

ACADEMIC PREREQUISITE GUIDELINES

Criteria for college admission vary greatly. The admission committees consider, to varying degrees, the following: The type of high school courses actually taken compared to the courses available in the high school; the quality of the student's academic record; performance on college admission tests (ACT, SAT & Subject Tests) and the development and maturity of the individual in areas outside the academic classroom (i.e., breadth and depth of involvement/leadership).

Following are course requirements for entrance into four different types of colleges. The academic prerequisites, typical of colleges in each of the categories listed, may change from year to year, and therefore, **should be used only as general minimum guidelines**. Specific information may be obtained from websites, high school counselors, Naviance, campus visits, and college representatives. Narrowly defined, college preparatory courses are found in the following five traditional academic departments: **English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies and World Languages**.

<u>Courses</u>	<u>Highly Selective Colleges</u>	<u>Private 4-Year Colleges</u>	<u>Major Public Universities</u>
English	4 years	4 years	4 years
Math	4 years	4 years	4 years
Science (Lab)	4 years	3 years	3 years
Social Studies	3-4 years	3 years	3 years
World Language	4 years	2-4 years	2-3 years
Academic Electives	2 years	2 years	2 years

Community Colleges (2 years): Open admission policy, but may have selective course requirements for some majors.

Illinois Public Universities accept most Art, Music, Vocational Education and World Language courses as "academic electives". These are general guidelines. Make sure you check with the individual school you are interested in attending to verify their requirements. Some schools may require additional Fine Art credit(s).

ADDITIONAL IMPORTANT INFORMATION

SCHOOLINKS: Students will have access to this resource that will include important tools for post-secondary planning. All counselors will use these tools with students, in addition to some classrooms.

COUNSELING WEBSITE: Find out about scholarships and matriculation data, college resource planning and financial aid information along with other pertinent information on testing, etc. by selecting the counseling tab on the Hinsdale Central website

COLLEGE VISITS: Each fall, over 100 different college admissions representatives visit Hinsdale Central to share information about their institutions. These visits are open to juniors and seniors and a list of scheduled visits, as well as information on how to sign up, will be shared each fall.