

Articulation with Graduation Requirements in the North Carolina Public High Schools

Following the board's change in minimum course requirements, the North Carolina State Board of Education revised the requirements for high school graduation by offering four courses of study: (1) career; (2) college tech prep; (3) college prep; and (4) occupational. These requirements are summarized below. Option 3 tracks the UNC minimum course requirements closely.

NC Course of Study Graduation Requirement

CONTENT AREA	CAREER	COLLEGE TECH PREP	COLLEGE PREP	OCCUPATIONAL
	Course of Study Requirements	Course of Study Requirements	Course of Study (UNC 4-yr. College) Requirements	Course of Study Requirements
English I, II, III, IV	4 credits I, II, III, IV	4 credits I, II, III, IV	4 credits I, II, III, IV	This course of study shall be made available for certain students with disabilities who have an IEP, beginning with first time ninth graders in 2000-01. Curriculum content requirements will be presented to the State Board of Education by May 2000.
Mathematics	3 credits Including Algebra I	3 credits Alg. I, Geometry, Alg. II –or- Alg. I, Technical Math I & II –or- Integrated Mathematics I, II & III	3 credits Alg. I, Alg. II, Geometry (or higher level math course for which Alg. II is prerequisite) (Recommended one course unit in 12 th grade) or Integrated Mathematics I, II & III	
Science	3 credits a physical science course Biology earth/env. science	3 credits a physical science course related to career pathway (CP) Biology earth/env. science	3 credits a physical science course a life or biological course (Biology) earth/env. science	

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Social Studies	3 credits Govt./Econ. (ELPS) US History World Studies	3 credits Govt./Econ. (ELPS) US History World Studies	3 credits Govt./Econ. (ELPS) US History World Studies (UNC admission policy requires 2 courses to meet minimum admission requirements – US History and 1 elective)	
Second Language	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required Recommended at least two (2) course units in one second language with one course unit taken in 12 th grade	
Computer Skills	A specific course is not required but students must demonstrate proficiency through state testing (starting with the graduating class of 2001)	A specific course is not required but students must demonstrate proficiency through state testing (starting with the graduating class of 2001)	A specific course is not required but students must demonstrate proficiency through state testing (starting with the graduating class of 2001)	
Health & Physical Ed.	1 credit Health/Phys. Ed.	1 credit Health/Phys. Ed.	1 credit Health/Phys. Ed.	
Career/Technical	4 units of credits Select courses appropriate for career pathway to include a second level (advanced) course	4 units of credits Select courses appropriate for career pathway to include a second level (advanced) course	Not required	
Arts Ed. (Visual Arts, Dance, Music, Theatre Arts)	Not required (local decision)	Not required (local decision)	Not required (local decision)	
Electives or other requirements	2 Elective Credits and other credits designated by the LEA Proficiency on exit exam	2 Elective Credits and other credits designated by the LEA Proficiency on exit exam	6 Elective Credits and other credits designated by the LEA Proficiency on exit exam	
Total	Depends on local requirements	Depends on local requirements	Depends on local requirements	

MINIMUM ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

(for HS GPA and SAT Scores)

All applicants for first-time admission as freshmen must meet minimum high school GPA and SAT scores. The minimum combined SAT score (on mathematics and critical reading) for admission is 700 or a composite ACT of 15. The SAT (ACT) minimum score is effective for students entering in Fall 2009. The minimum SAT score will be increased to 750 or ACT composite of 16 for students entering in Fall 2011. The minimum SAT score will increase to 800 or ACT composite of 17 for students entering in Fall 2013 and beyond.

The minimum high school GPA for first-time freshmen beginning in Fall 2009 is 2.0. The minimum high school GPA requirement will increase to 2.3 for students entering in Fall 2011 and will increase again to 2.5 for students entering in Fall 2013 and beyond.

The maximum number of chancellor's exceptions is limited to one percent (1%) of the total number of applicants accepted as new freshmen each year. A chancellor's exception may be applied to the SAT minimum requirement and/or the GPA minimum requirement.

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Year	Minimum GPA	Minimum SAT (Critical Reading + Math)	Minimum ACT Composite
Fall 2009	2.0	700	15
Fall 2010	2.0	700	15
Fall 2011	2.3	750	16
Fall 2012	2.3	750	16
Fall 2013 and beyond	2.5	800	17

OTHER ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

All applicants for admission to any campus, except those exempted by current campus policies, must submit a standardized test score. The SAT I is preferred, but students may also submit the ACT.

Students applying for admission for fall 2006 or after, for whom standardized test scores are required, must submit either the new SAT I (which includes the writing component) or the ACT with the writing component. The ACT without the writing component will not be acceptable as a standardized test for admission after the spring semester of 2006.