



College of Continuing & Professional Studies

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA



University of Minnesota Twin Cities Post-Secondary Enrollment Options (PSEO)

About PSEO

The Post-Secondary Enrollment Options (PSEO) program at the U of M allows high school juniors and seniors to fulfill high school graduation standards and earn college credits by taking classes on campus or online. Admission to the program is highly competitive.

Most freshman level classes are available to PSEO students, as well as certain advanced courses for which students have met the prerequisites. PSEO students may be part-time (1-11 credits, also taking classes at high school) or full-time (12+ credits, not taking classes at high school).

What You Need for PSEO Success

1. Independent learning style
2. Strong time management skills
3. Willingness to seek out help

Commonly Taken PSEO Courses*

- **English** – e.g. Intro to Literature; Public Speaking; Creative Writing
- **Social Science** – e.g. US History, Economics, Psychology, U.S. Government
- **Math** – e.g. Statistics, Precalculus, Calculus, Linear Algebra
- **Science** – e.g. Intro to Physics, Chemistry, Astronomy, Biology
- **Arts/Humanities** – e.g. Drawing, Ceramics, Philosophy, Voice Class
- **Languages** – e.g. Chinese, French, German, Spanish
- **Career Exploration** – e.g. Health Careers, Pharmacy, Information Technology
- **Health/Physical Education** – e.g. Nutrition, Running, Weight Training

**Note: Seats in classes are NOT guaranteed for PSEO students.*

These classes are just a sample. For a larger general list, see our website. The full U of M class schedule can be found at schedulebuilder.umn.edu.

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Application Details

- One application period per year. Around 1,500 applicants, 600 admitted students (~40% admit rate).
- Minimum high school GPA: 3.600 unweighted. (Some exceptions for music-only applicants; see website for details.) The PSEO Office recalculates weighted GPAs.
 - Average admitted high school GPA: 3.95 unweighted
 - In 2021-22, 88% had a 3.85 or higher unweighted GPA
- Holistic review process
 - Primary factors: GPA; course rigor (e.g. AP, PSEO, CIS, honors); class rank (if available)
 - Secondary factors: Standardized test scores (ACT, ACT Aspire, Pre-ACT, PLAN, SAT, PSAT, PSAT 10); AP, IB test scores; grade trends; extenuating circumstances affecting grades (e.g. illness)

Application Materials

Application instructions can be found at z.umn.edu/pseoapply.

Required

1. Online application form.
2. Complete (9th grade through present) high school or home school transcript.
3. Post-Secondary Notice of Student Registration 2022-23 form ("PSEO Form").

Sometimes Required/Optional

1. Balance sheet showing all remaining high school graduation requirements. Strongly recommended, but not used for admissions decisions. Submitting this helps your PSEO advisor guide your course selection.
2. Standardized tests such as college entrance exams (ACT, ACT Aspire, Pre-ACT, PLAN, SAT, PSAT, PSAT 10) or AP/IB scores. Optional.
3. Transcript(s) of college coursework. Required if you have prior college coursework outside the U of M.
4. Additional statement if you'd like to tell us anything else about your academic record. Optional.

Application Timeline | 2022-23 School Year

1. **February 1:** Application period opens
2. **April 15:** Application deadline
3. **May 27:** Admissions decisions sent
4. **Late July/early August (dates TBD):** Fall 2022 PSEO class registration opens
5. **September 6:** First day of fall classes