

# College Credit Options

There are four options to obtain college credit while enrolled at BSM. A brief explanation of the options is offered below. Be sure to access each website for specific information as well as researching the requirements of any college or university you are interested in.

<b>Advanced Placement</b>	<b>College in the Schools</b> <small>CIS course grades are weighted and factored into BSM GPA</small>	<b>PACC</b> <small>PACC course grades are weighted and factored into BSM GPA</small>	<b>PSEO</b> <small>PSEO course grades are NOT weighted or factored into BSM GPA</small>
<p>Benilde-St. Margaret’s School offers over twenty AP courses to interested and eligible students. AP courses at BSM are first year-college equivalent courses, approved by the College Board. BSM does require students who enroll in any AP course to sit for the May AP exam OR submit the required portfolio of work. Many colleges and universities will provide college credit based on these test results.</p> <p>Course descriptions and requirements will be found under each academic department.</p> <p><b>Of note:</b> At an information session presented by Georgetown, Harvard, Penn, Duke and Stanford, the admission reps indicated that whether a college accepts the credit or not, the expectation at highly selective schools is that students have taken AP courses <i>and tests</i> because these are the best ways to prepare for the rigors of the freshman year in college.</p>	<p>College in the Schools (CIS) allows motivated juniors and seniors to earn college credits by taking University of Minnesota, Twin Cities courses, at BSM.</p> <p>Students receive both high school and college credits.</p> <p>For more information online users select <a href="#">Learn more about CIS</a></p> <p>Other users copy and paste this address in your browser:  <a href="https://ccaps.umn.edu/college-in-the-schools">https://ccaps.umn.edu/college-in-the-schools</a></p>	<p>Saint Mary’s Program for Advanced College Credit (PACC) offers college-level learning experiences and college credit to participating private high school programs, with the same expectations, workload, learning activities, projects, and exams as the courses taught to first-year students at Saint Mary’s.</p> <p>Students receive both high school and college credits.</p> <p><i>For more information:</i> Online users select: <a href="#">Learn more about PACC.</a></p> <p>Other users copy and paste this address in your browser: <a href="https://www.smumn.edu/smc/show_page.php?pageId=168">https://www.smumn.edu/smc/show_page.php?pageId=168</a></p>	<p>PSEO is a program allowing high school students to get a head start by taking college courses at colleges and universities. Juniors and seniors in high school may enroll, full-or part-time in courses and will receive concurrent high school and college credit.</p> <p>Students may apply to the University of Minnesota and all of its branches, all the Minnesota State Universities, community colleges, technical colleges or Minnesota private liberal arts colleges. College tuition, fees and textbooks are paid for by the State of Minnesota.</p> <p><i>For more information:</i> Online users select: <a href="#">Learn more about PSEO.</a></p> <p>Other users copy and paste this address in your browser: <a href="https://education.mn.gov/mde/fam/dual/pseo">https://education.mn.gov/mde/fam/dual/pseo</a></p>