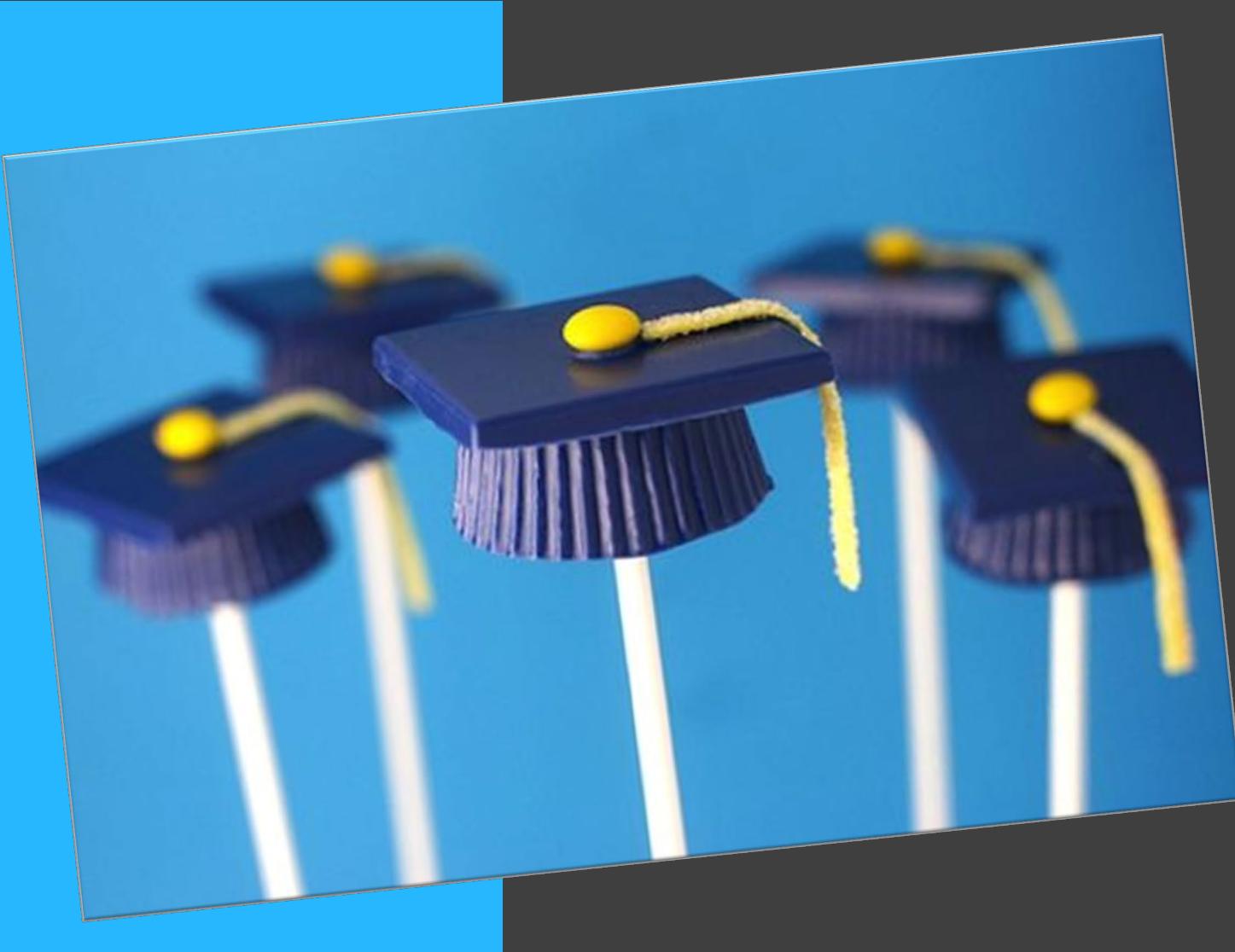




UTICA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

SCHEDULING OVERVIEW



**How many
credits should I
have?**

MINIMUM number of
credits required to
graduate?

22

Where can I find detailed information about graduation requirements?

