

Lehi Jr. High Counseling Dept.

### WHEN WILL YOU GRADUATE FROM COLLEGE OR PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL

- Teacher (4-5 years)
- Engineer (4-5 years)
- Master of Business Administration (6 years)
- Lawyer (7 years)
- Veterinarian (8 years)
- Doctor/Dentist (8-12 years depending on specialty)

#### **HOW CAN I FINISH SOONER**

- Most bachelor's degrees take at least 120 semester credits to earn.
- Students who are willing to work hard and plan their schedules wisely can usually earn between 30 and 60 of these credits by the time they graduate from high school.
- Not all credit counts towards your specific degree. Too much <u>elective</u> credit will not help you to graduate sooner. Make informed choices!

# THE KEY – FOCUS ON GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES OR COMPLETE AN ASSOCIATES DEGREE

- English (freshman writing)
- Science (biology, chemistry, physics)
- Mathematics (college algebra, calculus, statistics)
- Social Sciences (world history, U.S. history, government, psychology, geography)
- World Languages
- Fine Arts (music, art history, art)
- Other (see college websites for requirements)

#### THE OPTIONS

- UCAS Utah County Academy of Sciences
- UVU Concurrent Enrollment @ Skyridge
- UVU Distance Education @ Skyridge
- Advanced Placement @ Skyridge
- Other accredited sources; check websites. See your counselor if you have questions:
  - Classes on a college campus
  - BYU Independent Study
  - Online Colleges

### UTAH COUNTY ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

- UCAS is an early college entry public charter high school affiliated with UVU. Student population is about 380
   10<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> grade students.
- Classes are designed with an emphasis in mathematics, engineering, physical science and life science.
- Students have the opportunity to earn an associates degree while they earn their high school diploma.
- UCAS is designed to provide a rigorous, accelerated high school/early college experience for motivated students at little or no charge.

Students need to apply during their ninth grade year.

Contact UCAS directly for more details.

## UVU CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT

- You must apply to UVU and be admitted to participate.
- Different classes are offered each semester. See the Skyridge Course Catalog for details. These courses are taught by Skyridge faculty who are qualified to be UVU instructors.
- Meet with high school counselor or UVU advisor if you have questions.
- Sophomores must submit a UVU concurrent enrollment "Sophomore by Exception" Permission Form.
- Students are responsible for their own books.
- Some courses require prerequisites.
- A significantly reduced tuition (\$5 per semester hour of credit).

#### **UVU DISTANCE EDUCATION**

- Juniors and Seniors only.
- •Brings a UVU instructor to you electronically, allowing you to take classes not normally taught at the high school.
- Held on the high school campus.
- Is cost-effective (\$5 per semester hour).
- Recommended that students have a minimum
   3.0 GPA since the courses are very rigorous.
- Some classes require a prerequisite.
- The Skyridge course catalog lists classes offered each semester.

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) CLASSES

- The program enables students to pursue college level studies while still in high school.
- Courses in 18 subject areas are offered at Skyridge High School.
- Based on their performance on rigorous AP exams in May, students earn credit for college.

#### AP COURSES

- Of the 34 AP Exams available, the five taken by the greatest number of students are:
  - U.S. History (262,906), Utah (3,521)
  - English Lit. & Comp. (239,493), Utah (3,031)
  - English Lang. & Comp. (198,514), Utah (1,548)
  - Calculus AB (175,094), Utah (2,050)
  - U.S. Gov't. & Politics (112,894), Utah (702)

