



ADVANCED SOUTHERN CREDIT DUAL CREDIT PROGRAM

2026-2027

Student & Support System Handbook

SOUTHERN OREGON UNIVERSITY
1250 SISKIYOU BLVD. ASHLAND, OR 97520
541.552.6452

youth.sou.edu/asc

Contents

Welcome to the Raider Family.....3

What is Advanced Southern Credit?.....4

Benefits4

Course Registration4

Dropping or Withdrawing5

ASC vs. Advanced Placement (AP).....6

Course Costs7

How to Request an Official Transcript.....8

Teacher Qualifications8

Student Rights & Responsibilities.....8

ASC Courses for 2026-20279

THE ADVANCED SOUTHERN CREDIT (ASC) PROGRAM

Welcome to the Raider Family

We are thrilled to have you join Southern Oregon University's Advanced Southern Credit (ASC) program for your dual credit needs. Your decision to partner with us opens exciting pathways for your academic journey, blending the high school and college experiences seamlessly.

Our dedicated staff is always ready to assist you via phone, email, or in person on the SOU campus. Whether you have questions about courses, enrollment, or any other aspect of the program, please don't hesitate to reach out. We are here to ensure your experience with ASC is both rewarding and fulfilling.

This academic year, we are proud to collaborate with the following high schools to offer ASC-aligned coursework:

- | | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| ● Ashland | ● Durham | ● Madras |
| ● Baker Web Academy | ● Eagle Point | ● Milwaukie |
| ● Brookings Harbor | ● Enterprise | ● North Medford |
| ● Cascade Christian | ● Forest Grove | ● Phoenix |
| ● Clackamas | ● Grants Pass | ● Redmond |
| ● Colton | ● Harrisburg | ● Ridgeview |
| ● Crater | ● Hidden Valley | ● Rogue River |
| ● Days Creek Charter School | ● Klamath Union | ● South Medford |
| | ● Knappa | ● St Mary's School |
| | ● Lowell | ● Yreka Union |

Collectively, these schools offer approximately 350 courses that allow their students to earn Southern Oregon University college credits.

Thank you once again for choosing the Advanced Southern Credit program. We are excited to be a part of your academic achievements and look forward to supporting you throughout your educational journey.

Welcome to the Raider family!

Miranda Stiles
Associate Director of Outreach & Engagement
stilesm1@sou.edu
541.552.6611

What is Advanced Southern Credit?

Advanced Southern Credit (ASC) is a dual credit program in which high school classes are aligned to match a Southern Oregon University course, so that students can earn credit for "taking a class" from the university. Qualified instructors deliver ASC classes on their high school campus as an affiliate adjunct.

Benefits

Advanced Southern Credit can be helpful if you are planning on going to college in the future. Right now, while still in high school, you can take classes that can apply to your future college coursework for a fraction of the cost. ASC courses are significantly discounted compared to courses taken as a traditional, degree-seeking student. The early college credit a student earns while in high school can shorten the time it takes to earn a college certificate or degree after high school, thus saving the student time, tuition, and fees later on in their academic journey.

Course Registration

Getting Started & Course Eligibility

Before you do anything, you need to find out which dual credit classes are available at your school. Start by speaking with your high school counselor or administrator. They can give you a list of approved courses that are aligned with Southern Oregon University (SOU) for dual credit. They'll also tell you which courses you're eligible to take and how to add them to your schedule.

Dual credit is tied to the specific high school class and the instructor who teaches it. You can only register for SOU dual credit if you're currently enrolled in a class with an approved teacher during the designated registration period. We can't award credit for a class you took in a previous semester or school year.

Term Alignments

SOU is on a 11-week quarter system with classes offered in fall, winter, spring and summer terms. Many dual credit classes are offered as a year-long course at the high school; however, you may earn two-terms worth of college credit (aligning with fall and winter, or winter and spring term at SOU). For example, a year-long high school pre-calculus class will most likely align with two separate SOU courses – MTH 111Z in the fall and MTH 112Z in the winter term. This means you'll register for the first section of credit in September and the second section in January in this scenario. Most year-long courses are equivalent to eight quarter credits at SOU (four quarter credits offered per term). Your teacher will inform you how many total sections of credit are available and when to register for each one.

