Dual Admissions Program
East Tennessee State University
and
Cleveland State Community College

Overview

The East Tennessee State University (ETSU) Dual Admission Program is available to students transferring to ETSU from Cleveland State Community College (CLSCC). This program offers CLSCC students the advantage of a structured approach for completion of an Associate's Degree, followed by enrollment in pursuit of a Bachelor's Degree at ETSU. Dually admitted students first enroll at CLSCC, complete the Associate's Degree, (A.A., A.S. and A.S.T.) and then enroll at ETSU. This program will ease the transfer process and foster students’ academic success. The advantage of the dual admissions agreement as opposed to an articulation agreement is that students have direct contact with both CLSCC and ETSU faculty and staff throughout the program. In addition, the dual admission program provides enhanced advisement and transition support services.

Eligibility for Dual Admission Program

A student must meet the following conditions to be eligible:

- Plans to pursue both an Associate’s Degree and Bachelor’s Degree.
- Meets current admission criteria for CLSCC.
- Has earned 29 or fewer college-level semester hours and a cumulative GPA of 2.0; cumulative 2.75 GPA for the A.S.T. Degree.
- Enters CLSCC under the 2004 or later catalog (the common general education core curriculum was implemented in fall 2004).

Students’ Responsibilities

CLSCC students who fulfill the requirements of the DAP are guaranteed acceptance to ETSU.

- Students must apply and be admitted to CLSCC.
- Students must complete an application for Dual Admission and a non-binding Intent-to-Enroll form that includes authorization for the exchange of all application and academic information between CLSCC and ETSU.
- Students will provide all application materials to CLSCC (application for admission, application for DAP, non-binding Intent-to-Enroll form, official high school transcript or
equivalent, official college transcripts if other colleges have been attended, and official ACT/SAT scores for applicants less than 21 years of age).

- Students must earn an A.S., A.A. or A.S.T. degree from CLSCC. Students must maintain a 2.0 cumulative GPA (2.75 for the A.S.T. Degree) to be in good standing in the Dual Admission program.

- Any courses required for the major not completed at CLSCC must be completed at ETSU to progress into the major. Students in the Dual Admissions program who meet eligibility requirements are guaranteed admission to ETSU but not acceptance into any individual academic discipline which may have additional admission requirements.

- Students must complete the CLSCC Intent to Graduate form.

- Upon graduation from CLSCC with an A.A. or A.S. (A.S.T.) Degree, students will apply to ETSU and submit the required application fee. Residency classification with regard to fee payment will be made by ETSU at the time of enrollment at ETSU. International students may be subject to additional regulations and may be required to provide additional documentation.

- Students who attend another institution between the time they graduate from CLSCC and enroll at ETSU must re-apply to ETSU as a transfer student.

- Students must re-apply to the Dual Admission Program if there is a break of more than a year in their attendance at CLSCC.

- Students may only receive financial aid at one institution at a time. Students must complete financial aid paperwork for ETSU prior to enrolling.

- Students may withdraw from the Dual Admission Program by providing a written statement to CLSCC.

**Institutions’ Responsibilities**

- CLSCC will forward copies of the complete application packet materials to the Office of Admission at ETSU including: CLSCC application for admission, application for DAP, non-binding Intent-to-Enroll form, official high school transcript or equivalent, official college transcript(s) if other colleges have been attended, and official ACT/SAT scores for applicants less than 21 years of age.

- Both CLSCC and ETSU will track Dual Admission students in their student information systems.

- Both CLSCC and ETSU will assign each student to an advisor from each campus.

- Each institution will develop a web site specifically for the Dual Admissions Program.

- At the end of each semester, CLSCC will provide ETSU an official transcript for each participant in the DAP, and student work at CLSCC will be posted as transfer credit in the student information system at ETSU.

- Each institution will establish a primary and secondary campus contact.

- CLSCC will refer students to the ETSU primary and secondary campus contacts during their first semester of enrollment in the Dual Admissions Program. Students will work jointly with CLSCC and ETSU contacts to determine course selection.

- CLSCC will accept any appropriate credit taken at ETSU by the student towards the associate degree.
- CLSCC will provide the ETSU primary and secondary campus contact with defined view only access to CLSCC Banner Self Service system to allow the ETSU contacts to effectively advise DAP students.

Terms of Ineligibility

- Students are limited to participate in only one Dual Admissions Program at a time.
- Failure to adhere to the eligibility provisions and students’ responsibilities of the Dual Admissions Program.
- Notification by CLSCC of the student’s withdrawal from the Dual Admissions Program.

Advantages for the Participating Institutions

- TBR community colleges can attract highly motivated students who plan to attend a TBR university after they earn their associates degrees.
- Institutions will achieve a higher transfer rate with increased ease of transitioning between institutions.
- An improved community college transfer rate will lead to increased baccalaureate attainment.
- TBR community college students will be encouraged to pursue a bachelor’s degree after completing an associate’s degree, which will increase students’ educational attainment levels.
- TBR community colleges can track educational achievement of their graduates.
- TBR community colleges and universities can enjoy joint recruitment in area high schools.
- Universities in the Tennessee Board of Regents System will have a qualified and identified source of students that require minimal recruitment effort.

Advantages for Cleveland State Students

- Students are guaranteed acceptance to ETSU upon completion of the A.A., A.S. (A.S.T.) degree at CSLCC rather than to a particular college or major. Admission to a particular major requires students to meet the criteria designated by that major.
- Students can save money by enrolling for their first two years at CLSCC with lower tuition and fees.
- Students will become familiar with university staff and academic advisors, which should facilitate the transition process.
- Students will be able to view their entire degree plans at the onset of their college career.
- Students will receive academic advising from both institutions including early advisement from ETSU.
- Students will be able to register during the priority registration time period at ETSU the semester of graduation from CLSCC upon completion of ETSU orientation activities.
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