

High School Planner

As you plan your high school courses, it's helpful to use three things as your guide:

- 1) your local high school graduation requirements (check with your counselor or school website),
- 2) college entrance requirements, and
- 3) your personal interests and goals.

Take a look at the college entrance requirements below as you use the course planning chart on the back.

NC Community Colleges

These 58 colleges maintain an "Open Door" admissions policy which provides for the admission of anyone who is 18 or older or who has attained a high school diploma or its equivalent. The high school equivalent tests offered in North Carolina are the GED, HI SET or TASC. Admission to a college does not imply admission to all programs of study, as selected programs have limited enrollment (such as nursing).

As part of the admission process, NC community colleges will review your readiness for college-level courses. Community colleges do not require the SAT or ACT for admission, and instead focus on your unweighted high school GPA (as long as it is within the last 10 years).

Currently, college placement policies vary slightly across the state so it's best to check the website of your local community college, compare your high school GPA to their placement requirements, and contact them if you have any questions.

NC Independent Colleges and Universities

Entrance requirements for North Carolina's 36 independent colleges and universities vary among institutions. Prospective students should check the websites for individual colleges and universities to determine specific entrance requirements or call the admissions office. You may also search for detailed information on NC independent colleges and universities using the College Search tool on CFNC.org.

University of North Carolina

The University of North Carolina is comprised of 16 four-year campuses. The minimum requirements for admission are established by the Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina. However, admission is a competitive process and individual campuses may have additional requirements beyond the minimums. Meeting these requirements does not guarantee admission to any specific university or program. Please check with each campus for additional information related to their specific admission requirements.

Detailed information is available in the UNC Minimum Admission Requirements publication; for most students 20 years old and younger, the minimum requirements are:

High School Courses

6 units of language (English and other language)
4 units of math
3 units of science
2 units of social studies

High School GPA

2.5 cumulative weighted

Test Scores

SAT: 800 old / 880 new ACT: 17

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