

Courses to Take

What Parents Need to Know About College Course Requirements

These days, getting into college is mostly based on the courses your child takes in high school (9th -12th grade). Course requirements are the classes your child must take in high school to go to an Oklahoma state college or university. These classes will not only prepare your child for college but also give your child a valuable knowledge base for entering the job market after high school.

New Requirements for Students Entering College in Fall 2010

ENGLISH	4 UNITS (grammar, composition and literature)
MATH	3 UNITS (Algebra I, Algebra II, geometry, math analysis, trigonometry, calculus and Advanced Placement statistics)
LAB SCIENCE	3 UNITS (biology, chemistry, physics or any lab science certified by school district -- general science courses don't qualify)
HISTORY & CITIZENSHIP SKILLS	1 UNIT of American history and 2 UNITS from the subjects of history, economics, geography, government, civics and/or non-Western culture
OTHER	2 UNITS (computer science or foreign language units or from any of the course units listed above)
TOTAL	15 UNITS



Help Your Child Get a Head Start on College With AP Courses

Students can increase their subject matter knowledge while getting a taste for what it is like in the college classroom by completing Advanced Placement (AP) courses. Many colleges and universities award college credit to students who successfully complete these courses in high school and pass the corresponding AP exams. Contact your child's counselor to see if his or her school offers AP courses.

Grades to Make

What Parents Need to Know About College Admission Standards

Colleges and universities want students who have demonstrated in high school that they are capable of handling college work. When your child sends in his or her admission application, college officials will primarily look at three things:

- Your child's score on a national test (such as the ACT or SAT).
- His or her high school grade point average (GPA).
- Where your child's GPA ranks within his or her high school class or his or her GPA in the 15 core courses required for college entry.

Of course, admission standards vary among state and independent colleges and universities in Oklahoma. To keep up to date on admission standards for any state college or university, visit www.okhighered.org/student-center and check out "Grades to Make" under "Jr. High/High School Students" or log on to OKcollegestart.org.

Suggestion for Success

Colleges and universities also recommend, but do not require, that students take an additional unit in math, plus two units in speech or fine arts (music, art, drama).

Oklahoma's Promise Students – There are additional requirements for Oklahoma's Promise participants. Check with your counselor or visit www.okpromise.org for more information.

Encourage your child to sign up at OKcollegestart.org, Oklahoma's official Web site to plan for college. At this site, your child can:

- Create an online profile.
- Learn about paying for college.
- Prep for the ACT.
- Explore exciting careers.
- Search all Oklahoma colleges in one place.

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800.858.1840 or 225.9239 in OKC
www.okhighered.org/student-center

Note: College entrance requirements may change, and they may be different for independent (private) colleges and universities. Check with your school counselor for full details. Also, please note that courses needed to meet college admission requirements may differ from those needed to meet high school graduation requirements. Please check with the district your child is attending to get current high school graduation requirements.