

ARE YOU PLANNING ON GOING TO COLLEGE?

If you are planning on going to college, you must plan your high school experience accordingly.

The following is a summary of minimum high school course requirements for admission of freshmen to Illinois public universities as well as basic college preparation curriculum. This curriculum must be completed to be eligible for many of the State Scholarships.

English - 4 years	Four years of composition and grammar to include content in writing, literature, and speech.
Mathematics – 4 years	At least four of the following six classes: • Pre-algebra • Algebra • Geometry • Algebra II and/or trigonometry • Pre-Calculus • Calculus
Social Studies - 3 years	One year of American History, one semester of Government, 3 semesters of Social Studies elective.
Natural Sciences - 3 years	One year each in Biology, Chemistry and Physics.
Electives - 2 years	
Foreign Language or	Two years of one language.
Art, Music, Vocational	Any combination of 2 years.
Flexible Units - 2 years	Two additional years from any of the five categories.

Factors that influence college admission decisions are listed below in order of importance. Source: National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC) Admission trends survey 2019. Ranking by percentage of “Considerable Importance,” (Moderate, Limited or No Importance).

1.	Grades in all courses.	75%
2.	Grades in college prep courses (see above).	73%
3.	Strength of curriculum.	62%
4.	Admission test scores (SAT or ACT).	46%
5.	College essay or writing sample.	23%
6.	Student’s demonstrated interest in the college.	16%
7.	Counselor recommendation.	15%
8.	Teacher recommendation.	14%
9.	Rank in graduating class (GPA).	9%
10.	Portfolio.	6%
11.	Extracurricular activities.	6%
12.	Subject test scores (AP).	6%
13.	Personal interview (required at selected colleges).	6%
14.	Work.	4%
15.	SAT II Scores.	2%
16.	State graduation exam scores.	2%