Registration Information

When it's time to register, your instructor will give you the course details and a flyer with instructions on how to register online through the SOU Workday Student platform. Only students currently taking an aligned class with an approved teacher can register. Registration how-to's including step-by-step guide and video demonstrations will also be available on the ASC website.

Confirming your Course: If you're not sure whether your class is eligible for college credit, you can check the SOU website. Every term, we publish a list of available courses. Find your high school, then your instructor's name, and the specific course name to confirm everything matches up.

It is your responsibility to confirm that the information on the list matches your high school class. If you enroll in the wrong course, you may not earn the credit you intended. When in doubt, always double-check with your instructor.

Deadlines & Missed Opportunities

Registration deadlines are strict and are provided on the flyer given to you by your teacher. Unfortunately, no retroactive credit is available. If you miss the registration period, there are no exceptions. We know this can be disappointing, so we urge you to pay close attention to the deadlines.

If you register for a course by mistake, you must contact the SOU Youth Programs office within the refund window to correct the error. Late registrations are only considered on a case-by-case basis and are limited to a one-week grace period immediately after the deadline.

Important Dates

The 2026-2027 ASC dates and deadlines are outlined as follows:

Fall 2026

September 16 – Registration opens

October 7 – Registration and payment due to SOU.

October 23 – Latest drop date for full refund with no grade penalty. No refunds after this date.

December 1 – Latest drop date for “WD” on transcript. WD is “withdrawn” and it will have no effect on a student’s college GPA.

Winter 2027

January 13 – Registration opens

February 10 – Registration and payment due to SOU.

February 24 – Latest drop date for full refund with no grade penalty. No refunds after this date.

March 8 – Latest drop date for “WD” on transcript. WD is “withdrawn” and it will have no effect on a student’s college GPA.

Spring 2027

March 31 – Registration opens

April 14 – Registration and payment due to SOU.

April 28 – Latest drop date for full refund with no grade penalty. No refunds after this date.

May 31 – Latest drop date for “WD” on transcript. WD is “withdrawn” and it will have no effect on a student’s college GPA.

Dropping or Withdrawing

Earning college credit in high school is a great opportunity, but it's important to remember that this credit becomes a permanent part of your college transcript. If you find yourself struggling in a dual credit class or decide you no longer want the college credit, it's crucial to understand your options.

Understanding the Difference: Drop vs. Withdraw

You have two main options if you want to remove a dual credit course from your SOU record:

- Dropping a course: If you notify us by the “drop” deadline, the course will be completely erased from your college transcript. It's as if you never registered. You may also be eligible for a refund.
- Withdrawing from a course: If you contact us after the drop deadline but before the withdrawal deadline, a "W" grade will be recorded on your transcript. A "W" stands for "withdrawal" and does not impact your college GPA.

You'll find all drop and withdrawal deadlines listed on your registration flyer, as well as in the *Important Dates* section of this handbook. These deadlines are strict, so be sure to pay close attention to them.

How To Drop or Withdraw

To drop or withdraw from a course, the student must send an email to the SOU Youth Programs office. Parents, counselors, or other school staff cannot make this request for you. This must be done before you complete the aligned coursework for the credit.

Dropping or withdrawing from the college credit does not mean you are dropping the high school class. You can still continue to take the class at your high school and receive a high school grade for it.

What if I Stop Attending My High School Class?

If you stop attending your dual credit class at your high school, you are not automatically withdrawn from the SOU course. You must still officially notify the SOU Youth Programs office. If you don't, and the deadline has passed, your teacher may enter a "NC" (No Credit) grade, which will appear on your transcript though it will not impact your GPA.

ASC vs. Advanced Placement (AP)

If your dual credit class is also an Advanced Placement class, you might be wondering whether you should earn dual credit, take the AP exam, or do both. The good news is that you don't have to choose! Here's a breakdown of how both options work so you can make the best choice for your goals.

ASC

When you earn dual credit through SOU's ASC program, you are getting an official college transcript with a letter grade that reflects your performance throughout the entire course. This includes homework, assignments, and exams. Once your high school teacher submits the grades, the credit is immediately recorded on an official SOU transcript, which can then be sent to other colleges and scholarship committees right away.

