Comparing

High School Graduation Requirements

&

College Academic Distribution Requirements (CADRs)

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Comparison Chart: High School Graduation and College Academic Distribution Requirements (CADRs) for 4-Year Public Universities in WA

CREDENTIAL TYPE	HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION & COMMUNITY COLLEGE 24 CREDITS	4-YEAR PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES IN WA (CADRS) 17 CREDITS
ENGLISH	**4**	**4**
MATH	**3**	**3 and 1 Senior Year Q (Quantitative)**
SCIENCE	**3**	**3**
SOCIAL STUDIES	**3**	**3**
ARTS	**2 (1 can be a personalized pathway option)**	**1**
HEALTH & FITNESS	**2**	
CTE	**1**	
WORLD LANGUAGES	**2 or personalized pathway option**	**2**
ELECTIVES	**4**	
ADD'L REQUIREMENTS	High School and Beyond Plan Complete a Graduation Pathway	High School GPA of 2.0 or higher. Note: A higher GPA may be required for direct to major programs.

NOTE: Up to 2 elective credits may be waived for high school graduation. Learn more. Some districts may have additional graduation requirements. Talk to your counselor.
Each school district is responsible for determining which of its courses meet CADR guidelines.
Up to 3 CADR credits may be waived under the alternate admissions policy. Learn more.

English

English Credit 1

English Credit 2

English Credit 3

English Credit 4

High School Graduation Requirements

English
4 credits - Any English Course Counts

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English
4 credits - May include 1 elective credit. MLL only counts as an elective.

Courses NOT ACCEPTED:
Remedial or applied courses, basic English skills, yearbook, vocabulary, acting, developmental reading, library, newspaper staff.

English Credit 1
College Preparatory Composition/ Literature OR Bridge to College

English Credit 2
College Preparatory Composition/ Literature OR Bridge to College

English Credit 3
College Preparatory Composition/ Literature OR Bridge to College

English Credit 4
(Elective Credit - Eng 9-12, creative or journalistic writing, debate, drama as literature, public speaking or business Eng)

Math

High School Graduation Requirements

- Algebra 1 OR Integrated Math I
- Geometry OR Integrated Math II
- Math Credit 3 (Or Computer Science)

Math
3 credits

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Math
3 credits and Senior Year Quantitative Math (Q)

- Algebra 1 OR Integrated Math I
- Geometry OR Integrated Math II
- Algebra 2 or Intermediate Algebra or Integrated Math III
- Q- 1 credit equal to or beyond Alg 2 or Integrated Math III, statistics, adv applied math, math based CTE, algebra based science, AP computer Science A, Bridge to College Math.

Courses NOT ACCEPTED
Bridge to College math (as part of 3 credits), logic, statistics, computer science or philosophy.

Science

High School Graduation Requirements

Science Credit 1 (Lab Science)

Science Credit 2 (Lab Science)

Science Credit 3 (Or Computer Science)

Science
3 credits - At least 2 lab science courses.

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Science
3 credits - 1 credit Algebra-based science, 2 credits lab science. 1 of 3 must be a credit in Biology, Physics or Chemistry.

Courses NOT ACCEPTED
Environmental Studies.

Science Credit 1

Examples - astronomy, physical or environmental science, geological or marine science, genetics, physiology.

Science Credit 2

Science Credit 3
Physics, Chemistry OR Biology

Social Studies

High School Graduation Requirements

Social Studies Credit 1

Social Studies Credit 2

Social Studies Credit 3 (Any elective)

Social Studies
3 credits -1 credit US History & Govt, 0.5 credit Contemporary World History, Geography and 0.5 credit Civics.

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Social Studies
3 credits - History or any social sciences

Courses NOT ACCEPTED
Religion, consumer economics, student government, OR community service.

Social Studies Credit 1

Social Studies Credit 2

Social Studies Credit 3

Ex. - World history, US history, anthropology, contemporary world problems, economics, geography, government, political science, psychology, or sociology.

World Language

High School Graduation Requirements

World Language Credit 1
OR
Personalized Pathway

World Language Credit 2
OR
Personalized Pathway

World Language
2 credits. Both credits may be a personalized pathway option.

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World Language
2 credits -
In the same world or Native language or ASL.

World Language Credit 1

World Language Credit 2

Examples - French, Spanish, Arabic, Any American Indian language, ASL, Latin or Ancient Greek.

Courses NOT ACCEPTED
Computer language and other forms of sign language.

Art

High School Graduation Requirements

Art Credit 1
Performing or visual arts.

Art Credit 2
OR
Personalized Pathway

Art
2 credits
1 credit maybe a personalized pathway option

College Academic Distribution Requirements (CADRs)

Art
1 credit -
Fine, visual, or performing arts OR 1 credit beyond minimum in any other CADR subject area.

Art Credit 1
(For UW and WWU - 0.5 credit must be in fine, visual or performing arts.)

Examples - Art or music appreciation, band, orchestra ceramics, choir, dance, dramatics, drawing, fiber or graphic arts, metal design, music theory, painting, photography, print making, or sculpture

Courses NOT ACCEPTED
Architecture, color guard, creative writing, drafting, drill team, fashion or interior or web design, sewing, speech, woodworking & yearbook.

Other Requirements

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Health
0.5 credit

Fitness
1.5 credits

Health & Fitness
2 credits

CTE - Career and Technical Education
1 credit

CTE credit 1
(May be an occupational education course that meets CTE exploratory course standards.)

Elective Credit 1

Elective Credit 2

Elective Credit 3

Elective Credit 4

Electives
4 credits.
Depends on student interests and graduation pathway choice.

REMEMBER!

Always talk to your school counselor or the college admissions office to get information about specific courses and to clarify any questions you may have.