



# Framingham

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## State University

### *Dual Enrollment Program: Connecting High School and University Learning*

Selected high school students can take tuition-free undergraduate courses at Framingham State University and receive both university and high school credit

Framingham State University is offering Commonwealth Dual Enrollment Program (CDEP) scholarships for a limited number of high school juniors and seniors who wish to take undergraduate courses during the Spring 2012 semester without tuition or fees. Qualified students may select an on-campus or on-line course and will receive full university and high school credit upon successful completion.

In order to be considered for acceptance to the Framingham State University Dual Enrollment Program a student must

- be a Massachusetts resident;
- be enrolled as a junior, senior or equivalent in a Massachusetts public secondary school or nonpublic school, including home school;
- not have earned a high school diploma or GED;
- have a high school cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 (B) or above (or other indicators of academic skill);
- meet all course prerequisites;
- complete a Dual Enrollment application form and statement of interest in the program
- submit an official letter from their high school guidance counselor or principal indicating that they
  - have the aptitude and attitude necessary for success in the course selected; and
  - will receive high school credit in addition to university credit upon successful completion of the course.

The Dual Enrollment Program application asks for the State Assigned Student Identifier (SASID) - the unique number given to each preK-12 student receiving publicly funded education in Massachusetts. It can be obtained in your public high school office, but is not required of those in private or parochial schools.

Dual Enrollment programs are neither new, nor unique. They are widely used to introduce high school students to the requirements and responsibilities of university level study. In the process program participants earn university credit, gain invaluable insights for determining their higher education interests and overall career path, and are able to get a head start on their university education.

The program is particularly beneficial for students from low income families, and for those who will be the first in their immediate family to obtain a four year college diploma. It also encourages study in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). Students in these categories will be given particular, but not sole consideration.

The Spring 2012 schedule of undergraduate courses is listed under the *Continuing Education - Undergraduate Course Schedule* link of the Framingham State University web-site at [www.framingham.edu](http://www.framingham.edu). Dual Enrollment students typically select entry level courses (numbered 100-199), but other options may be suitable.

Students should check course descriptions prior to selection noting any prerequisites or special features. Mathematics and English courses require demonstrated proficiency on Accuplacer placement examinations that are individually administered at one's high school or at the Framingham State University Center for Academic Support and Advising (CASA). Contact Mr. Ben Trapanick ([btrapanick@framingham.edu](mailto:btrapanick@framingham.edu)) for an examination appointment at Framingham State. Documented and demonstrated proficiency required for a course should be included with the Dual Enrollment Program application.

Spring Dual Enrollment applications can be submitted by December 15. In order to be considered, students must complete all required documentation on the application. Acceptance notification will be made immediately, thereafter.

Students accepted into the Dual Enrollment Program are required to attend an Orientation tentatively scheduled for Thursday, January 12 at 5:30 p.m. in the Campus Center 1839 Room. The Spring 2012 semester begins on Thursday, January 19 and ends on Wednesday, May 9, 2012.

Completed registrations and letters should be either mailed or hand-delivered to:

Framingham State University  
Division of Graduate and Continuing Education  
Campus Center 515  
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Framingham, MA 02702  
Attention: Dr. Peter Dittami, Dual Enrollment Program

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