

Early College Credit Option (ECCO)

I. Purpose of the Early College Credit Option:

The Early College Credit Option (ECCO) provides qualified high school students currently attending EFSC through Dual Enrollment the opportunity to:

1. Retake a Dual Enrollment course **one time** for grade forgiveness on the student's **college record**.
2. Enroll in EFSC courses not available through Dual Enrollment, such as a one-credit Service-Learning course or an Applied Music course.
3. Register for additional EFSC courses beyond the number permitted through Dual Enrollment.

Credits earned using ECCO will count toward the student's AA degree or College Credit Certificate and the grade will be posted on the student's college transcript. The credits will NOT count toward high school graduation and the grade earned in the course will not be posted on the student's high school transcript.

A student enrolled in a course taken through ECCO is not earning credit toward high school graduation (dual credit) and the student is not considered dual enrolled; however, if a student is ineligible to dual enroll for the following term due to attendance or academic issues, he or she remains eligible for the Dual Enrollment Program and may register for an EFSC class using ECCO.

II. Eligibility Criteria:

Students must meet the following requirements to enroll in a course through ECCO:

1. Be a qualified Dual Enrollment student in grades 10, 11, or 12.
2. Attend a public school, private school that has an articulation agreement with EFSC, or a home school program that is in compliance with FS 1007.271(13).
3. Have college-ready ACT, SAT, PERT, or ACCUPLACER reading and writing scores on file.

III. Student Costs:

Public, private, and home school students taking a class through ECCO are responsible for the following costs:

1. All tuition and fees charged to regularly enrolled (non-dual enrollment) EFSC students.
2. Instructional materials.

IV. Student Registration Procedure:

Students taking courses through ECCO must complete the ECCO Registration Form (available on the EFSC website).

Students using the ECCO option may register for any Eastern Florida college credit course for which they are qualified so long as the course is creditable toward an associate degree or college credit certificate and is not part of a limited access program or otherwise prohibited by Florida statute or EFSC.

Students may register for classes using ECCO during the fall, spring, and summer terms.

Developmental classes may not be taken through ECCO.