Advanced Placement (AP) Exam

An AP exam is a single test you take at the end of the school year. Your score, which ranges from 1 to 5, is based entirely on your performance on that one exam. After you take the test, you must send your score report to the colleges you're applying to. It's up to each college to decide whether they will grant you credit for your AP score, and if so, how much. AP exam results are usually released in mid-summer.

Can I Do Both?

Yes! SOU dual credit and the AP exam are not mutually exclusive. Your high school might require you to take the AP exam as part of your class, but many schools give you the option to do both. Registering for both gives you the best chance of having the course credit accepted at the colleges you apply to. We encourage you to review your options and choose the path that best fits your academic goals.

Course Costs

Earning college credit in high school is a great way to save money on your future degree. Here's a breakdown of the costs for dual credit courses and the financial aid options that may be available to you.

Tuition and Fees

ASC course credit is offered at a 75 percent discount compared to the standard undergraduate tuition rate. For the 2026-2027 academic year, each ASC credit is \$60.00 (or \$240.00 per 4-credit course). This significant discount, plus the elimination of traditional student fees such as books and parking passes, can save you a lot of money towards your future degree.

Financial Assistance

Many students can receive additional financial assistance through the following pathways:

- **School and District Scholarships:** Some high schools and school districts offer scholarships to further reduce the cost of your dual credit courses.
- **SOU Tuition Reduction:** By receiving a tuition reduction, each registered course would be lowered by 30 percent. If you register for two, 4-credit courses, your bill will be reduced to \$336.00 (from \$480.00). You are eligible for a tuition reduction if you meet one or more of the following criteria:
 - All children in households receiving benefits from Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
 - Foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court
 - Children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant
 - Families who receive Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)
 - The household income falls at or below the limits on this chart for the 2026-27 School Year (shown below). Household income is considered to be any taxable income each household member received before taxes. This includes wages, social security, pension, unemployment, welfare, child support, alimony, and any other cash income. If including a foster child as part of the household, you must also include the foster child's personal income. Do not count foster payments as income.

INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES												
Effective from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027												
HOUSEHOLD SIZE	FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDELINES	REDUCED PRICE MEALS =			185%			FREE MEALS =			130%	
	ANNUAL	ANNUAL	MONTHLY	TWICE PER MONTH	EVERY TWO WEEKS	WEEKLY		ANNUAL	MONTHLY	TWICE PER MONTH	EVERY TWO WEEKS	WEEKLY
48 CONTIGUOUS STATES, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, GUAM, AND TERRITORIES												
1	15,950	29,526	2,461	1,231	1,136	568		20,748	1,729	865	798	399
2	21,640	40,034	3,337	1,669	1,540	770		28,132	2,345	1,173	1,082	541
3	27,320	50,542	4,212	2,106	1,944	972		35,516	2,960	1,480	1,366	683
4	33,000	61,050	5,088	2,544	2,349	1,175		42,900	3,575	1,788	1,650	825
5	38,680	71,558	5,964	2,982	2,753	1,377		50,284	4,191	2,096	1,934	967
6	44,360	82,066	6,839	3,420	3,157	1,579		57,668	4,806	2,403	2,218	1,109
7	50,040	92,574	7,715	3,858	3,561	1,781		65,052	5,421	2,711	2,502	1,251
8	55,720	103,082	8,591	4,296	3,965	1,983		72,436	6,037	3,019	2,786	1,393
For each additional family member, add	5,680	10,508	876	438	405	203		7,384	616	308	284	142

If you are facing extreme financial hardship, please speak with your school counselor. They can help you explore additional support options available.

Key Questions for Your School

If you have questions about costs or eligibility, your high school counselor or administrator is the best person to ask. They can help you with the following:

- Which classes are aligned with ASC course credit?
- Whether you are eligible for the reduced tuition program.
- Whether you qualify for any district or school scholarships.
- How to register for ASC course credit.

Refund Policy

If you need to drop a course, refunds are only available if you notify the SOU Youth Programs office by the deadlines listed on your registration flyer. Drop requests need to come from the student and not the guardian or parent. No refunds can be issued after the specific term refund date, outlined in *Important Dates*.

How to Request an Official Transcript

A step-by-step guide is found on the ASC website on how to purchase an official transcript. The official transcript generally costs \$12 to order and can be sent to a receiving educational institution or future employer.