#### AP TESTING

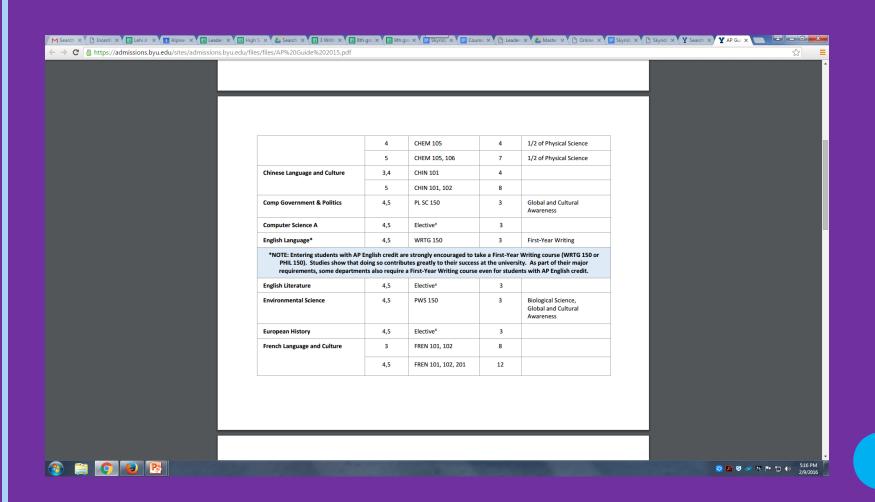
- AP exams cost \$92.00 (2016) to take.
- A passing grade may be awarded college credit in that subject at the college's discretion.
- The AP grade scale ranges from 5 to 1, 5 to 3 being considered passing.
- The amount of college credit awarded varies by exam and score (3 to 8 semester hours).
- In recent years, between 18 and 20 percent of all high school students in Utah earn a score of 3 or higher on at least one AP Exam.
- Visit the AP website www.collegeboard.com

### LET'S LOOK AT AN EXAMPLE COURSE...

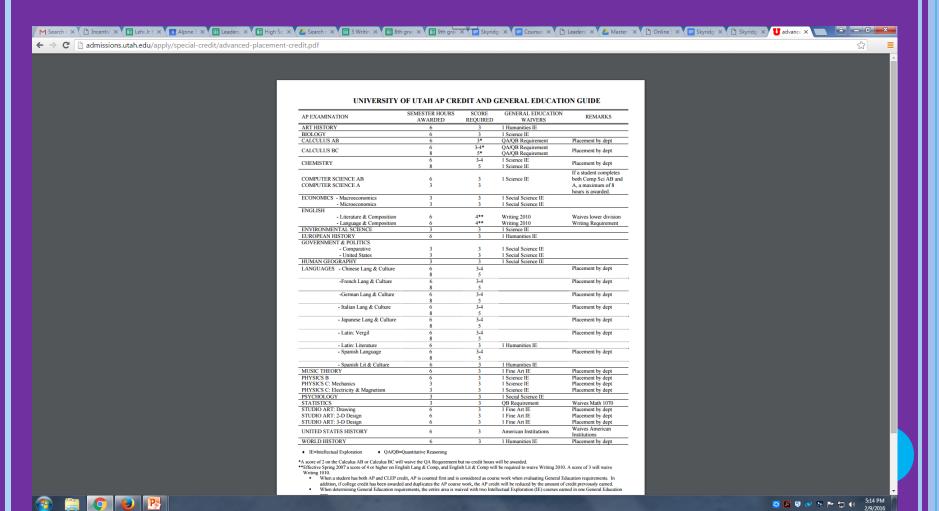
#### First year writing

- BYU = English 150 (3 semester hours) This requirement is covered by the AP English Language course, but not the AP English Literature course.
   https://admissions.byu.edu/apib-guides
- U of U = English 1010 (3 semester hours) This requirement can be covered by either the AP English Language or the AP English Literature course.

#### BYU AP CREDIT GUIDE



## GUIDE



## LET'S LOOK AT AN EXAMPLE STUDENT...

- Very self-motivated.
- Wants to attend high school with his friends.
- Wants to participate in high school sports.
- Wants some work experience in high school.
- Plans to be a medical professional.
- Plans to attend BYU.
- Wants as much college credit as reasonable.
- Result = 44 college credits earned in high school with most general education completed after 1 semester on campus