



**GLOUCESTER COUNTY
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**



**MARANATHA
BAPTIST UNIVERSITY**

Dual Credit Opportunity at GCCS

GCCS is partnering with Maranatha Baptist University to offer the following Dual Credit Classes:

- United States History 1 (Juniors/First Semester) *3 credit class*
- United States History 2 (Juniors/Second Semester) *3 credit class*
- Modern World (Seniors) *3 credit class*

FAQ

- How do the credits work?
 - Each student will automatically earn credits towards their high school transcripts provided they pass the class.
 - Students who wish to apply for college credits will complete a "Request for Credit Form," the "Advance to College Contract" with GCCS, and submit **\$100** to GCCS (**payment due Oct bill for Fall; payment due March bill for Spring**). This fee is non-refundable. The administration will send the request with a grade verification after the successful completion of the course.
 - MBU is a fully accredited institution of higher education which allows students to transfer credits relatively easily.
 - All credits earned through dual enrollment will be calculated into the student's high school GPA and will appear on student's high school transcripts *regardless of the grade earned.*
- Is this a separate class offered to the Juniors/Seniors?
 - No - every Junior/Senior will be required to take the class to fulfill their high school credit requirements through GCCS. However, each student will have the option to choose to take the class as a dual credit class. Those selecting the dual credit option should understand that additional work will be required to meet the college's expectations.
- What is the deadline for selecting the dual credit option?
 - The deadline for classes offered for First Semester will be September 23rd.
 - The deadline for classes offered for Second Semester will be February 14th.
- Can the student change their selection after these dates?
 - No - due to this being a college level course, students will not be permitted to alter their selections after the deadline.

- How will these classes be different from typical high school classes offered at GCCS?
 - Since these are dual credit courses, the expectation is that the classes are college-level classes.
 - The teacher is responsible to MBU for the content, presentation, work load, and assessments and must follow the guidelines given by MBU.
 - Assessment material can be pulled from in-class lectures, reading, discussions, and other platforms of interaction with the teacher. Students are encouraged to engage in reading and out-of-class activities carefully and with the purpose of learning from the interaction with the material.
 - Dual Credit students may only miss eight class hours for the entirety of the class. This includes excused and unexcused absences. Absences in excess of eight will require out-of-class seat time with the teacher to make up class hours. *Three tardies to class will be counted as an absence for dual credit purposes only.*
 - Students will receive a study guide for each test, but class time will not be taken for review. Study guides will not include specific questions or information. Utilizing the study guide properly will be the responsibility of the student. The teacher will facilitate a study session before each test. Attendance will be optional.
 - Students will be responsible for getting any materials missed during an absence from other classmates. If a student is present for a scheduled assessment, they are expected to take the assessment *regardless of previous attendance.*
 - Students will receive a syllabus and assignment schedule. It is their responsibility to stay organized and keep up with all deadlines.
 - All writing assignments and research-based assignments will be graded for grammar, spelling, content, and appropriateness for grade level.
- What if my student does not pass the class (dual credit)?
 - As any other class, the grade will still apply to the student's high school transcripts, and the administration will discuss credit recovery with the student and parents.
 - Any fees paid towards securing college credits will not be refunded.
- How does the Advance to College program help my student?
 - Students are exposed to college-level classes and work while still in an environment where they can receive assistance if needed.
 - Dual Credit classes are weighted on a 5.0 scale and receive 6 credits instead of 5. This "weighted gpa" shows colleges that your student has taken honors or college classes.
 - Most colleges charge more than *\$400 per credit (\$1,200 for a 3 credit class)*. For a 3 credit class such as GCCS is offering, parents can save a significant amount of money. (RCSJ's HSOP program charges \$225 per 3 credit class. Parents will still see a savings!)
 - As they are an investment in the future, college classes often motivate students who are struggling to stay focused at school.
- What are some things I can do as a parent to help my student be successful?
 - Parent oversight and assistance is necessary and helpful, but please remember that you are helping them build skills for their future college career. Be present, but do not over assist. Encourage them to learn independence and responsibility.
 - Be supportive of your student and the teacher! Pray for all involved as we start this new program!