

# Post Secondary Enrollment Options

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# MN PSEO Reference Guide



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## Postsecondary Enrollment Options (PSEO) Reference Guide

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# What is PSEO...

- Postsecondary Enrollment Options (PSEO) is a program that allows public and nonpublic students in 10th, 11th and 12th grades to earn college credit while still in high school
- Most PSEO courses are offered on the campus of the postsecondary institution; some courses are offered online.
- Each participating college or university sets its own admissions requirements for enrollment into the PSEO courses.
- Eleventh and 12th-grade students may take PSEO courses on a full- or part-time basis
- 10th-graders are eligible to enroll in PSEO on a more limited basis (see note below).
- There is no charge to PSEO students for tuition, books or fees for items that are required to participate in a course



# Purpose...

- The purpose of PSEO is to promote rigorous academics pursuits and to provide a wide variety of options to high school students
- Expose high school students to the college experience to better/help the transition after high school



# What is PSEO...

POSTSECONDARY  
ENROLLMENT  
OPTIONS  
(PSEO)

Welcome!

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Visit the Apollo Guidance page to view a video from SCSU and SCTCC on PSEO details



# PSEO while at Apollo High School

- Typically in January, the school and counselors will provide general information about PSEO options during the registration process
- If you are interested in PSEO
  - 1. Talk with your parent or guardian
  - 2. Make an appointment with your school counselor
  - 3. Review all information in this PowerPoint and online at the Apollo Guidance webpage



# Eligibility requirements...

- SCTCC

- Seniors/Juniors: course selection based on Accuplacer score

- SCSU

- Juniors: 3.5 or higher GPA
- Seniors: 3.0 or higher GPA

\*\*Students are able to choose which campus they prefer to be on. Visit each college website for more information. Students can decide full or part time



# Graduation Requirements...

- Remember, your graduation requirements take priority when it comes to course selection for your PSEO classes

\*\*reminder:  
Class of 2028  
and beyond  
will be  
required to  
take Personal  
Finance

Core Area	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12	Total	
LANGUAGE	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits	12	
ARTS						
MATH	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits		9	Students must pass the levels of Algebra, Geometry, and Algebra 2
Intermediate Algebra Geometry Algebra 2						
SCIENCE	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits		9	
Physical Science 9 Biology Chemistry or Physics						
SOCIAL	2 credits	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits	11	
Geography 9 World History US History Gov/Econ/Soc Elective						
HEALTH					1	May be taken any grade 9-12.
PE					2	May be taken any grade 9-12.
FINE ARTS					3	May be taken any grade 9-12.
ELECTIVES					16	May be taken any grade 9-12.
					63	GRADUATION





# Courses & Credits...

- Remember, you must meet graduation requirements
- It is your responsibility to be checking in with your school counselor to track this
- When choosing your college classes, you can use the MN Transfer Curriculum's goal areas to help guide you in your selection process
- The PSEO coordinator at the college will meet with you to discuss course options
- Specific college courses can meet high school requirements



# SCTCC college courses that meet high school requirements

## GRADE 11

## St. Cloud Technical and Community College

## GRADE 12

### High School Requirements

#### LANGUAGE ARTS

-Composition

-Literature

#### SOCIAL STUDIES

-U.S. History (must do both)

#### MATH

-Geometry

-Alg 2

#### SCIENCE

-Chemistry or Physics  
(4 credits needed)

#### WORLD LANGUAGE

#### ELECTIVES

### Courses to Meet Requirements

**ENGL 1303** Technical Writing  
**ENGL 1302** Analytical Writing  
**ENGL 2302** Adv Writing  
**ENGL 2310** Intro to Creative Writing  
**ENGL 1100** Writing for the Work Place  
**ENGL 1321** Intro to Modern Fiction  
**ENGL 1322** Intro to Literature  
**ENGL 1330** Amer Lit About War  
**ENGL 1340** Intro to Multicultural Lit  
**ENGL 1341** Intro to Women's Literature  
**ENGL 1342** Middle Eastern Literature  
**ENGL 1345** Gender in Literature

