

# WANT TO EARN COLLEGE CREDIT?

Crookston High School offers College Credit Courses through three different options. They are: College in the High School (CIHS), Post-Secondary Education Option (PSEO), and Advanced Placement (AP) Option.

## College in the High School

CIHS Program Mission: is for students to earn college and high school credit simultaneously, in the high school setting, while transitioning into a post-secondary mindset. Students learn time management, practice independent and critical thinking skills, shoulder a new levels of accountability, all while learning rigorous content. The College in the High School program is a dual enrollment partnership between Crookston High School and the University of Minnesota Crookston.

CIHS courses are College level courses that come with more responsibility. Please read through the student responsibilities for taking a CIHS course below:

1. Dual Credit- Your CIHS course will count for credit towards your High School diploma as well as your college degree. If you fail the CIHS course, it affects your GPA in High School as well as your GPA in College.
2. Eligibility Requirements- In order to be eligible to receive college credit you must have a minimum high school GPA of 3.0 (as a junior or senior) and a GPA of 3.75 (as a sophomore), see course descriptions for course specific requirements.
3. College Transcripts- If you pass the course (D or higher), you will earn .5 credits towards High School Graduation and 3.0 or 4.0 credits (depending on the course) toward College. When the semester is over, you will need to request a transcript from UMC with your college credits. Your High School credits will show on your CHS transcript.
4. The CIHS student must maintain a minimum UMC GPA of 2.0 each term to continue enrollment at UMC. Each term with a GPA below 2.0 will be followed by a suspension of one term.
5. UMC Welcome Letter- You will receive a 'Welcome Letter' from UMC in the mail. KEEP THIS DOCUMENT. From that letter YOU are the one responsible to
  1. Set up your MyU Portal to check classes, grades, and email
  2. Set up your X500 ID Number

6. Add/Drop- Students are responsible to Add/Drop the course within the grace period given by UMC. If not done during that period, there is a \$50 fee (owed by the student) and potential for the F/Withdrawal to stay on College Transcript. You will receive an email on this information via your UMC email.
7. Student Release Authorization- Students fill out a form to give Parents the ability to check their CIHS Grade.
8. CIHS Registration for UMC Credit- Students will complete the course registration in the classroom at CHS. It is still the student's responsibility to drop this course by the deadline. (If you drop at CHS you need to also drop the course through UMC).

#### **CIHS Courses Offered are:**

- Ceramics II
- Drawing II
- Painting II
- Humanities
- College Algebra
- College Eng I, II
- British Literature
- College Calc I, II
- College Pre-Calc
- College Elementary Stats

## **Postsecondary Education Option (PSEO)**

Taking PSEO courses comes with a lot of responsibility. You are essentially a college student, needing to communicate with your professor, keeping up with your assignments and grades. CHS does not check your grades or communicate with your professors. PSEO students are also responsible to stay connected to CHS for any announcements etc.

Students are able to take PSEO courses at a MN postsecondary institution offering PSEO classes if the student is at Junior or Senior status, holds a minimum 3.0 GPA, and meets admissions requirements of the institution.

These courses are taken at the postsecondary institution of choice or online, and the courses are dual credit (counting toward High School diploma and College degree). CHS students do not pay tuition and fees. They are responsible for their own transportation.

Classes offered is dependent on the institutions PSEO courses offered.

\*To register for PSEO courses you must register with your School Counselor.

Postsecondary Enrollment Options (PSEO) is a program that allows 10th-, 11th- and 12th-grade students to earn both high school and college credit while still in high school, through enrollment in and successful completion of college nonsectarian courses at eligible participating postsecondary institutions. 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). Students must meet the PSEO residency and eligibility requirements and abide by participation limits specified in Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.09. If a school district determines a pupil is not on track to graduate, she/he may continue to participate in PSEO on a term by term basis.

By March 1 of each year, or three weeks prior to the date a student registers for courses for the following school year, schools must provide PSEO information to all students in grades 8-11 and their families. To assist the district in planning, a student must inform the district by May 30 of each year of their intent to enroll in postsecondary courses during the following school year.

There is no charge to PSEO students for tuition, books or fees for items that are required to participate in a course; however, students may incur fees for equipment that becomes their property when the course or program is completed, textbooks that are not returned to the postsecondary institution according to their policies, or for tuition costs if they do not notify the district by May 30 and the district does not waive this date requirement.

Funds are available to help pay transportation expenses for qualifying students to participate in PSEO courses on college campuses. For more information on these funds, [access the PSEO Mileage Reimbursement Program Instructions](#).

Enrolling in a PSEO course does not prohibit a student from participating in activities sponsored by the high school.

School districts must allow a PSEO student reasonable access to the high school building, computers and/or other technology resources during regular school hours to participate in PSEO courses, whether on-line or on campus.

Each year, districts must publish their grade-weighting policy on their website, including a list of courses for which students can earn weighted grades.

All courses taken through the PSEO program must meet graduation requirements. Districts must transcript credits earned in PSEO by a ratio prescribed in statute. Districts have the authority to decide which subject area and standards the PSEO course meets. If there is a dispute between the district and the student regarding the number of credits granted for a particular course, the student may appeal the board's decision to the commissioner. The commissioner's decision regarding the number of credits will be final.

Postsecondary institutions are required to allow PSEO students to enroll in online courses consistent with the institution's policy regarding postsecondary student enrollment in online courses.

Tenth-grade students may initially enroll in one Career and Technical Education (CTE) PSEO course if they receive a reading proficiency score of "meets" or "exceeds" on the 8th grade MCA. If 10th graders taking a CTE PSEO course earn at least a grade C in that class, they may take additional CTE PSEO courses. If the student did not take the MCA in 8th-grade, another reading assessment accepted by the enrolling postsecondary institution can be substituted. For students with disabilities, there is an alternative option to demonstrate reading proficiency.

For current information about the PSEO program, [visit the Minnesota Department of Education's Postsecondary Enrollment Options \(PSEO\) webpage.](#)

## Advanced Placement (AP)

AP courses are taken at CHS and taught by CHS teachers. AP courses are two semesters long (one full year). AP courses are rigorous college level courses.

To earn college credit for the AP course you need to take the AP exam at the end of the course and depending on your score from the AP exam determines if you receive college credit or not. You will want to check with the post-secondary institution of your choice about what score you need on your AP exam to earn college credit at that post-secondary institution.

Current CHS AP course offerings:

AP Biology

AP Government