

Dear parents/guardians and students,

This is the fourth year our anatomy & physiology class has been approved for dual credit status through BSC. This means that students have the opportunity to attain 4 college credits for our class while in high school, following the same curriculum that we have been using for over 20 years. The only thing will separate students seeking dual credit from those not pursuing the credits is that dual credit students will be required to take my first semester final – there is already a folder in LearnBPS that lays out exactly what is on that final – and that exam will be worth 15% of the overall semester grade as was indicated in the course syllabus.

The BSC course is listed as BIOL 220/220L: Human Anatomy & Physiology I (4 total credits) – and it IS transferrable throughout the North Dakota University System. Over 85% of the material taught throughout 1st semester applies to BIOL 220/220L, meaning that students will be registering during the 1st semester at CHS but will not receive credit for the course until the spring semester through the university system, as the remaining material will be taught then. This is true of many of the dual credit courses offered through BPS, and there were no issues with records last year.

The biggest question you may have at this point is what the course might be used for toward a college degree. Students are in anatomy & physiology for a wide variety of reasons, so I am not in a position to answer that question for you, but I did look up the requirements for various programs throughout several North Dakota colleges/universities. I see this course listed as a course requirement (in conjunction with 221/221L) for pre-nursing, pre-PT, respiratory therapy at NDSU, UND, etc. I see that it is a science elective option (not required) in pre-medicine courses or in other science/non-science related majors in college. My only suggestion as you consider signing up for dual credit status is that students do a direct search for the degree requirements for the college/university students may be interested in to see if BIOL 220/220L is listed as a required course or if it can be applied to a degree students might be interested in. Many degrees require some type of elective biology courses from a range of options, and this most certainly could apply. **When in doubt, call the destination institution directly.**

I am happy to have each and every student in class this year, and please know that I have no intent of altering any of our proven curriculum to satisfy any college criterion. I am sure there are plenty more questions you may have – there will be a BSC representative at Century High in December to help answer those and to register students for the course if they so choose. If this is definitely something you wish to take advantage of, they only ask that students have completed the BSC enrollment application (just click on “Apply” from the BSC website and follow the prompts) prior to the high school visits. If students are currently taking another dual credit course THIS YEAR, they do not need to reapply.

Sincerely,

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