

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Q: *Why should my student take an AP (Advanced Placement) course?***

A: Because AP courses are college-level courses taken at the high school level, students develop confidence and learn the study habits and time management skills necessary for success in college. Many colleges allow students to move into upper-level courses quickly, thus reducing costs.

**Q: *How does my student enroll in an AP course?***

A: AP courses and prerequisites (including teacher recommendations) are listed in the Course Catalog. Talk with the counselor or advisor during course selection about AP courses. Students who take an AP course are encouraged to take the AP exam for that subject in May. In order to receive the weighted grade, students must take the AP exam.

**Q: *What is a dual credit course?***

A: In cooperation with UNM-LA, a student may receive both college and high school credit for a course. The State of New Mexico pays for tuition costs. LAHS offers five classes on campus which can receive dual credit. A number of courses at UNM-LA are eligible for dual credit and are offered after LAHS school hours. Please refer to the Course Catalog for more details.

**Q: *How does my student enroll in a dual credit course?***

A: After consulting the LAHS Course Catalog and the UNM-LA Course Catalog (available online or in the Guidance Office), a student completes the application for dual credit. Along with a parent's signature, a student meets with the counselor who signs the application. The student obtains a transcript from the registrar and takes the application and transcript to UNM-LA. On campus dual credit courses complete the application forms in their dual credit class.

**Q: *What is an Honors course?***

A: An Honors course is an accelerated and in-depth coverage of class material. Critical thinking and reading skills and developed problem-solving abilities are required. These courses are good preparation for taking AP courses.

**Q: *How does my student enroll in an Honors course?***

A: Honors courses and prerequisites (including teacher recommendations) are listed in the Course Catalog. Talk with the counselor or advisor during course selection about Honors courses.

**Q: *What are the State of New Mexico requirements for these types of courses?***

A: Students are required to complete at least 1.0 credit in an AP, Dual Credit, Honors or online course to graduate.

***Other questions?***

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