

# UNC Minimum Course Requirements

For Undergraduate Admission to the 16 Campuses



## What Students Need to Know about UNC Minimum Course Requirements

Listed below are the minimum course requirements for students entering the University of North Carolina. The University of North Carolina is made up of 16 campuses, which are listed in the box to the right. The minimum course requirements are established by the Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina, although individual institutions may require other courses in addition to the minimum requirements. For some transfer students and students who graduated from high school prior to 1990, special considerations have been made. Check with each institution for additional information specific to that campus.

### UNC Minimum Course Requirements

Six course units\* in language, including

- four units in English emphasizing grammar, composition, and literature, and
- two units of a language other than English.

Four course units of mathematics, in any of the following combinations:

- algebra I and II, geometry, and one unit beyond algebra II,
- algebra I and II, and two units beyond algebra II, or
- integrated math I, II, and III, and one unit beyond integrated math III.

(The fourth unit of math affects applicants to all institutions except the UNC School of the Arts.) It is recommended that prospective students take a mathematics course unit in the 12th grade.

Three course units in science, including

- at least one unit in a life or biological science (for example, biology),
- at least one unit in physical science (for example, physical science, chemistry, physics), and
- at least one laboratory course.

Two course units in social studies, including one unit in U.S. history. An applicant who does not have the unit in U.S. history may be admitted on the condition that at least three semester hours in that subject will be passed by the end of the sophomore year.

*\*“Course units” as defined in these requirements may include those high school-level courses taken and passed by an applicant after graduating from high school, as well as those taken while enrolled as a high school student. For some transfer students and students who graduated from high school prior to 1990, special considerations have been made.*

### The 16 Campuses of the University of North Carolina

Appalachian State University  
East Carolina University  
Elizabeth City State University  
Fayetteville State University  
North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University  
North Carolina Central University  
University of North Carolina School of the Arts  
North Carolina State University  
University of North Carolina at Asheville  
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
University of North Carolina at Charlotte  
University of North Carolina at Greensboro  
University of North Carolina at Pembroke  
University of North Carolina at Wilmington  
Western Carolina University  
Winston-Salem State University

## Minimum Admissions Requirements

All applicants for first-time admission as freshmen must meet minimum high school GPA and SAT scores. The minimum high school GPA for first-time freshmen is 2.3 for students entering in Fall 2011 and will increase to 2.5 for students entering in Fall 2013 and beyond.

The minimum SAT score is 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. Students must take the writing component for either the SAT or ACT.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Is the GPA score based on the weighted or un-weighted GPA?

The weighted GPA will be used to determine if the student satisfies the minimum GPA requirement.

| Year                 | Minimum GPA | Minimum SAT (Critical Reading + Math) | Minimum ACT Composite |
|----------------------|-------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Fall 2011            | 2.3         | 750                                   | 16                    |
| Fall 2012            | 2.3         | 750                                   | 16                    |
| Fall 2013 and beyond | 2.5         | 800                                   | 17                    |



### Is the GPA calculated based on all my courses or just the courses for the college preparatory curriculum?

The GPA is the cumulative GPA based on all courses taken during high school.

### If I take the SAT more than once, will my highest combined score be used even if it is from two different test dates?

Yes. The highest score received on any administration of the SAT for critical reading will be combined with the highest score received on mathematics.

### What if my GPA is over 2.3, but my SAT is less than 750 – do I meet the requirement?

No, you must meet both the minimum GPA and the minimum SAT score to be eligible for admission. In rare cases, a campus may offer a student with extenuating circumstances or with a special talent a waiver from one of the requirements.

### What if I graduate in 2010, but don't apply to college until 2012. Will I have to have the GPA of 2.0 or 2.3? And the SAT of 700 or 750?

The minimum scores that were in effect the year you graduated from high school will be applied to determine eligibility.

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