Policy

The Post-Secondary Enrollment Options (PSEO) program offers an opportunity to earn high school and university credit simultaneously for eligible high school juniors and seniors.

Students must meet PSEO admissions requirements to be eligible to participate in the PSEO program; admissions requirements vary according to high school grade level, as well as whether or not the student attends a high school that measures class rank or cumulative GPA.

Seniors who attend a high school that measures class rank - Must rank in the top one half of their high school class OR have a composite score on the ACT at or above the 50th percentile (21 Composite). Any student who falls in the bottom quarter of their class (regardless of ACT score), will not qualify for PSEO admission.

Juniors who attend a high school that measures class rank - Must rank in the top one third of their high school class OR have a composite score on the ACT at or above the 70th percentile (24 Composite). Any student who falls in the bottom quarter of their class (regardless of ACT score), will not qualify for PSEO admission.

Seniors who attend a high school that does NOT measure class rank - Must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) or better or a composite ACT of 21 or better.

Juniors who attend a high school that does NOT measure class rank - Must have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 (on a 4.0 scale) or better or a composite ACT of 24 or better.

If you are a home schooled student, Seniors must have a composite ACT score of 21 or better and Juniors must have a composite ACT score of 24 or better.

9th and 10th grade high school students are not eligible to participate in PSEO on campus.

PSEO students admitted to Minnesota State Mankato have the rights and responsibilities of University students except as noted below.

Procedures

General Procedures

1. The University reserves the right to restrict enrollment in any given year to insure resources are available for regularly admitted students.

2. The university does not allow PSEO enrollment in summer session classes.
3. PSEO students may not enroll in courses that have additional course related costs or special fees beyond the regular student fees paid per credit. Examples of this include, but are not limited to, online courses, music lessons, flight labs, international/study abroad classes, classes involving out of state travel.

4. The PSEO program reimburses a maximum of 18 credit hours per semester.

5. All textbooks purchased through the PSEO program are the property of Minnesota State Mankato and must be purchased from and returned to the designated bookstore at Minnesota State Mankato upon completion of the course or immediately if a course is dropped or the student withdraws from Minnesota State Mankato.

6. Residence hall rooms are not available to PSEO students at Minnesota State Mankato.

Application and Admission

1. PSEO students must obtain and submit to Minnesota State Mankato a signed Notice of Student Registration form for each semester they intend to enroll. This form is provided by the Minnesota Department of Education. Forms may also be obtained from most high school counseling offices.

2. Application deadlines for PSEO participation are July 15 for Fall Semester and December 15 for Spring Semester.

Academic Standards and Advising

1. All students in the PSEO program will be expected to maintain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 or better and maintain a course completion rate of 67% or higher. If a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better and/or completion rate of 67% or higher is not maintained, students will be dropped from the program. In such cases, both the student and participating high school contact person will be notified in writing. These standards shall apply to all Minnesota State Mankato courses.

2. All courses must be taken for a letter grade unless the course meets all PSEO standards and is available only as Pass/No Credit (P/N).

3. PSEO students who require a sign language interpreter and/or textbooks in alternative format, or have special needs because of a documented disability, should contact the Minnesota State Mankato's Office of Disability Services to arrange early registration or to obtain needed services.

4. All courses taken by PSEO students must be approved for PSEO students at the 100 and 200 levels. PSEO students are not allowed to register for courses numbered below 100, arranged courses, independent study courses, and courses offered at the 300 and 400 levels.

5. Credit by Exam or College Level Examination Program (CLEP) are not allowed to be taken for credit by PSEO students.

6. PSEO students are not allowed to receive special permission to register from faculty or departments.

7. University level credits earned to meet high school graduation requirements are accepted as university credits at Minnesota State Mankato, but other institutions may not consider them eligible for college/university credit. PSEO students interested in attending other colleges or universities should consult with those other institutions regarding acceptance of PSEO credits.

8. Advising regarding the use of university level credits to meet high school graduation requirements must be done by the high school counselor.
Rationale

As stated in Minnesota Statute124D.09, Subd. 2., the purpose of the Post-Secondary Enrollment Options (PSEO) program “is to promote rigorous academic pursuits and to provide a wider variety of options to high school pupils by encouraging and enabling secondary pupils to enroll full time or part time in nonsectarian courses or programs in eligible postsecondary institutions.” PSEO offers an opportunity for eligible high school juniors and seniors to earn high school and university credit simultaneously. Classes can be taken at the Minnesota State Mankato campus or at an off-campus location. Tuition and required textbook costs are paid by the Minnesota Department of Education; therefore there is no cost to the PSEO student. This Post-Secondary Enrollment Options policy of Minnesota State Mankato is developed in accordance with the content of the Minnesota State Colleges & Universities Board of Trustees Policy 3.5 and Procedure 3.5.1. If a high school participates in Concurrent Enrollment with Minnesota State Mankato, the University class is taught in the high school.