

# Life After High School



What you need to know going into your senior year.

# Senior Timeline

August - December: Apply to colleges and technical schools. Watch deadlines!

September - October: Retake ACT if needed

October 1st: Apply for financial aid

January - March : Apply to scholarships. Community scholarships released in January and due in March

April - May: Placement tests

By May 1st: Make your final decision for which college to attend and complete FAFSA

Summer: Attend orientation/register for classes

# Post-Secondary Options

- Apprenticeship
  - A training program between an apprentice and an employer
  - Usually lasts from 2-6 years
- Military
  - Recruiter visits - dates listed on website
  - Asvab
- Technical College
- Two and Four Year Colleges
- Work

# Technical College

- Two-thirds of the fastest growing occupations require more than high school but less than a four-year college education
- 1-2 year Technical Degrees
- Associate Degrees - 2 years
- Transfer Program

# Colleges & Universities

- Bachelor's Degree - Bachelor of Science or Arts (4 years)
- Master's Degree (Graduate degree) - 2+ years beyond Bachelor's degree
- Doctorate (PhD) - beyond Master's degree
- Professional degree (Medicine, Law, Pharmacy, Dentistry, etc.) - beyond Bachelor's degree

# Four Year Colleges - Admissions

- Requirements vary - check online
- Look at minimum requirements and what is typical for admission
- UW System - Holistic Review Process
  - GPA
  - ACT Score
  - Personal Statements
  - Work & extracurriculars
  - Rigor of Coursework (include senior year courses on app.)
  - Letters of recommendation (depending on the school)

***The UW System will not be requiring an ACT or SAT score to be sent for the 2020–2021 and 2021–2022 academic year.***

- You never know if you will be accepted until you apply!

## For schools with NCAA-approved core courses, how will the Eligibility Center approach those schools that issue Pass/Fail grades in Spring/Summer 2020 due to school closures?

For NCAA-approved core courses completed in Spring/Summer 2020 that have been issued a grade of “Pass,” the Eligibility Center will apply the credit earned in these courses toward the core course requirement in the student's certification. If the student's core-course GPA would increase by assigning a value of 2.300, this value will be assigned to the Passed courses. However, if the student's core-course GPA would decrease by including the 2.300 value for Passed courses, the student's core-course GPA will be calculated based only on courses with assigned letter grades from other available terms (credit from these courses will still be applied toward the student's core course requirements). *Note: This policy will apply to students from all grade levels (e.g., freshmen, sophomores) who successfully complete NCAA-approved Pass/Fail courses in Spring/Summer 2020. NCAA Eligibility Center:*

<https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>

# Four Year Colleges - Resources

- UW System
  - <http://uwhelp.wisconsin.edu/>
- WI Private Colleges
  - <http://www.waicu.org>
- College Scorecard
  - <https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/>



# Factors to Consider When Selecting a College

Diversity

Location

Extracurricular activities

Admission requirements

Size of school

Available programs/  
majors

Financial Aid

Cost

Public vs. Private



# Deadlines

- Early Decision (ED) - Plans are binding
- Early Action (EA) - Receive decision early, NOT binding
- Rolling Deadlines - Open until class fills Deadlines may shift and change as colleges adjust to the Safer at Home orders.

NACAC is a great resource to stay up to date:

[https://www.nacacnet.org/news--  
publications/newsroom/college-admission -status-  
coronavirus/](https://www.nacacnet.org/news-publications/newsroom/college-admission-status-coronavirus/)

# Placement Tests & AP Exams

- Many colleges require placement testing in English and Math
  - Students often can choose to take a Spanish (any language) placement exam and can possibly earn retroactive credits in college
- AP exams may allow students to earn college credit based on scores
  - See college websites for more information on how they grant credit for AP exam scores

# Scholarships

Many nonprofit and private organizations offer scholarships to help students pay for college or career school. This type of **free money**, which is sometimes based on academic merit, talent, or a particular area of study, can make a real difference in helping you manage your education expenses.

These are funds that *do not have to be repaid* and can help keep your college debts low.

Some scholarships are renewable, some require an essay, some just simply want to know your name.

Never pay to apply to a scholarship.

*Check out the [counseling webpage](#) for local, national, and generator scholarships. Community scholarships are emailed to seniors in January.*

# Financial Aid

- FAFSA –Free Application for Federal Student Aid is available from the federal government in the form of grants, work-study funds, and loans. Ultimately, this process provide you with an idea of how much the federal government will support paying for your education and how much you will have to contribute...this is called your estimated family contribution (EFC).
  - [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov), NOT fafsa.com
  - Application opens October 1st
  - Apply early
- Financial Aid Night Presentation
  - Fall of Senior Year
  - [2019 Presentation](#)

# Grants

**A grant is a form of financial aid that doesn't have to be repaid**

(unless, for example, you withdraw from school and owe a refund, or you receive a TEACH Grant and don't complete your service obligation).

