

9th Grade Course Selection Planning Worksheet

Use this worksheet for planning only. Complete the online registration once you have decided your classes. 230 total credits are required for graduation. Students who take a study hall each semester of 9th grade will have a total of seventy credits for the year, provided all classes are passed. All courses meet every day of the week. Courses worth 10 credits meet for the entire year; courses worth 5 credits meet for only one semester. To assist with your selections, the entrance requirements for UNL are printed on the reverse side of this sheet. Pius is an open enrollment institution. Students who struggle academically or who have diagnosed learning disabilities may need assistance in planning an appropriate schedule. Unless you are repeating part of a course or have special permission, you must register for both semesters of a year long class. Contact the Guidance Office (488-0931) if you need help. We want all students to be successful.

Course #	Course Title	Credits	Your Selections:	Credits
The following courses are required and fill 3 and 1/2 periods of 8. For students who struggle with reading, there is a course, Reading Through Culture, that fulfills the semester of World Geography and a semester of elective while helping students improve reading skills to be more successful in all subject areas.				
10000, 10001	Theology I	10	x	10
20000, 20001	English I	10	x	10
50000	World Geography	5	x	5
80000, 80001	Girls PE/Health	10		
80010, 80011	Boys PE/Health	10		

Then, you must choose a math class. Your current math teacher has recommended a placement. Please choose that option. Once chosen, you will have 4 and 1/2 periods of 8 filled. **Some incoming 9th graders will take both Algebra I Essentials and Algebra I Fundamentals to allow them to learn the rudiments of math necessary for success. If so, it will take up two full periods each day and 5 and 1/2 periods will be full. This will be fully explained through a letter that comes to your home from the math department prior to you 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		

Then, you must choose a science class. Once chosen, you will have 5 and 1/2 periods of eight filled. Biology is a more challenging course than Physical Science. Please plan accordingly.

40000, 40001	Physical Science	10		
40010, 40011	Biology	10		

International language is optional, but is a good selection for 4-year college-bound students. Some very selective colleges prefer 4 years of a single foreign language; other colleges require two years of a single foreign language (UNL); some colleges require no foreign language. If you struggle with the rudiments of English, it might be best to wait for 10th or 11th grade to begin an international language. If you choose to take one, you will have 6 and 1/2 periods of 8 filled. Latin is listed here. We offer three years of Latin.

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 graduation credits and to fill your remaining periods. Be careful to note the classes that have a prerequisite class. Courses marked with a * require another course to be taken before taking that course.

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		
70250	*Studio Arts Methods	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		
70760	Intro to Programming	5		
70800	Career/Life Management Skills	5		
70810	Food & Nutrition	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 hall based on the amount time it takes you to study and the amount of time you will have outside of school to get your studying and homework completed. Many ninth grade students take a study hall each semester; some students never take a study hall. Every student will automatically have a 20 minute per day study period.

90010	Study Hall Sem 1	0		
90020	Study Hall Sem 2	0		
90000	ABLE	2.5		
90001	ABLE	2.5		

ABLE is a year-long course intended primarily for students with diagnosed learning disabilities. Please don't register for this class without contacting a Pius counselor at 402.488.0931. Catholic grade school 8th grade teachers make recommendations for incoming 9th graders regarding ABLE.

University of Nebraska-Lincoln Entrance Requirements

Note

English	4 Years	
Math	4 Years	Must include one full year of math beyond Pius course #30020/30021, Algebra II, that builds on the knowledge and concepts learned in Alg. II.
Science	3 Years	
Social Studies	3 Years	
Foreign Language	2 Years	Taking 4 years of a single foreign language may remove the need to take more foreign language in college, depending on major and/or college.

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, OR have a score of 950 on the 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, Social Studies and Foreign Language). This will help keep the options for college open. Grade point average, ACT/SAT scores, essays, recommendations, leadership positions, extra-curricular activities and community/school service may be considerations when colleges select students to admit.