**HIST 1310** America History until 1877 **AND**  
**HIST 1311** U.S. Since 1877

Must be done at Apollo  
**Math 1300 AND** any other math course

**CHEM 1350** General Chemistry I  
**CHEM 1305** Chem for the non-Scientist  
**PHYS 1305** Conceptual Physics  
**PHYS 2300** General Physics I

-Speech

Composition

-Literature

#### SOCIAL STUDIES

-American Government  
(1 Semester)

-Economics  
(1 Semester)

#### ELECTIVES

**CMST 1320** Intro to Speech Comm  
**CMST 2300** Intro to Public Speaking  
**CMST 2310** Interpersonal Communications--  
**ENGL 1303** Technical Writing  
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**ENGL 2302** Adv Writing  
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**ENGL 1345** Gender in Literature

**POLS1304** Intro to Am Politics

**ECON 2320** Intro to Macro  
**ECON 2330** Intro to Micro  
**ECON 1310** Personal Finance

### High School Requirements

#### LANGUAGE ARTS

### Courses to Meet Requirements

All SCSU classes are level 1. SCSU PSEO Coordinator at (320) 308-6022 Each college semester credit is equal to .75 high school credits A 3.0 credit course at the College =2.25 at Apollo A 4.0 credit course at the College =3.0 at Apollo

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# SCSU college courses that meet high school requirement

St. Cloud State University			
GRADE 11		GRADE 12	
<u>High School Requirements</u>	<u>Courses to Meet Requirements</u>	<u>High School Requirements</u>	<u>Courses to Meet Requirements</u>
<b>LANGUAGE ARTS</b>		<b>LANGUAGE ARTS</b>	
-Composition	ENG 190 or 191	-Speech	CMST 192 Intro to Comm Studies
-Literature	English Literature course		CMST 211 Public Speaking
			CMST 220 Interpersonal Comm
<b>SOCIAL STUDIES</b>			
-U.S. History	HIST 140 America to 1865 AND	-Composition	ENGL 190 or 191
(must do both)	HIST 141 U.S. Since 1865	-Literature	Any ENGLISH can be taken
<b>MATH</b>		<b>SOCIAL STUDIES</b>	
-Geometry	Must be done at Apollo	-American Government	POLI SCI 101 Political Ideas & Institutions
		(1 Semester)	POLI SCI 111 Dem Cit/ship: Am Nat'l Gov't
-Alg 2	Math 111 Technical Mathematics or		POLI SCI 195 Dem Cit/ship: Am Nat'l Gov't
	Math 112 College Algebra AND		HIST 195 Democratic Citizenship
	any other math course		SOC 195 Democratic Citizenship
<b>SCIENCE</b>			
-Chemistry or Physics	CHEM 160	-Economics	ECON 201 Intro to Econ
(4 credits needed)	CHEM 210	(1 Semester)	ECON 205 Principles of Macroeconomics
	PHYS 231		ECON 206 Principles of Microeconomics
	PHYS 234		ECON 195 Economics & Democratic Citizen
<b>WORLD LANGUAGE</b>	_____		
<b>ELECTIVES</b>	_____	<b>ELECTIVES</b>	_____

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# Links to college PSEO websites

- SCSU: <https://www.stcloudstate.edu/pseo/>
- SCTCC: <http://www.sctcc.edu/pseo>
- Link to  
MDE: <https://education.mn.gov/mde/fam/dual/pseo/>



# MN Transfer Curriculum

## What is the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum?

*The Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC) is a means by which students can transfer their completed lower division, general education requirements to Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) and University of Minnesota schools (along with some select private or out-of-state colleges). This is a package of 40 credits that includes 10 goal areas.*

## Minnesota Transfer Curriculum

[http://www.mntransfer.org/students/plan/s\\_mntc.php](http://www.mntransfer.org/students/plan/s_mntc.php)

- Goal 1. Communication
- Goal 2. Critical Thinking
- Goal 3. Natural Sciences
- Goal 4. Mathematical/Logical Reasoning
- Goal 5. History and the Social and Behavioral Sciences
- Goal 6. The Humanities and Fine Arts
- Goal 7. Human Diversity
- Goal 8. Global Perspectives
- Goal 9. Ethical and Civic Responsibility
- Goal 10. People and the Environment

**40 Minimum Semester Credits**

# MN Transfer Curriculum...

## **What is the benefit of completing the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum or an Associate in Arts (A.A.) degree?**

The MnTC (40 credits) and the A.A. degree (60 credits) transfer as a package of completed lower division general education requirements. This means the transfer institution does not look course by course to evaluate for transfer, nor do you, as the student, need to meet their liberal arts requirements. By transferring with an A.A., you can transfer as a junior to a four-year college, and by following a plan designed for your major, you will be fully prepared for your upper division major classes.

