



**HIGH SCHOOL**



**CONNECTIONS**

**MSUB IN YOUR SCHOOL**



## **What is High School Connections?**

High School Connections is a pilot program to give high school students the opportunity to earn high school and college credits simultaneously — the same class earns credits for both.

And for the 2016-2017 school year, the ***college tuition is free!***



The MSUB High School Connections program is a statewide initiative to increase the number of students pursuing post-secondary education by smoothing the transition between secondary and post-secondary education and to help reduce college debt.

MSUB High School Connections is an opportunity for high school students to complete a college class within their high school schedule, with a familiar teacher and in a familiar classroom.

Credits earned are fully transferable in the Montana University System and transfer widely to other accredited colleges and universities. Be sure to check with the institution you would like to attend to verify degree requirements and acceptance of your credits.

***Tuition for this pilot program for the 2016-2017 school year has been waived.***

# FAQs

- 1. The class I want isn't offered at my high school; can I take a MSUB High School Connections class at another public high school in Billings?**

Yes. Transportation is not provided and there must be openings in the class, and the class must fit your schedule. Students should contact their school administrator as soon as possible for information and class availability.

- 2. I'm interested in taking University Connections classes. Are those offered tuition free too?**

No, only dual credit courses that are part of the MSUB/City College High School Connections partnership will be free.

- 3. I'm already scheduled in a dual credit class at my high school. When do I need to enroll at MSUB/City College so that I get college credit for my class?**

High School counselors and the MSUB/City College Director of Dual Credit will meet with students at the start of each semester to review deadlines and will collect High School Connections application forms for enrollment prior to the MSUB enrollment deadline.

- 4. Do I need to complete an application and register with MSUB/City College?**

Yes. Students need to complete a High School Connections application. This application is available on the MSUB website or from your school's counseling office.

- 5. Is the pilot program offered at any of the other 2-year colleges or universities?**

No. This program is only offered for MSUB/City College High School Connections partners for the Fall 2016 and Spring 2017 semesters.

Billings School District 2 offering the following courses for Fall 2016:

Introduction to Business: West **BGEN 105**

American History (Pre-Colonial to 1877): West **HSTA 101**

American History (1877 forward): West **HSTA 102**

College Welding: Cutting & Shielding, Metal Arc Welding Lab: Career Center **WLDG 125**

College Welding: Wirefeed Welding: Career Center **WLDG 157**

Human Growth & Development: Career Center **EDU 220**

College Writing: Career Center **WRIT 101**

College Technical Writing: Career Center **WRIT 121**

College Technical Math: Career Center **M 111**

College Extended Technical Math: Career Center **M 114**

College Algebra: Senior, West, Career Center, Skyview **M 121**  
College Trigonometry: Senior, West, Skyview **M 122**  
College Emergency Medical Technician: Career Center **ECP 291**  
College Web Design & Programming: Career Center **CSCI 181**  
College Automotive\*- Electrical: Career Center **TRID 292**  
College Automotive\*- Brakes: Career Center **AST 114/AST 115**  
*\*These courses are slated to be available in the fall of 2016*

Billings Central Catholic High School is offering the following courses:

Western Civilization (The West and the World to 1648) **HSTR 101**  
Western Civilization (The West and the World since 1648) **HSTR 102**  
American History (Pre-Colonial to 1877) **HSTA 101**  
American History (1877 forward) **HSTA 102**  
College Algebra **M 121**  
College Trigonometry **M 122**  
College Chemistry\* **CHMY 121/CHMY 122**

*\*Pending availability; this course is being revised and may be available in the fall of 2016*

- 6. I'm enrolled in a dual credit program through another college. Is this class part of the MSUB/City College High School Connections partnership?**  
No. Only classes through the MSUB/City College High School Connections partnership are part of the program.
- 7. Are there prerequisite requirements for dual credit courses?**  
Yes. These vary by course and high school partner. Math and writing courses currently require a minimum ACT or Compass Test score. Contact your high school counseling department for more specific information regarding minimum scores or to schedule a placement exam.
- 8. If I don't meet the minimum requirements for a class may I retest?**  
Yes. You can retake the ACT or the Compass test again. There may be fees involved.
- 9. Do I receive a grade and credit on both the high school transcript and MSUB/City College transcript?**  
Yes. Students receive a grade on both transcripts. Your college grade and credits will be recorded on a permanent college transcript.
- 10. Are there any fees involved with courses associated with this pilot program?**  
Yes. Some courses may require fees such as textbooks, software licenses, lab fees, etc.

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