

GSSM Dual Enrollment FAQ

What are dual-enrollment courses?

Dual-enrollment courses are those for which GSSM students simultaneously earn high-school and college credit. College credit for GSSM's dual-enrollment courses is granted by Coker University. Located in Hartsville and within walking distance of GSSM, Coker University is a liberal arts college with a student population of 1,200 and a student-to-faculty ratio of 18:1. Undergraduates at Coker can pursue bachelor's degrees in over 40 areas of study, and *U.S. News and World Report* has ranked the school among the "Best Colleges" in the South. Coker University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC or SACS), which is the recognized regional accrediting body in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia. Other schools recognized by SACS include the University of South Carolina, Clemson University, The Medical University of South Carolina, and Furman University.

Who teaches GSSM dual-enrollment courses?

GSSM faculty teach our dual-enrollment courses in the same way they teach all our residential or virtual classes. GSSM faculty grade all work in the courses and assign students their grades. The courses are approved by Coker as meeting the same learning objectives as the Coker courses for which they receive credit.

How will GSSM dual-enrolled courses affect my GPA and graduation requirements?

Dual-enrolled courses taken while enrolled at GSSM receive the same GPA credit as AP or IB courses, higher than courses designated as "honors." One 3-hour dual-enrolled course (taken in one semester) typically earns one unit of high school graduation credit.

Will my GSSM dual-enrolled credits transfer to other colleges?

As with credits from most SACS-accredited colleges, credits from Coker are transferrable to other similarly accredited institutions. In addition, most schools within South Carolina have agreements in place that allow for the transferring of college credits. For instance, credits earned through Coker can be transferred to, among other schools, the University of South Carolina and Clemson University. A helpful resource in determining whether or how college credits will be transferred is the South Carolina Transfer and Articulation Center (SC TRAC). On SC TRAC's website (sctrac.org), students (or their parents) can search for [course equivalencies](#) across institutions. SC TRAC is updated semi-regularly, which means that students should confirm the transferability of their credits via the admissions department at the university or college they plan on attending.

GSSM students who receive a "C" or higher ($\geq 70/100$) in their dual-enrollment courses are usually able to transfer their Coker University credits to other colleges and universities in South Carolina (and, in many cases, to other institutions across the Southeast). Letter grades below a "C" ($\leq 70/100$) are almost always ineligible for credit transfer, though they will most likely remain on the student's transcript when it is sent to the institution of matriculation. To remain in good standing at GSSM students must score a "C" or higher in their courses, whether or not the courses are Honors, AP, or dual-enrollment; grades lower than a "C" may result in the student being asked to leave the program. Colleges and universities set their own transfer

policies, so for colleges outside S.C., students should confer with the college about its specific transfer credit policies.

How do I enroll in GSSM dual-enrolled courses?

Residential students work with their advisors to decide if a dual-enrolled course is best for them. The registrar places them in the class just like any other GSSM class. Students also fill out a short application from Coker to register them as a Coker student.

How do I get my dual-enrollment transcript from Coker?

Coker will issue a transcript showing the college credit earned at Coker for each dual-enrollment class a few weeks after final grades are submitted. Official transcripts may be requested from Coker for a small fee (see <https://www.coker.edu/offices-services/academic-records/> FAQ: How can I order a copy of my transcripts?).

Who should I contact if I have questions about GSSM dual-enrolled classes?

Director of Academic Programs Matt Martin (mmartin@gssm@k12.sc.us) would be happy to help you.