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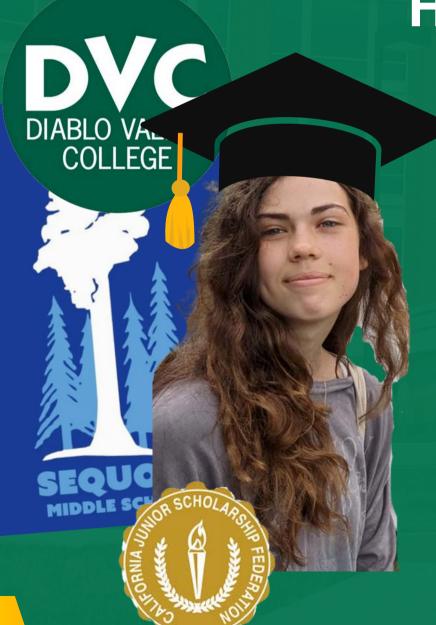
CONCURRENT ENROLLEMENT

As a middle/high schooler

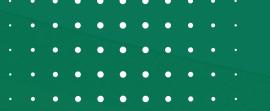


INTRODUCTION





- I go to school at Sequoia Middle School, Pleasant Hill in the Bay Area
- I like to rock climb, volunteer, advocate for environmental sustainability, and engage in CJSF
- Pursuing college and higher education has been my dream for longer than I can remember
- I'm about to start the course Health and Social Justice at Diablo Valley College in a couple of weeks!











INTRO TO CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT

What is concurrent enrollment? We'll start by discussing its attributes, benefits, drawbacks, and other things to consider when taking college courses as a middle or high schooler.

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Next, we'll dive into DVC's outstanding concurrent enrollment program and learn how to enroll as a student (no matter your location!), register for classes, and navigate your college education.

KEY TIPS & TAKEAWAYS

To close us off, we'll summarize concurrent enrollment and DVC scholarship, and then close with a few helpful tips, tricks, and thinking points to help you discover if concurrent enrollment is right for you!

Q&A & DISCUSSION

Finally, we'll all get a chance to unmute, ask questions, and discuss all things concurrent enrollment, DVC, and higher education.





WHATIS CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT?

Concurrent enrollment is the process of taking college courses *concurrently* with your regular middle or high school studies.

Unlike *dual enrollment,* concurrrent enrollment classes are usually not offered on one's campus, and can be taken online or in-person for FREE (or a couple of bucks) through most California Community Colleges.



PROS VS CONS



EDUCATION & EXPIRIENCE

Free access to countless subjects and classes.

Excellent opportunity to explore and become familiar with different interests and higher education

QUALIFICATIONS & CREDIT

Classes earn transferable credits towards certificates, degrees, and other colleges. Looks pretty outstanding on resumes and applications.



PROS VS CONS



Real college courses = real college responsibilities. Students are expected to have college-level reading, writing, and time management skills, and more.

PERMANENT RECORD

All courses taken (and grades earned) go on your permanent academic record. Taking a class you're not prepared for can have real consequences!





WHAT TO CONSIDER

TIME

While time requirements are different for each class, you can expect to have to dedicate at least 9 hours per week to learning, studying, and completing assignments

BALANCE

Academics are far from the only thing colleges/universities look at. Balancing classes with sports, extracurriculars, volunteering, and personal time is crucial

DEMAND

College courses can be emotionally, physically, and mentally demanding for adults, not to mention teenagers. Your health and well-being come first!

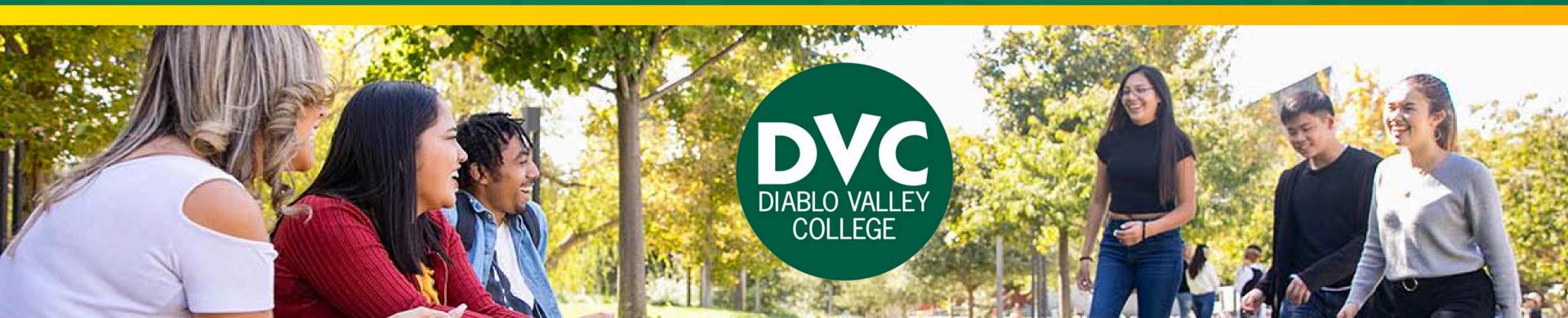
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Concurrent enrollment through DVC is almost completely **free**, has a **100% acceptance rate**, and largely consists of **fully online** classes with no scheduled meetings.

