



*Loyola Catholic School
PSEO Information
Meeting*

*Mrs. Kirschner
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*So you want to
take a PSEO
course...*



1. What is PSEO?

- ★ The Post Secondary Enrollment Option program, known as PSEO, was created in 1985 to “promote rigorous educational pursuits and provide a wider variety of options for students.”
- ★ Opened to nonpublic schools in the mid 1990s.
- ★ Dual enrollment in college and high school

2. Do I qualify?

- ★ Open to Minnesota high school students in 11th and 12th grade
- ★ Each college has different PSEO admissions requirements and eligibility
 - Check the individual college website PSEO page
 - Typically colleges look at your Loyola GPA, test scores (ACT, PSAT, PACT, etc.), and some may also require a letter of recommendation

3. What do I need to consider?

- ★ *This is the beginning of your college career. All PSEO courses are apart of your college transcript from here on out.*
- ★ *Are you are ready for the rigor of a college course???*
- ★ *Responsibility is key! College professors will not remind you of missing assignments or upcoming deadlines. Also, missing a certain number if classes can lead to an automatic failing grade.*
- ★ *Know your course requirements for both high school registration and college registration.*
 - *Register for a full load of Loyola courses. It's easier to drop a course than add later if you decide not to do PSEO.*
 - *You should be taking your core courses through Loyola. Don't put your graduation in jeopardy!*
 - *Per MDE, you are not able to overload on credits between HS and PSEO courses.*

3. What do I need to consider? (continued)

★ Should I take classes online or on-campus?

- On-Campus PSEO
 - Has the “college feel”
 - More face-to-face interaction with classmates and professors
 - Scheduling between campuses can be tricky and limit course options
 - Uses gas!
 - Could have a distance to walk (Minnesota Winters!)
 - Decreased involvement in high school life

3. What do I need to consider? (continued)

★ Should I take classes online or on campus?

- Online PSEO

- Allows for much more flexibility in your class schedule
- Ability to take classes from colleges and universities further away
- Coursework can be completed when you have time in your schedule
- May not feel like “college”
- Little to no face-to-face interaction with classmates and professors

4. What does it take to be successful in my PSEO class?

- ★ *Have strong study skills!*
- ★ *Have excellent time-management!*
- ★ *Be self-directed!*
- ★ *Be self-motivated!*
- ★ *Know how to self-advocate!*
- ★ *Communicate early and often!*

5. How Do I Apply?

- ★ Connect with Mrs. Kirschner your intent to take a PSEO course.
- ★ Read and sign the [Loyola PSEO Contract](#)
 - Give to Mrs. Kirschner when complete
- ★ Fill out the [MN Dept of Ed PSEO Notice of Registration](#)
 - Give to Mrs. Kirschner when complete
- ★ Apply to the college or university - typically can be done online
- ★ Make sure to check if the college or university has its own additional requirements
 - Example: U of M, Morris requires a few extra forms.
- ★ ALL FORMS SHOULD BE TO MRS. KIRSCHNER BY MONDAY, MAY 14th!

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6. I've applied! Now what?

★ Be sure to check your email!

- Once you're accepted, the college will contact you with information about registration, orientation, deadlines, and other important details to know. This will likely be over the summer months!

- ★ Prior to registering for PSEO classes, look at available courses on the college's website. Not all courses offered will be PSEO eligible.

7. Transcripts and credits and grades, oh my!

- ★ *Make sure you are meeting all high school graduation requirements!*
 - *See Mrs. Kirschner for a high school credit check*
- ★ *College credits are converted to high school credits.*
 - *Ex. A 4 credit College Writing course is the equivalent of 1.0 high school credit. A 2 credit Medical Terminology course is the equivalent of 0.5 high school credit.*
- ★ *There is no guarantee that PSEO courses will be accepted at your college of choice for credit. Check with the admissions office when applying to learn about their PSEO credit transfer policy.*
- ★ *Be careful when dropping a PSEO course!*
 - *Check drop deadlines - you could end up with a W, WF, or F on your college transcript depending on policies. Remember, this is permanent!*
 - *You don't want to end up short on credit and jeopardize graduation.*

Sampling of PSEO Websites

MSU, Mankato

U. of Northwestern, St. Paul

South Central College

U of M, Morris

Bethany Lutheran College

Minnesota West Community College

★ Many other MN colleges and universities offer online PSEO.

Check their websites for their PSEO availability.

Final Reminders...

- ★ Due Monday, May 14th to Mrs. Kirschner
 - LCS PSEO Contract
 - MDE PSEO Enrollment Form
- ★ Apply to colleges by their deadlines
- ★ Check emails for class registration/orientation information
- ★ Start the 2018-19 school year!



Questions???

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