AP exam, which is on a 1 to 5 scale. A score of 3 or sometimes higher than 3 is needed to earn college credit.	Credit is awarded when the student passes the course. Typically, the student will receive both high school and college credit.	College credit is awarded based on the score the students receive on IB coursework and exams.
<b>Teachers/Instructors</b>	AP courses are taught by high school teachers trained by The College Board.	Dual Credit courses are taught by college instructors and/or high school teachers qualified to serve as adjunct professors.	IB courses are taught by high school teachers trained by the International Baccalaureate Organization.
<b>College/University Acceptance</b>	AP scores are accepted throughout the nation. Contact individual colleges and universities for their AP credit policies.	Academic Dual Credit courses are accepted at public colleges and universities in Texas as well as many private institutions and out-of-state institutions. Students should check with each college's transfer policy. Career and Technical Education courses can lead to industry certifications or are part of most Associate of Applied Science Degrees at Kilgore College.	IB scores are accepted internationally as well as throughout the nation. However, students should note individual college and university requirements may vary. Students should check each college's policy.

<b>Location</b>	AP courses are taught at the high school.	Dual Credit courses are taught at the high school, college campus, or online.	IB courses are taught at the high school.
<b>Rigor</b>	College Level Rigor - AP courses are standardized and controlled by The College Board.	College Level Rigor - Dual Credit course syllabi are submitted and approved by individual departments.	College Level Rigor – IB courses are standardized internationally and controlled by the International Baccalaureate Organization.
<b>Cost for Exam</b>	The average cost for each exam is \$90. Scholarships may be available.	Cost of courses are regulated by the state. They may cost up to \$55 per credit hour (approximately \$165 per course). Some students are eligible for free Dual Credit courses through the FAST program.*	The average cost for each exam is \$90. Scholarships may be available.
<b>Textbooks</b>	Textbooks are provided by the school district.	Textbooks are provided by the school district or are taught using open educational resources (free resources).	Textbooks are provided by the school district.
<b>Challenges</b>	Credit awarded based on whether student passes one exam (high stakes testing).	While most academic courses will transfer, students should check the degree requirements at the college they plan to attend after Kilgore College.	The IB course may not be accepted at the college the student plans to attend after high school graduation.

**\*Resources:**

**Financial Aid for Swift Transfer (FAST Program) - <https://www.highered.texas.gov/our-work/supporting-our-institutions/community-college-finance/fast/>**