Students may enroll in online courses no matter their location. Thanks to a huge course catalog, accessible, easy-to-navigate programs, and extensive support services, **DVC** is one of the easiest and most beneficial community colleges to take courses at.



CHOOSING THE RIGHT CLASSES

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EXPLORE INTEREST AREAS

Choose from DVC's five "interest areas" and explore their subcategories. For example, under the Math and Engineering interest area, you'll find programs like Architecture, Computer Science, and Physics.



Arts, Communication & Language

Interested in art and creative expression? Find courses, certificates and degrees leading to careers in the fine and applied arts sector, media, government and business, and related fields.



Business, Computer Science & Culinary Arts

Intrigued by business, new technologies or culinary arts? Find courses, certificates and degrees leading to careers in entrepreneurship, management, technology, and more.



Math & Engineering

Interested in math, designing or building? Find courses, certificates and degrees leading to careers in a variety of trades like architecture, construction, and engineering.





interested in understanding the natural world or improving people's health? Find courses, certificates and degrees leadin to careers in life science, physical science, and health ar wellness industries.





Social Sciences

Interested in people and their societies? Find courses, certificates and degrees leading to careers in counseling, education, government, the justice system.









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BROWSE RELATED **CLASSES**

Once you've found a few programs, scroll down to find their "Degrees and Certificates." Clicking on them will lead you to a wide selection of classes related to your desired program.



Engineering

The DVC Engineering teaches a foundation in engineering principles, preparing students for transfer or entrylevel careers in various industries.





Environmental Science

DVC's environmental science program offers interdisciplinary study across scientific disciplines to develop a deep understanding of sustainability in all its dimensions.





Communication Studies

Communication studies at DVC prepares you for a wide variety of occupations and career paths. This program also offers a pathway for students to transfer to fouryear institutions for further study in communication or related fields.



Learn more



Culinary Arts

Discover the art of cooking with handson training in DVC's culinary arts program, preparing you for a career in the culinary industry.



Learn more



Architecture

The Architecture program provides you with the essential understanding of architectural practices and is a great option if you are interested in a career in architecture, drafting, furniture or cabinet design and more.



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Computer Information Systems

The CIS program provides students with the essential computer skills for successful employment, coupled with analytical and technical knowledge needed for transfer.





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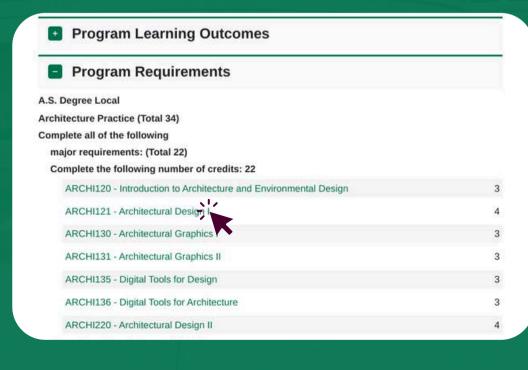
CHECK CLASS SPECIFICS

Found some interesting classes? Check for prerequisites, general education approvals, hours, and anything else listed in the class descriptions. Classes worth more credits are much more time and energy-demanding!

Degrees and Certificates

Change your life with an architecture degree and/or certificate. Our program gives you options to explore.