A variety of federal grants are available, including Pell Grants, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (FSEOG), Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grants, and Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grants (to name a few).

Resource: <https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/grants>

# Work Study

Federal Work-Study provides part-time jobs for undergraduate and graduate students with financial need, allowing them to earn money to help pay education expenses. The program encourages community service work and work related to the student's course of study.

Resource: <https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/work-study>

# Graduation Requirements

## 4 credits of English

- Lit & Comp
- World Lit & Comp
- American Lit. or AP English Lang.
- Oral Communication - 0.5 credit
- Senior English Course - 0.5 credit
  - AP English Literature & Composition (1 cr)
  - Intro. To Reading & Writing Strategies (English 12) (1 cr)
  - Shakespeare (0.5 cr)



# Graduation Requirements

## 4 Credits of Social Studies

- Human Geography (grade 9)
- World History (grade 10)
- U.S. History (grade 11)
- Government & Social Issues (grade 12)
- Social Studies Elective - 0.5 credit
  - AP Psych (1cr)
  - Economics
  
  - Cultural Geography of Southeast Asia
  - Pop Culture in American History
  - War & Conflict
  - Personal & Social Responsibility

# Graduation Requirements

## 3 Credits of Math

- Integrated Math 1
- Integrated Math 2
- Integrated Math 3
- Integrated Math 4
- Concepts & Analysis
- AP Calculus AB
- AP Calculus BC

\*Check college requirements!

# Graduation Requirements

## 3 Credits of Science

- Science 9
- Biology
- Chemistry 1 (1 cr) or Consumer Chemistry (0.5 cr)
- Science Electives
  - Chemistry 2
  
  - AP Environmental Science
  - Physics
  - AP Biology
  - Human Physiology

\*CTE Electives (ES): Horticulture, Small Animal Science, Vet Studies, Biotechnology (all are 0.5 credit)

# Graduation Requirements

## 1.5 credits of PE

- PE 9
- 2 other PE classes in 2 different years
  - Strength Training
  - Individual PE
  - Team Sports
  - Outdoor Activity
  - Fitness for Life
  - Unified PE (must pass PE 9 and apply to be in class)
  - Lifeguard Training/Water Safety Instruction

## 0.5 credit of Health

# Graduation Requirements

- 0.5 credit of Fine Arts
- 0.5 credit Career/Tech. Ed. class
- 0.5 credit Financial Literacy
- 24 credits total
- Civics Exam

\*Check foreign language requirements of colleges!

# Laude system

A tiered system that recognizes students for the rigor of their academic program as well as their success in the program.

- **Summa Cum Laude** (Laude Score  $\geq 60.000$ )
- **Magna Cum Laude** (Laude Score = 45.000 - 59.999)
- **Cum Laude** (Laude Score = 30.000 - 44.999)
- No recognition (Laude Score  $< 30.000$ )

Laude Score = Cumulative GPA x Laude Points

Laude Points are earned by passing rigorous courses.

# Benefits of Laude System

- Motivates students to challenge themselves academically
- Places focus on courses taken rather than grades earned
- Measures students against a standard rather than against each other
- Removes class rank from being a factor in college admission decisions

# Laude System Examples

## Student 1

## Student 2

**Laude Score:** 21.274       $3.556 \times 14.5 = 51.562$  (Magna Cum Laude)       $3.868 \times 5.5 =$

**Laude Points:**

Honors Lit		0.5	
AP Eng Lang		1.0	
	AP Hum Geo		1.0
Math 4		1.0	
Honors Science 9		0.5	AP
Psychology	1.0		
	Honors World Lit		0.5
Spanish 3		1.0	
AP World History	1.0		Spanish 4
	1.0		
Honors Biology		0.5	Chefs
		0.5	
AP Eng Lang		1.0	
AP US History		1.0	
Honors Chemistry		0.5	
AP Eng Lit			1.0
AP Psychology		1.0	



# GOOD LUCK BLUE DEVILS!!!

*Blue Devils - we will miss you!*

*Take care of yourself first and foremost.*

*We want you to have access to this information, it will be here for you when you are ready.*

*Best of luck in all your future endeavors*

*Sincerely and with great #LodiPride,*

*Your school counseling team*