Secondary / UCS
Graduation
Requirements
(uticak12.org)

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

SUBJECT AREA	DESCRIPTION	PERSONAL CURRICULUM GRADES 10-12	MODIFICATIONS
English Language Arts 4 Credits	Aligned with subject area content expectations developed by the Department and approved by the State Board of Education. • English 9 • Honors English 9 • English 10 or Honors English 10 • English 11 or AP English Language & Composition • English 12 or AP English Literature & Composition • EL English Level 1, 2, 3, or 4	No Option for Personal Curriculum	AP Seminar may replace English 11 or 12 requirement if AP Seminar is taught by an English Certified teacher.
Mathematics 4 Credits	Aligned with subject area content expectations developed by the Department and approved by the State Board of Education. • Algebra I • Geometry OR One additional math or • Chemistry or Physics • 1 additional Science credit • Algebra II	For math options, visit Uticak12.org/GraduationRequirements Note: Must align with Educational Development Plan	No Modification
Science 3 Credits	Aligned with subject area content expectations developed by the Department and approved by the State Board of Education. • Biology • Chemistry or Physics • 1 additional Science credit	No Option for Personal Curriculum	No Modification
Social Studies 3 Credits	Aligned with subject area content expectations developed by the Department and approved by the State Board of Education. • Civics • Economics • U.S. History and Geography • World History and Geography	All students: Complete 2 credits in social studies, including civics Personal Curriculum Options: 1 additional credit in English Language arts, mathematics, science or in a language other than English OR Complete a formal Career Technical Education program (see Note V at Uticak12.org/GraduationRequirements) Note: Must align with Educational Development Plan	No Modification
Health and Physical Education 1 Credit	• Credit guidelines developed by the Michigan Department of Education • One credit must be in the area of Visual, Performing or Applied Arts	Personal Curriculum Options: 1 additional credit in English Language arts, mathematics, science or in a language other than English OR Complete a formal Career Technical Education program (see Note V at Uticak12.org/GraduationRequirements) Note: Must align with Educational Development Plan	No Modification
Online Learning Experiences	Online course or learning experience OR Online experience is incorporated into each of the required credits	No Option for Personal Curriculum	No Modification
World Languages 2 Credits	Students must complete 2 credits in grades K – 12 that are grade appropriate in a language other than English or course work or other learning experiences that are substantially equivalent to 2 credits.	No Option for Personal Curriculum	Students may fulfill 1.0 credit through a formal Career Technical Education program or curriculum (see Note V at Uticak12.org/GraduationRequirements) OR Visual, Performing and Applied Arts courses plus 4 additional elective credits
Michigan Merit Exam	Students must participate		Defined by the State of Michigan applicable to Special Education students
Endorsements	UCS Seal of Global Language Multi-UCS Seal of Global Language proficiency pathways exist. For qualifying information, visit Uticak12.org/GlobalLanguage	STEM Endorsement • 6 math credits • 6 science credits • 0.5 technology activities credits • 0.5 engineering activities credits	AP Capstone Diploma Score of 3 or higher on the following exams: • AP Seminar Exam • AP Research Exam • 4 additional AP Exams

For complete graduation requirement details, visit Uticak12.org/GraduationRequirements.

WHAT CREDIT DO I NEED TO GRADUATE? **ENGLISH**

4 CREDITS REQUIRED

ENGLISH 9
1 credit

ENGLISH 10
1 credit

ENGLISH 11
1 credit

ENGLISH 12
1 credit

WHAT CREDIT DO I NEED TO GRADUATE? **SOCIAL STUDIES**

3.5 CREDITS
REQUIRED

U.S. HISTORY
WORLD HISTORY
GOVERNMENT
ECONOMICS
PERSONAL FINANCE
for the class of 2028

WHAT CREDIT DO I NEED TO GRADUATE? **SCIENCE**

3 CREDITS REQUIRED

BIOLOGY

1 credit

CHEMISTRY or PHYSICS

1 credit

ADDITIONAL SCIENCE

1 credit

**WHAT CREDIT DO I NEED
TO GRADUATE?**

MATH

4 CREDITS REQUIRED

GEOMETRY
- 1 credit

ALGEBRA1
- 1 credit

ALGEBRA2
- 1 credit

**SENIOR
MATH OR
MATH-
RELATED -
1 credit**



WHAT CREDIT DO I NEED TO GRADUATE?

HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION

1/2 CREDIT REQUIRED OF EACH



**WHAT CREDIT DO I NEED
TO GRADUATE?**

VPAA

Visual, Performing & Applied Arts

- **1 CREDIT REQUIRED**
- **VPAA credit must be from the approved list**
- **Course Offering listed with a "V" code**

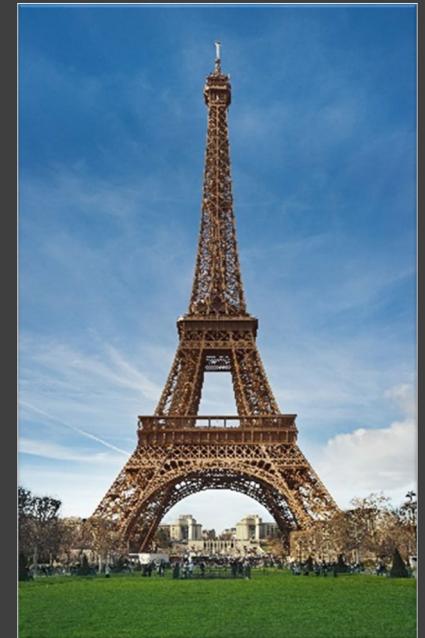


Michigan State University, East Lansing (2010)

WHAT CREDIT DO I NEED TO
GRADUATE?

World Language

- **2 Credits in a world language**



STATE TESTING

Juniors must participate in state testing for graduation

- **SAT**
- **WIN WORKS**
- **MSTEP**

SAT®



What is a Shared-Time Class?

A shared-time class is a class that is offered at a school other than your home school.

Some shared-time classes are **ALWAYS** shared-time classes. For example, Small Engines is only offered at Henry Ford II. Swim classes are only offered at Henry Ford II and Eisenhower.

If course requests are too small for the class to run at a particular building, the goal is to still offer the class but through shared-time programming. This can change from year to year.

It should be viewed as “this is the class I want to take, and it is still offered” rather than “I won’t have the class/lunch with my friends”.

Some of the courses that ran as shared-time during 2025-2026 school year:

AP Art History

AP Chemistry

Ceramics

CTE Advanced Auto Capstone

CTE Advanced Auto

CTE Advanced Small Engine

CTE Auto I

CTE Computer Networking and Repair

French II

French III and IV and AP



ALTERNATIVE COURSE SELECTIONS/OPPORTUNITIES

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Advanced Placement(AP) courses offer students the opportunity to take college-level course work while in high school.

Earn college credit by participating in the AP exam in May.

Earn a 0.5 GPA (grade point average) increase upon successful completion of the course.

Explore College Board's [**AP CREDIT POLICY**](#) page to explore opportunities at each post-secondary institution.

See your counselor or the [**UCS SECONDARY**](#) web page for more information.

DUAL ENROLLMENT

DUAL ENROLLMENT - Postsecondary Enrollment Options

- Eligible high school students are provided an opportunity to enroll in college courses.
- The school district provides monies toward the tuition, mandatory course or materials fee or registration fees.
- Dual Enrollment classes replace classes within your high school schedule. The courses must go beyond the offerings within the UCS curriculum. Students must apply for Dual Enrollment through their counselor/school by May 1 for the fall semester.
- See your counselor or the [UCS SECONDARY](#) web page for more information.

Alternates to certain graduation requirements

- A Personal Curriculum is an option to modify specific credit requirements and/or content expectations based on the individual learning needs of a student.
- Designed to provide students an opportunity who would like to accelerate or go beyond the Michigan Merit Curriculum requirements and for students who need to individualize learning requirements to meet the Michigan Merit Curriculum requirements.
- A FLEX Option is an option to modify the second year of a World Language requirement or the PE requirement.
- Any modification to a student's graduation requirements needs to be consistent with preparing a student for life after high school (Educational Development Plan) and applications must be submitted through the counseling department.
- See your counselor or the [UCS SECONDARY](#) web page for more information.

MAKE SURE YOU KNOW WHERE YOU STAND...

Use Grade History in PowerSchool AND
this check sheet to check on your own
credits.

See your counselor with any concerns
regarding your academic record

Graduation Requirements are on the
UCS SECONDARY web page.



**UTICA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

"A" indicates student has earned credit in the area.
"NC" indicates student did NOT earn credit due to attendance.