## **Are credits taken as a Post Secondary Enrollment Option (PSEO) student transferable?**

Yes. They are credits from the college and will transfer with the same criteria as other credits do. Check with your transfer college to determine if they have transfer credit policies.

## **What is the difference between TECHNICAL and TRANSFER?**

Technical education is typically specific training designed for immediate entry into the workforce (*welding, cosmetology*), while transfer education is typically general in nature and designed for students who wish to pursue a bachelor's degree.



# Grades and transcripts

- All PSEO classes are weighted at a 4.5 GPA
- Students are responsible for requesting an official copy of their college transcript when applying to future colleges
- Students are held accountable to the institutions rules/timelines for course selection and drop policies
- All PSEO course grades will go onto your high school transcripts. This starts your college GPA
- SENIORS: for graduation cord determination, your GPA will be ran at the end of tri 2 (which means fall semester classes of your senior year of PSEO will be counted in; spring semester courses will not be entered in time for graduation cords)



# How college classes transfer to your high school transcript

- All PSEO classes and grades will be put onto your high school transcript as the college reports it. Because the college works on semesters...credits transfer a little different

College credit	Apollo credit
4	3
3	2.25
2	1.5
1	.75

**This starts your college GPA and will follow you when you graduate. Be sure to take this opportunity seriously.**





# MN State High School League

- Students enrolled in PSEO are still eligible to participate in high school sports
- Students will still be held to the same standards/requirements for graduation and district policy in order to be eligible
- Students are responsible for coordinating and communicating with their high school coaches on needs/details



# Expectations of PSEO students...

- RESPONSIBILITY: PSEO students are responsible for managing all their college course, registration, work and communication
- ORGANIZATION: PSEO students are expected to keep organized and up to date on all their work independently
- COMMUNICATION: students must update their school counselor on progress, schedule and grades at least 1x a tri



# Is PSEO for you

- After reviewing all the information on our guidance webpage, if you still feel like PSEO is a good option for you...please contact your school counselor
- If you decide to enroll, you will need to
  - Apply to the college
  - Complete the NOSR form (section 1 for parent & student to sign) and turn into counselor
  - Counselor will then submit the form and your transcripts



# Timeline

- December-March: meet with high school counselor and APPLY
- March-May: receive letter of acceptance and complete orientation tasks per the college
- June-July: meet with your PSEO coordinator at the college and register for your PSEO courses
- August: meet with your high school counselor to make sure both schedules work (have a copy of your college schedule with you)
- Mid/late August: start college classes
- September: Start high school classes



# If you are accepted into PSEO

- You will receive a letter that details a list of orientation tasks you must complete for the college
- Complete an advising session with the PSEO coordinator at the college
- Register for classes with the PSEO coordinator
  - Once you know your college schedule, you need to notify your high school counselor and share it with them



# Before your first day

- Make sure you check your schedule a few days before classes to make sure nothing has changed
- Get a parking pass/know where to park to get to your classes
- Get your books (remember PSEO students do not pay for this; typically you get a voucher at the bookstore)
- Make sure that your high school counselor has already approved your college courses (this should have been done 30 days prior to classes starting)



# Once PSEO starts

- Students are responsible for their class management, time and communication
- High school counselors do not have access to any information at the college
- Note that the college works on semesters and their start/end dates are different than high school
- PSEO students are responsible to get to/from the college
- Meet with your high school counselor at least 1x a tri to give updates and get plans for future classes
- The college will send your transcript to the high school once grades are finalized. They will be added to your high school transcript and count into your total credit count and GPA



# As your classes begin

- Be sure that you can access all your online tools (email, D2L, etc)
- Communicate, communicate, communicate!
- If you are concerned about a class or wishing to withdrawl, please meet with the PSEO coordinator to follow the appropriate steps





**Questions...contact your school  
counselor**