How to View an Unofficial Transcript

A step-by-step guide is found on the ASC website on how to view an unofficial transcript. It is highly recommended to download and view your unofficial transcript before you pay for the official version.

Teacher Qualifications

All instructors offering ASC credit are required to go through the approval process with their aligning SOU department to deliver this course at the high school as an affiliate adjunct instructor. The approval is attached to that specific instructor and the course content they submitted for review by the SOU faculty.

Student Rights & Responsibilities

Enrolling in dual credit courses is a big step—you're officially building a college transcript. This comes with certain rights and responsibilities that you need to be aware of.

Your College Transcript

The college transcript you create in high school is a permanent record. It's crucial to be intentional about the courses you take and the grades you earn. We highly recommend that you aim for grades of A, B, and C. Before registering, it's a good idea to research how the credits you earn will transfer to the colleges you plan to attend after graduation.

Conduct

As a dual credit student, you are enrolled in both your high school and SOU. This means you must follow the student conduct policies of both institutions. Any disciplinary issues could result in your removal from the dual credit program.

Registration and Tuition

It is your responsibility to make sure you're registered correctly and on time. There is no retroactive registration for past terms or school years. Once you're registered, you are responsible for:

- Paying tuition in full. If you've applied for a scholarship or waiver, SOU will confirm your eligibility with your high school. If you incorrectly report your status, you will be responsible for the full

tuition and must pay it by the deadline to avoid having your credits canceled.

- Paying attention to deadlines. You must note the published drop and withdrawal deadlines. If you need to drop or withdraw, you (the student) are responsible for initiating the request.
- Monitoring your grades. You are responsible for keeping track of your progress and taking action if you're struggling in a course.

Privacy and Records

SOU adheres to all state and federal laws regarding student records, including the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). This law requires that students take the lead on all matters related to their registration, inquiries, and drop or withdrawal requests. Your parent or guardian cannot make these requests for you.

Additional Information

- International Students: It is your responsibility to understand the limitations of your visa and whether taking college courses is allowed. The ASC program does not track your visa status.
- Future SOU Students: Earning dual credit does not automatically grant you admission to SOU after high school. If you wish to attend SOU, you must apply through the SOU Office of Admissions.
- On-Campus Classes: If you want to take classes on the SOU campus while still in high school, you must apply through the separate Early Entry Program and meet its eligibility criteria.
- Disability Resources: If you are currently using or think you would benefit from accommodations in the classroom, please contact the SOU's Disability Resources department at dr@sou.edu to schedule an intake meeting and learn about their next steps.
- Hannon Library: By activating your SOU student account through OKTA, you will have access to the university's Hannon Library services where you can schedule a tutoring appointment, access scholarly journals, and check-out books and other materials.

ASC Courses for 2026-2027

The following lists of courses represent the current Advanced Southern Credit (ASC) courses offered at our partner high schools.

ASC classes at the high school sync with one or more terms of credit at SOU by aligning with a university course and its description, content, and learning objectives. ASC credits are transcribed exactly the same as if students took these courses at SOU, so the content being delivered in the ASC high school classroom must match the SOU course credit being offered, and alignment is approved by university faculty in the aligning department. SOU department faculty and the Chairs make the final decision for alignment; however, we encourage schools to reach out to the SOU Youth Programs office if they wish to propose a class that is not currently being offered through ASC.

A 'Z' at the end of a course name, such as WR 121Z, denotes that it is approved for Common Course Numbering (CCN), a statewide transfer initiative through the Higher Education Coordinating Commission.

All course descriptions can be found in the University catalog at catalog.sou.edu.

