

PSEO 101



Postsecondary Enrollment Option (PSEO) is a program that allows eligible 11th and 12th grade students to earn college credit while still in high school. Students will earn both high school and college credit simultaneously.

Learn more about PSEO by watching this [video](#) or reviewing the information provided in this guide.

Congratulations on Your Admission!

Now Ask Yourself – *Why Did I Decide to Join PSEO?*

Video Time: 0:19 – 1:58

- Understanding **why** you are enrolling in PSEO helps you adjust to college life.
 - It also helps faculty/staff connect you with the right offices during your time in the program.
- Faculty and staff don't know you are a PSEO student unless you tell them. It's your choice to self-identify as a PSEO student. Some students prefer to let faculty know, others prefer anonymity.
- Faculty will treat all students the same, so identifying as a PSEO student will not result in any preferential treatment.



How Is College Different?

Video Time: 2:02 – 2:45

- New classes, new campus, new professors, a new way of learning, and balancing high school.
- More autonomy – students have more control over their information (FERPA). **Students are also expected to advocate for themselves more.**
- Your faculty members are content experts and will expect arguments and opinions to be based on research and content provided in class lectures.
- **You manage your own time.** It's up to you to get to class, do your lab work, and study. It is critical that you manage your time effectively to succeed both in school and in your personal/extracurricular life.
- **You are responsible for what you do and don't do, as well as the consequences of your decisions.** Professors may not accept late work or assignments. It is important to communicate issues you may be having with your professor in advance.



Valuable Skills to Help You Succeed in College

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1. Practicing proper study skills

- Utilize the [Center for Academic Success](#). Tutors can guide students through the process of writing an effective paper, preparing for an important exam, or completing a challenging assignment.

2. Time/priority management

- Invest in a planner. Time block when you will be going to class, studying, traveling to and from campus, and participating in high school events.

3. Campus engagement & seeking out help

- Studies show that students who are more involved on campus are more likely to succeed in their schoolwork and make connections. **Get involved in a [student organization](#).** Contact your PSEO advisor if you ever need help!



Classroom Expectations

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- **Faculty expect students to utilize their course syllabus.** The syllabus covers vital information, including: deadlines for assignments, meeting days for the class, classroom expectations, and learning outcomes for the course.
- There is **no university policy on late work.** Students must coordinate with their faculty instructor if they are unable to complete assignments by the due date.
- University level courses will require more time to study and understand the course content. **A good rule of thumb is that for every credit you are enrolled in, you should plan to spend three hours studying.** That means that if you are enrolled for 12 credits, you should plan to study for 24-36 hours outside of class.



Excused Absences

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- If you have to miss a class, find someone in the class that you can get notes from.
- The **university policy for excused absences only covers university sanctioned events**. School field trips, family vacations, etc. could be considered unexcused. We recommend that you reach out to your faculty member as soon as you know that you will be missing class. Remember to plan and be proactive.
- Some faculty members will allow an absence, others may not excuse the absence, which could affect a student's overall grade in the course.



Key Takeaways

- **Take ownership of your education**
- *You can do this by:*
 - Attending classes
 - Engaging in discussions
 - Communicating regularly with your professor
 - Practicing proper study skills
 - Managing your time
 - Meeting with your PSEO advisor
 - Engaging in campus activities
- Questions? Contact pseo@mnsu.edu.

