

College Readiness

College Admission Guidelines

Requirement	Community & Technical College	Moderately Selective College	Selective College	Very Selective College	Extremely Selective College
	e.g., Inver Hills, Century, Dakota Technical	e.g., Bethel, MN State Universities, NDSU, UMD, UND	e.g., Gustavus, Beloit, UW-LaCrosse, Hamline, UW-Eau Claire, St. Thomas	e.g., U of M - Twin Cities, St. Olaf, Lawrence, UW-Madison	e.g., Harvard, Stanford, Amherst, Pomona, Carleton
Rigorous Courses	No specific coursework required	Some Honors/AP® coursework helpful	Honors/AP® coursework helpful	Honors/AP® coursework highly recommended	Honors/AP® coursework required
English	No specific coursework required. Students should be on track for high school graduation and student should take the most difficult classes they can succeed in to prepare for college-level courses.	4 years			
Math		3 years including Intermediate Algebra, Geometry and Algebra II	4 years including Intermediate Algebra, Geometry and Algebra II	4 years including Intermediate Algebra, Geometry and Algebra II	4 years including Intermediate Algebra, Geometry and Algebra II
Science		3 years including Biology and Physical Science with lab experience		4 years including Biology and Physical Science with lab experience	
Social Studies		3 years	3-4 years	4 years	4 years
Second Language		2 years	2-4 years	4-5 years	4-5 years
Fine Arts	No Requirement		No Requirement	Some require 1 year	Some require 1 year
Activities			Involvement in extra-curricular activities	Active involvement in extra-curricular activities	Leadership in extra-curricular activities, community service
College Assessment	Testing provided by the college	ACT composite 21 or higher	ACT composite 23 or higher	ACT composite 26 or higher	ACT composite 30 or higher Possibly required SAT Subject Tests
Grades or Class Rank	No specific rank or GPA	Preferred class rank in top 50%	Class rank in top 50%	Class rank in top 20%	Class rank in top 10%