- Associate in Science Architectural Practice
- Associate in Science Architecture Design
- Certificate of Achievement Architectural Practice
- Certificate of Achievement Architecture Design
- Certificate of Achievement Architecture History and Theory

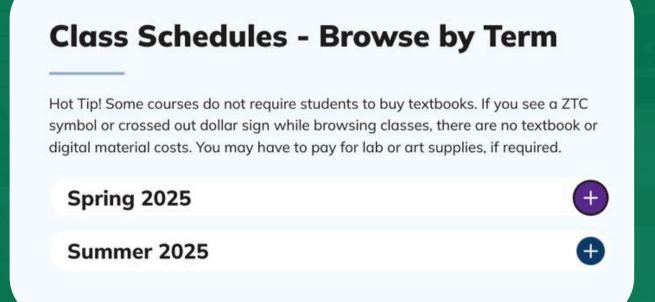


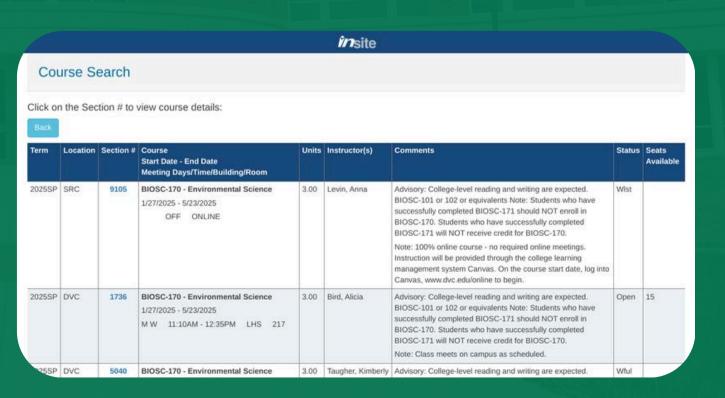


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FIND CLASS AVAILABILITY

Finally, google "DVC course catalog" and look up your desired class(es) to see their availability in your desired term. Note whether they're offered online, and, if so, if the class is prerecorded or has mandatory online meetings.









APPLY FOR ADMISSON

After creating an OpenCCC account, click "Start a New Application" and complete the form. When asked to select a major, just choose "Undecided." You have to submit a new form each term, so make sure to choose the one you're applying for! (e.g. Spring2025 or Fall2025)

ACTIVATE INSITE ACCOUNT

You should receive an email within two days of submitting a new application that will contain your DVC Student ID, Insite username, and Insite password. Follow its prompts to activate your Insite account. Check your spam folder if you can't find the email!

SPECIAL ADMISSONS FORM

Use your Insite account to fill out a Special Admissions (concurrent enrollment) form. NOTE: You can only apply to the class(es) you list on that form! If your desired class has requisites, you MUST meet them and apply for clearence if you do!

REGISTER FOR CLASSES

Check your Insite account for your registration date! When that time comes, apply ASAP, as classes fill up quickly. Good luck!











REACH OUT

While this applies to whatever school/university you're at, DVC offers exceptional student services including free college counseling, tons of how-to guides, and an overall outstanding online support team. Shoot them an email if you're stuck!

MAP YOUR GOALS

Insite offers an Education Plan-building tool that allows students to easily map out their planned classes and educational goals. Make use of the college counselors at your high school and DVC, especially if you're planning on earning a certificate or degree!

FIND COMMUNITY

DVC offers over 80 student-led clubs and communities that allow students to explore, share, and grow their interests with a like-minded group of people. Be sure to connect with other concurrent enrollment students at your school as well!



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DON'T OVERLOAD

Pay attention to class time requirements and ensure they don't interfere with your regular studies, extracurriculars, and personal time.

START SLOW

Start with one 3-unit class. Once you've got the hang of concurrent enrollment, you can consider adding more next term.

FOLLOW DIRECTIONS

The DVC registration process is relatively straightforward, but make sure to follow directions and complete every step. Ask for help if you're stuck!

REGISTER CLASSES ASAP

Many classes fill up before your registration date arrives, so prepare backups, and register through Insite the second it opens!



DVC LINKBANK

Interested in concurrent enrollment and want to register for DVC? Here's some helpful links to get you started:



Apply: opencccapply.net/gateway/apply?cccMisCode=312



Interest Areas: dvc.edu/academics/interest-areas



Course catalog: <u>webapps.4cd.edu/apps/courseschedulesearch/search-course.aspx?search=dvc</u>



Help Desk: admissions@dvc.edu



LEARN MORE

Extra resources to prepare for concurrent enrollment:

- DVC Concurrent Enrollment: dvc.edu/academics/high-school-programs/concurrent-enrollment
- Slideshow recording (will be sent out shortly!)
- Contact me! <u>maya.w.manchester@gmail.com</u>
- Let's connect! <u>linkedin.com/in/maya-manchester-a196112a6</u>







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