	CREDIT REQUIRED	1 ST SEMESTER	2 ND SEMESTER
ENGLISH – 4 CREDITS			
ENGLISH 9	1.0		
ENGLISH 10	1.0		
ENGLISH 11	1.0		
ENGLISH 12	1.0		
SOCIAL STUDIES – 3 CREDITS			
WORLD HISTORY	1.0		
U.S. HISTORY	1.0		
U.S. GOVERNMENT	0.5		
ECONOMICS	0.5		
PERSONAL FINANCE (CLASS OF 2028 AND BEYOND)	0.5		
SCIENCE – 3 CREDITS			
BIOLOGY	1.0		
CHEMISTRY or PHYSICS	1.0		
STUDENT CHOICE	1.0		
MATH – 4 CREDITS			
GEOMETRY	1.0		
ALGEBRA I	1.0		
ALGEBRA II	1.0		
SENIOR MATH	1.0		
WORLD LANGUAGE – 2 CREDITS			
WORLD LANGUAGE – YEAR 1	1.0		
WORLD LANGUAGE – YEAR 2	1.0		
WORLD LANGUAGE FLEX – YEAR 2	1.0		
HEALTH – 0.5 CREDITS			
HEALTH AND WELLNESS	0.5		
PHYSICAL EDUCATION – 0.5			
PHYSICAL EDUCATION COURSE	0.5		
VPAAs – 1 CREDIT			
VPAAs COURSE –	1.0		
ELECTIVES – 4 CREDITS			
ELECTIVE –	1.0		
Completed all portions of the Michigan Merit Exam			
GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS – Minimum 22 CREDITS			
CUMULATIVE SEMESTER CREDITS EARNED			
9 TH GRADE: 1 ST _____ / 2 ND _____			
10 TH GRADE: 1 ST _____ / 2 ND _____			
11 TH GRADE: 1 ST _____ / 2 ND _____			
12 TH GRADE: 1 ST _____ / 2 ND _____			

Code Key: V: Visual, Performing, & Applied Arts
C: CTE Completer

M: Senior Math Related Experience
R: Class May Be Repeated for Credit

UNDERSTAND THE COURSE OFFERING HANDOUT

FILL OUT THE SCHEDULE FORM ACCURATELY

Review your schedule with a parent and have them sign it

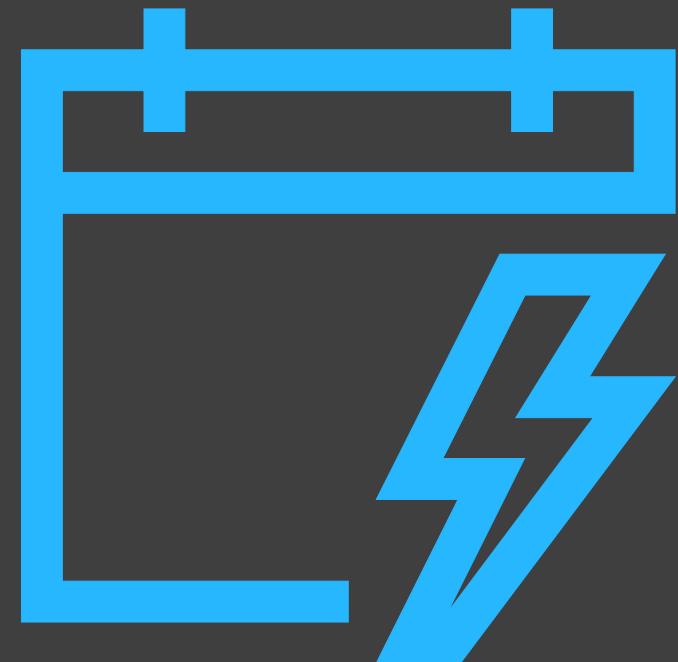
Prioritize electives & alternates

Complete the scheduling form before the due date

Check [UCS Curriculum Guides](#) for course descriptions

No more than 2 gym classes

Check [UCS Scheduling Information](#) for documents.





Career and Technical Education (CTE)

[Career and Technical Education \(CTE\) / CTE \(uticak12.org\)](http://uticak12.org)

Scheduling Dates



Counselors at each high school will inform students of scheduling due dates.



Requests must be entered online through the student PowerSchool portal. Counselors will notify students when this option is open.



Scheduling information is posted in ClassLink and on the [Scheduling Information](#) webpage.