



UNDERAGE STUDENT ENROLLMENT OPTIONS

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The Columbus State Community College USE Program allows qualified students in grades 9-12 to take college level classes. These classes can be taken at any time (day, evening and weekend), at any location (multiple sites in our service area), and in any method (traditional, web-based, video-based) the college offers. This program is not intended to replace or substitute coursework available at the high school, but rather to enhance the educational opportunities available to students while in high school.

A partnership has been created between the college, school districts and families to offer three options (go to www.cscs.edu/USE for more information):

- Option A – Students enroll in courses to receive college credit only. The student’s family is responsible for all costs (tuition, fees, books). This option is available Autumn, Winter, and Spring Quarters only.
- Option B – Students enroll in courses to receive college and high school credit simultaneously. The local school district is responsible for the cost of tuition, fees and books. It is the student’s responsibility for all other costs. This option is available Autumn, Winter, and Spring Quarters only.
- Selfpay – Students who do not meet the program’s deadline(s) or minimum qualification(s) for Options A or B may enroll in courses to receive high school (with your school’s prior approval) and/or college credit. This option is available Autumn, Winter, Spring and Summer Quarters.

Program minimum requirements:

Options A and B:

- Have a minimum unweighted accumulative high school grade point average of a 2.7 (12th grade), 3.0 (11th grade), 3.8 (10th grade), 4.0 (9th grade) **or**
- Have one of the following standardized test scores:
 - ACT – composite score of 22 or higher
 - PLAN – composite score of 20 or higher
 - SAT – combined score (critical reading and math) of 1030 or higher
 - PSAT – Verbal score of 50 or higher and Math score of 50 or higher
- 11th and 12th grades - Have passed the Ohio Graduation Test (OGT)

PSEO Option A and B admission process:

- Talk with guidance counselor
- Complete Columbus State Community College application (www.cscs.edu)
- Complete a 2009-2010 PSEO application (www.cscs.edu/USE)
- Take the COMPASS Placement test
- Attend a Mandatory PSEO Orientation
- Discuss class choices with guidance counselor (each quarter)
- Register yourself for classes (each quarter)

Pros and Cons of USE:

- Save time and money, get a head start and ease college transition
- Wide variety of courses that may not be offered at your home school
- Obtain college credit
- Free tuition and books (Option B only)
- Opportunity to explore college and possible areas of study
- Cannot guarantee enrollment in specific courses due to sequencing, prerequisites, space
- College level courses; students are expected to perform at college student pace and content
- Carnegie units do not equal college units (7.5 quarter hours=1 HS credit)
- Can impact high school record and grade point average
- Less time for participation in high school activities
- Travel time

Liability (parent/guardian/student responsibility):

- Transportation to and from class
- Student must have 3.0 in specific high school courses to enroll for courses in that subject area
- Class attendance
- Returning textbooks to Bookstore prior to following quarter (Option B only)
- Note: Failure to complete the course, whether through a formal 'class-drop' process or nonattendance other than reasons generally accepted by the school district, may result in any or all financial obligations for that course defaulting to the student or his/her parent/guardian as determined locally.

Important CSCC dates:**PSEO A and B applications:**

- June 3, 2009 - last date to submit for Autumn Quarter 2009
(late consideration applications will be accepted until August 12, 2009 but many classes will be filled by that time)
- October 7, 2009 - last date to submit for Winter Quarter 2010 (no late consideration)
- January 13, 2010 - last date to submit for Spring Quarter 2010 (no late consideration)

PSEO A and B Scheduling dates:

- July 27-September 4, 2009 – Autumn Quarter 2009 (Quarter begins Sept. 23)
- October 26-December 4, 2009 – Winter Quarter 2010 (Quarter begins January 4)
- February 1-March 12, 2010 – Spring Quarter 2010 (Quarter begins March 29)

For more information visit our website at www.csc.edu/USE. If you have any questions, visit your guidance counselor first and then contact us at PSEO@csc.edu.

COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS REGARDING PSEO AT CSCC

What kinds of classes may I take while enrolled in the PSEO Program? Students may take courses from more than 40 technical programs or may take courses that are designed to transfer to other colleges. Students should consult with their high school guidance counselor to determine appropriate coursework. PSEO students are limited to a maximum of 15 credit hours per quarter. However, the student must have a **3.0 accumulative average in high school in that subject area BEFORE** the student can take those classes at CSCC.

What time will I take my classes? Columbus State offers classes during the day, evening, and on weekends. PSEO students may take classes during any of these times. Students will need to check the schedule guide or the website prior to the beginning of each quarter to determine the times that the classes are being offered and then register for their classes.

Where are the classes taught? On our main campus, located downtown at 550 E. Spring St. We also offer certain courses at our off-campus branches. PSEO students may take classes at any of these locations. After successfully completing 8 credits at one of our campuses, they can enroll in distance education classes.

May I take classes during the summer in the PSEO Program? No. The PSEO Program is only available during the Autumn, Winter, and Spring Quarters. Students who take classes during the Summer Quarter would need to self-pay for those classes. Just access the website: www.csc.edu/USE and click on "Self Pay" and print the forms you will need.

What other fees does a PSEO student pay? PSEO students pay for a parking sticker (\$25 per quarter) for main campus. Students pay for their own supplies, such as pens, pencils, notebooks, etc. Students who are admitted to the PSEO Program and elect Option A must pay for all required books, tuition, and lab fees. Students who are admitted and elect Option B will have these costs covered by state allocated funds through their local school district. **If the student who enrolls under Option B does not complete the course(s), the student and parent(s) or guardian(s) may be assessed the cost of required books, tuition, and lab fees.** *Textbooks are the college's property and required to be returned at the end of each quarter.

Do I have to take a placement test? Yes, the student must take all 3 sections to take any class and achieve the following minimum COMPASS placement test results: Writing: ENGLISH 101 Beginning Composition or ENGLISH 111 English Composition **AND** Reading: Placement OUT OF Developmental Reading Courses **AND** Mathematics: MATH 103 Beginning Algebra II or higher. If the student does not meet the minimum in Mathematics, s/he may be admitted to PSEO and not take any classes that have Mathematics as a prerequisite. Conversely, if the student does not meet the minimum in Writing, s/he may not take any classes that have English as a prerequisite. All students must place out of Developmental Reading Courses.

What do I need to know about getting my required textbooks each quarter? Students need to take a photo ID & college schedule with them to the Columbus State Community College bookstore on Main Campus. **PSEO STUDENTS CANNOT ORDER BOOKS ONLINE. All BOOKS must be RETURNED at the end of each quarter or students WILL NOT be issued books for the next quarter.**

In what grade can I begin participating in the PSEO program? Students can begin their 11th grade year in high school. Exceptional students in the 9th or 10th grade may apply for the program but must meet the **same admission requirements** as older students, complete a 300 word essay on a topic provided after receipt of the PSEO application and complete an interview.

How many credits do I need to take at CSCC to equal one high school credit? 7.5 of our college credits equal one high school credit or one college credit equals 0.133 high school credits. However, your high school guidance counselor/district can determine which high school credits are satisfied.

What if I want to take certain classes that have prerequisites or I have AP credit? You will need to talk with the department (Modern Languages, Mathematics, etc.) directly. The K-12 Initiatives department cannot override prerequisites or grant college credit.

What if I have an IEP or a disability? Please contact CSCC's Disability Services (614) 287 2570 for accommodation information.