

Advanced Placement (AP)	Concurrent Enrollment College in the Schools (CIS)	Postsecondary Enrollment Option (PSEO)
What is it?		
<p>Advanced Placement offers college level courses in subjects such as English, Science, History, Math, and Business. Classes are taken at the high school and are all year-long unless noted one semester only. You must take an exam which is graded on a 5-point scale. Most colleges award credit for scores of 3 or higher but some require scores of at least 4. The AP Exams are held in May and are a national test date.</p>	<p>Concurrent Enrollment allows students to take college-level courses at their high school through partnerships between high schools and local colleges and universities. ALHS currently has a partnership with Riverland Community College. You earn high school and college credit upon successful completion of the course, which is based on multiple & varied assessments over the entire term of the course.</p>	<p>Postsecondary Enrollment Options allow highly motivated students to take college courses at a 2 or 4-year college/ university. Students attend class and complete the same assignments required of regular college students. You earn high school and college credit upon successful completion of the course, which is based on multiple & varied assessments over the entire term of the course.</p>
What are the benefits?		
<p>Students may earn both high school and college credit (if you achieve an AP Exam score of 3 or better). This can save you time and money when you actually get to college. The course work is college-level. You may do better in college classes later because you'll know what to expect. You take college-level courses in your high school. This gives you a taste of college within the safety of your high school walls. *Grades are not weighted.</p>	<p>Students may earn both high school and college credit. This can save you time and money when you actually get to college. The course work is college-level. You may do better in college classes later because you'll know what to expect. You take college-level courses in your high school. This gives you a taste of college within the safety of your high school walls. *Grades are weighted.</p>	<p>Students may earn both high school and college credit. This can save you time and money when you actually get to college. The course work is college-level. You may do better in college classes later because you'll know what to expect. You take college-level courses on a college campus. You may interact with college students from around the state & country. Explore more subjects and more advanced work in PSEO. *Grades are weighted.</p>
Who is eligible to participate?		
<p>It is your decision to take an AP course. Students are encouraged to talk with their teachers, parents, and counselor to make sure they prepared for the rigor of AP courses. Additional information can be found on the www.collegeboard.org website.</p> <p>**If the course is also a College in the Schools (CIS) course, the student must meet the PSEO requirements in order to enroll in the course.</p>	<p>ALHS offers concurrent enrollment courses through Riverland Community College (MnScu). Applicants must meet the State of Minnesota's PSEO requirements (require certain academic standing/Class Rank/GPA) and must pass the college placement test in Reading and Math (if needed) to be eligible. Eligibility is determined in the fall and testing is scheduled during school hours in the winter. Sophomores are eligible for PSEO, but only CTE courses and they must meet the institution's admissions criteria. Additional information can be found on the http://education.state.mn.us/MDE/PSEO website.</p>	<p>Applicants must meet the State of Minnesota's PSEO requirements (require certain academic standing/Class Rank/GPA) and must pass the college placement test in both Reading and Math to be eligible. The application process begins after January of the previous year. A parent meeting with your counselor is required by April 15th of the previous school year. Sophomores are eligible for PSEO, but only CTE courses, and they must meet the institution's admissions criteria. Additional information can be found on the http://education.state.mn.us/MDE/PSEO website.</p>
Who teaches the course and where is it held?		
High school teacher / A.L.H.S.	High school teacher / A.L.H.S.	College professor/ College-University
Do all colleges and universities accept these credits?		
<p>Acceptance and transfer of credits for each of these programs varies by college, but is recognized by most post-secondary institutions in the U.S. in some form. Credits may be directly transferred toward college graduation requirements, exempt a student from taking a required class, or allow the student eligibility for placement into a higher level course. Check with specific college or university about their individual policy.</p>		
What courses are available to me at ALHS?		
<p>AP and College in the Schools courses are listed in the 'ALHS Course Description Guide'. This guide can be found on the Albert Lea High School Website: www2.albertlea.k12.mn.us. Click on Our Schools - Click on Albert Lea Senior High - Click on Registration - Click on Course Description Guides - Click on 9-12 Course Descriptions.</p>	<p>PSEO students are eligible to take most courses that are available at a given college. Some restrictions may apply so check with individual postsecondary institutions for specific course availability.</p>	