

9th Grade Course Selection Planning Worksheet

Use this worksheet for planning only. Complete the online registration once you have decided your classes required for graduation. Students who take a study hall each semester of 9th grade will have a total of seven periods provided all classes are passed. All courses meet every day of the week. Courses worth 10 credits meet for two semesters. Courses worth 5 credits meet for only one semester. To assist with your selections, the entrance requirements for each course are listed on the reverse side of this sheet. Pius is an open enrollment institution. Students who struggle academically or who have disabilities may need assistance in planning an appropriate schedule. Unless you are repeating part of a course, you must register for both semesters of a year long class. Contact the Guidance Office (488-0911) if you want all students to be successful.

Course #	Course Title	Credits	Your Selections:
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The following courses are required and fill 3 and 1/2 periods of 8. This year, we have added a new course, AP Human Geography (full-year), that may be taken in place of World Geography and the required social studies. Students who take AP Human Geography in 10th, 11th or 12th grade. AP courses are college-level courses taught in high schools and have a more academic rigor. Students who are ready and would like this challenge may opt to take World History (full-year) instead of World Geography in freshman year. Contact your guidance counselor for more information. World Geography and select two semesters of World History.

10000, 10001	Theology I	10	x
20000, 20001	English I	10	x
50000	World Geography	5	x
80000, 80001	Girls PE/Health	10	
80010, 80011	Boys PE/Health	10	

You must choose a math class. Your current math teacher has recommended a placement. That course is listed on the reverse side of this sheet. Now, you have 4 and 1/2 periods of 8 filled. **Some incoming 9th graders will take both Algebra I and Geometry to allow them to learn the rudiments of math necessary for success. If so, it will take up two full periods. This will be fully explained through a letter that comes to your home from the math department when you are registering online for classes.

30000, 30001	Algebra I	10	
30010, 30011	Geometry	10	
30075, 30076	Algebra I Essentials	10	
30070, 30071	Algebra I Fundamentals	10	

You must choose a science class. Once chosen, you will have 5 and 1/2 periods of eight filled. You must choose between Algebra I and Geometry to register for Biology class.

40000, 40001	Physical Science	10	
40010, 40011	Biology	10	

Foreign language is optional, but is a good selection for 4-year college-bound students. Some very selective colleges require a single foreign language; other colleges require two years of a single foreign language (UNL); some colleges require two years of two foreign languages. If you struggle with the rudiments of English, it might be best to wait for 10th or 11th grade to begin. If you choose to take one, you will have 6 and 1/2 periods of 8 filled. Four years of each of these languages is required for graduation. If you have already taken a fully year of high school foreign language, please contact your counselor for more information.

60000, 60001	French I	10	
60040, 60041	Spanish I	10	
60100, 60101	Latin I	10	

Finally, you must fill your eight period day with courses or study hall. Use the Handbook (pages 3 and 4) to determine your course requirements and to fill your remaining periods. Be careful to note the classes that have a prerequisite class. These classes require another course to be taken before taking that course.

10040-10041	Catholic Theology for non-Catholics	10	
20190-20191	Journalism	10	
70000	Art Fundamentals	5	
70010	*Drawing	5	
70030	*Painting	5	
70050	*Graphic Design	5	
70070	*Ceramics/Sculpture	5	
70090	*Folk Art	5	
70300	Marching Band	5	
70310	Concert Band	5	
70335, 70336	Women's Choir	10	
70345, 70346	Men's Choir	10	
70430	History of Jazz	5	
70500	Acting I	5	

70510	*Acting II	5	
70523	Competitive Public Speaking	5	
70600	Computer Applications	5	
70630	Accounting I	5	
70640	*Accounting II	5	
70700	Web Design I	5	
70710	*Web Design II	5	
70720	Multimedia Apps I	5	
70730	*Multimedia Apps II	5	
70800	Career/Life Management Skills	5	
70810	Food & Nutrition	5	
70880	*Intro to Culinary Arts	5	
70860	Textiles, Clothing & Design	5	
70900	Small Engines	5	
70910, 70911	Machine Woodwork	10	
70920, 70921	Building Construction	10	
70930, 70931	Intro. Engineering Design	10	
70940, 70941	Architectural Drafting	10	
90050, 90051	Academic Decathlon	10	

Study halls receive no credit, but do take up one period each day. Make the decision whether to take a study time it takes you to study and the amount of time you will have outside of school to get your studying and homework done. Ninth grade students take a study hall each semester; some students never take a study hall. Every student will have a 15 minute per day study period.

90010	Study Hall Sem 1	0	
90020	Study Hall Sem 2	0	
90002	ABLE 9-Sem 1	2.5	
90003	ABLE 9-Sem 2	2.5	

ABLE is a year-long course intended primarily for students with diagnosed learning disabilities. Please do not enroll in this course without contacting your Pius counselor at 402.488.0931. Catholic grade school 8th grade teachers make recommendations for incoming 9th graders regarding ABLE.

University of Nebraska-Lincoln Requirements		Entrance	Note
English	4 Years		
Math	4 Years		Must include one full year of math beyond Pius course builds on the knowledge and concepts learned in Pius course
Science	3 Years		
Social Studies	3 Years		
Foreign Language	2 Years		Taking 4 years of a single foreign language may remove the requirement for a second foreign language in college, depending on major

Beyond the necessary courses, UNL requires a student rank in the top 1/2 of the class, OR have a 20 Composite Score on the ACT, Verbal and Math sections of the SAT.

UNL is a moderately selective university. Other universities are more or less selective and will have more or less stringent entrance requirements. Students should take the most challenging courses that they can take, without being overwhelmed, in all core disciplines (English, Math, Science, Foreign Language). This will help keep the options for college open. Grade point average, ACT/SAT scores, essays, recommendations, extracurricular activities and community/school service may be considerations when colleges select students to enroll.

