

# DUAL ENROLLMENT

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## QUESTIONS & ANSWERS about One-Two-Free at Great Falls College MSU

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### What is One-Two-Free?

One-Two-Free is the current funding model for dual enrollment statewide (implemented August 2018). More information at <https://mus.edu/one-two-free/>

- The program offers free tuition for the first two dual enrollment courses, up to six credits. Students are responsible for any course or program fees, books, and other supplies.
- Courses must be lower-division (100 or 200 level) and can be on-line, on-campus, or in the high school (concurrent).
- After the first two free courses (up to six credits), dual enrollment students pay the discounted dual enrollment tuition rate of 50% the two-year institution's tuition.

### Why was One-Two-Free implemented?

The Montana University System wanted to increase access to higher education for high school students. By providing free tuition, more students can experience dual enrollment. Dual Enrollment allows students to “ease in” to college level work by still having high school support. In fact, the research shows that dual enrollment can help students see themselves as college students, even if they did not previously believe they could go to college. And, once they experience some success, they are more willing to continue with college level work.

### Since One-Two-Free has expanded access to dual enrollment, do you recommend all eligible students participate?

No. It is important for high school counselors and teachers to carefully consider which students they recommend for dual enrollment. Even though free tuition expands access and allows more students to try college-level work, not all students are suited to do so. Students should understand that they need to be motivated, academically prepared for college rigor, and willing to work hard. Students must maintain good class attendance, utilize all textbooks and supplies, and be willing to ask for help.

Additionally, the *8 Week Advantage* <http://www.gfcmsu.edu/about/8weekadvantage/de8week.html> which impacts on-line and on-campus courses, means that courses are compressed to a shorter time frame. That format may not be the best option for students with extracurricular activities and/or work. We urge high school staff to screen dual enrollment participation as best as possible.

### Who is eligible to participate in dual enrollment and One-Two-Free?

If students meet these requirements, they are automatically enrolled in One-Two-Free; no additional paperwork is required.

- Be enrolled in a high school that has a current dual enrollment agreement with GFC MSU. Homeschooled students may enroll through the school district in which they reside.
- Be at least 16 years of age or a high school junior. *\*exceptions can be made for younger students*
- Meet prerequisites for the course including placement tests or proficiency scores.
- Complete all required paperwork (application, registration form, and release form).

### **What colleges participate in dual enrollment and One-Two-Free?**

Currently, Great Falls College MSU is one of eight colleges in the system that offer this program. Other colleges are City College MSU Billings, Helena College, Highlands College, Missoula College, MSU Northern, and UM Western.

### **Can students get two free classes at each of the participating institutions?**

Yes. Students can take two courses (up to six credits) free at GFC MSU and also at other colleges.

### **What if a student wants to take more courses after they have used One-Two-Free?**

Students can enroll in additional courses after their first two, free courses, but they will be billed at the discounted dual enrollment rate of tuition: 50% of regular priced tuition.

### **What if a student is unable to pay for additional courses?**

The Hardship Scholarship was developed for students with demonstrated financial need. Need is determined by a student's eligibility in one of many federal need based programs such as Free & Reduced Lunch, Head Start, or Medicaid or household benefits such as SNAP, WIC, TANF, SSI, Section 8 housing. If students meet any of the need based requirements, they must complete the one-page application and submit it with their dual enrollment registration paperwork. Then, the financial aid office will apply the scholarship and waive the tuition for the additional courses.

*\*Students are always still responsible for any course or program fees, books, and other supplies.*

### **How will a student be notified they received the Hardship Scholarship?**

Students will not receive notification of the scholarship. Their dual enrollment tuition will be waived and they will not receive a bill (unless they owe course or program fees).

### **What happens to One-Two-Free if a student drops or withdraws from a course or courses?**

Timing is important when choosing to drop or withdraw from a course or courses. If a student drops from any or all of their dual enrollment courses, the date on which they drop will determine what will happen to One-Two-Free.

- If a student drops from any or all of their dual enrollment courses **during** the add/drop period, they may owe a partial bill according to the refund dates listed in the academic calendar. A student in this situation is not eligible to receive a One-Two-Free credit for the dropped courses that semester because they are no longer enrolled with Great Falls College MSU, and these courses will not be reflected on the student's transcript. If the student has not yet used their two courses of One-Two-Free, they can use One-Two-Free in future semesters.
- If a student drops or withdraws **after** the add/drop period and past the refund dates listed in the academic calendar, they will be charged tuition and the One-Two-Free credit will be applied. The student will have used the One-Two-Free benefit for the course even though they will not earn a grade or receive the credits. The course(s) will be recorded on the student's transcript with a grade of "W". In this situation, the student may or may not be able to use One-Two-Free in future semesters at GFC MSU depending on whether or not the student has now used up their two courses of One-Two-Free credit.