English & Writing

- WR 121Z - Composition I - 4 credits
- WR 122Z - Composition II - 4 credits
- ENG 104Z - Introduction to Literature - 4 credits
- ENG 105Z - Introduction to Literature - 4 credits
- ENG 106Z - Introduction to Poetry – 4 credits
- ENG 208 - Explorations in Literary Genres: American Literature – 4 credits
- ENG 208 - Explorations in Literary Genres: Film as Literature – 4 credits
- ENG 208 - Explorations in Literary Genres: Poetry of Rock – 4 credits
- ENG 209 - Literature in the Modern World - 4 credits

Mathematics

- MTH 111Z - Precalculus I: Functions - 4 credits
- MTH 112Z - Precalculus II: Trigonometry - 4 credits
- STAT 243Z - Elementary Statistics I - 4 credits
- MTH 251Z - Differential Calculus - 4 credits
- MTH 252Z - Integral Calculus - 4 credits
- MTH 253Z - Calculus: Sequence and Series - 4 credits

Science

- BI 101 - General Biology: Cells - 4 credits
- BI 101L - General Biology: Cells Laboratory – 0 credits
- BI 102 - Biology of the Human Organism - 4 credits
- BI 102L - Biology of the Human Organism Laboratory - 0 credits
- BI 103 - General Biology: Populations - 4 credits
- BI 103L - General Biology: Populations Laboratory – 0 credits
- BI 199 - Special Studies: Non-cadaver Human A&P I - 4 credits
- BI 199 -Special Studies: Non-cadaver Human A&P II - 4 credits
- BI 199 - Special Studies: Zoology I - 4 credits
- BI 199 - Special Studies: Zoology II - 4 credits
- CH 221Z - General Chemistry I - 3 credits
- CH 227Z - General Chemistry Laboratory I - 2 credits
- CH 227R - General Chemistry Laboratory I Recitation - 0 credits
- CH 222Z - General Chemistry II - 3 credits
- CH 223Z - General Chemistry III - 3 credits
- CH 104Z - Introduction to Chemistry - 5 credits
- CH 124 - Introduction to Chemistry Lab - 0 credit
- ES 101 - Introduction to Environmental Science: Earth Science - 4 credits
- ES 101L - Introduction to Environmental Science: Earth Science Lab - 0 credits
- ES 102 - Introduction to Environmental Science: Biological Science - 4 credits
- ES 102L - Introduction to Environmental Science: Biological Science Lab - 0 credits
- PH 112 - Astronomy: The Solar System – 4 credits
- PH 113 - Astronomy: The Stars – 4 credits
- PH 201 - General Physics I – 3 credits
- PH 224 - General Physics Laboratory I – 2 credits

Social Studies

- PS 202 - Introduction to American Government and Politics – 4 credits
- PS 199 - Special Studies: Comparative Government and Politics – 4 credits
- HST 110 - World Civilizations – 4 credits
- HST 111 - World Civilizations – 4 credits
- HST 201Z - United States History I – 4 credits
- HST 202Z - United States History II – 4 credits
- HST 203Z - United States History III – 4 credits
- HST 199 - Special Studies: European History I
- HST 199 - Special Studies: European History II
- PSY 201Z - Introduction to Psychology I – 4 credits
- PSY 202Z - Introduction to Psychology II – 4 credits
- PSY 199 - Special Studies: Psychological Literature – 4 credits
- EC 201Z - Principles of Microeconomics – 4 credits
- EC 202Z - Principles of Macroeconomics – 4 credits
- SOAN 107 - Introduction to Human Geography – 4 credits
- SOAN 108 - Global Lands and Livelihoods – 4 credits
- IS 250 - Introduction to International Studies – 4 credits
- CCJ 231 - Introduction to Criminology – 4 credits
- CCJ 251 - Law & Society – 4 credits

Art & Art History

- ART 133 - Introduction to Drawing – 4 credits
- ART 199 - Special Studies: Studio Art I – 4 credits
- ART 199 - Special Studies: Studio Art II – 4 credits

Communications & Digital Cinema

- EMDA 201 - Image and Animation Design – 2 credits
- EMDA 201R - Image and Animation Design – Recitation – 2 credits
- COMM 111Z - Public Speaking – 4 credits
- DCIN 101 - Production Tools: Audio – 2 credits
- DCIN 102 - Production Tools: DSLR Video – 2 credits
- DCIN 103 - Production Tools: Non-Linear Editing – 2 credits

Other Academic Areas

- MUS 100 - Music Fundamentals – 4 credits
- OAL 250 - Foundations in Outdoor Adventure Leadership – 3 credits

Youth Programs Office

1250 Siskiyou Blvd

Ashland, OR 97520

youthprograms@sou.edu

541.552.6452

youth.sou.edu