

TOPS UNIVERSITY

(College Diploma) Course Requirements

For incoming freshmen in the 2014-2015 through 2023-2024 school year minimum requirements:

Courses	Units Required
English	4 Units
Mathematics	4 Units
Science	4 Units
Social Studies	4 Units
Foreign Language	2 Units
Art	1 Unit
Physical Education	1.5 Units
Health	0.5 Unit
Electives	3 Units
TOPS University Diploma Minimum Course Requirements	
<u>Total 24 Units</u>	

For incoming freshmen in the 2024-2025 through 2026-2027 school year minimum requirements:

Courses	Units Required
English	4 Units
Mathematics	4 Units
Science	4 Units
Social Studies	4 Units
Foreign Language	2 Units
Art	1 Unit
Physical Education	1.5 Units
Health	0.5 Unit
Electives	2 Units
Financial Literacy	1 Unit
TOPS University Diploma Minimum Course Requirements	
<u>Total 24 Units</u>	

For incoming freshmen in the 2027-2028 and beyond minimum requirements:

Courses	Units Required
English	4 Units
Mathematics	4 Units
Science	4 Units
Social Studies	4 Units
Foreign Language	2 Units
Art	1 Unit
Physical Education	1.5 Units
Health	0.5 Unit
Electives	1 Units
Financial Literacy	1 Unit
Computer Science ³	1 Unit
TOPS University Diploma Minimum Course Requirements	
<u>Total 24 Units</u>	

Refer to [Bulletin 741](#) and the LDOE [Graduation Requirements](#) page the most current information.

TOPS Tech

(Career Diploma) Course Requirements

For incoming freshmen in the 2014-2015 through 2022-2023 school year minimum requirements:

Courses	Units Required
English	4 Units
Mathematics	4 Units
Science	2 Units
Social Studies	2 Units
Physical Education	1.5 Units
Health	0.5 Units
Jump Start course sequence, workplace experience, and credentials	9 Units
TOPS Tech Diploma Minimum Course Requirements Total 23 Units	

For incoming freshmen in the 2023-2024 school year minimum requirements:

Courses	Units Required
English	4 Units
Mathematics ^{1 2}	4 Units
Science	2 Units
Social Studies	2 Units
Physical Education	1.5 Units
Health	0.5 Units
Jumpstart course sequence, workplace experience, and credentials	9 Units
Jump Start 1.0 course sequence available for incoming freshmen through the 2020-2021 school year.	
Jump Start 2.0 course sequence available for incoming freshmen in the 2020-2021 school year and beyond.	
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For incoming freshmen in the 2024-2025 through 2026-2027 school year minimum requirements:

Courses	Units Required
English	4 Units
Mathematics ^{1 2}	4 Units
Science	2 Units
Social Studies	2 Units
Physical Education	1.5 Units
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TOPS Tech Diploma Minimum Course Requirements Total 23 Units	

For incoming freshmen in the 2027-2028 school year minimum requirements:

Courses	Units Required
English	4 Units
Mathematics ^{1 2}	4 Units
Science	2 Units
Social Studies	2 Units
Physical Education	1.5 Units
Health	0.5 Units
Computer Science ³	1 Unit
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TOPS Tech Diploma Minimum Course Requirements Total 24 Units	

Students with exceptionalities assessed on the regular academic content standards who meet certain requirements may attain a career diploma by meeting the requirements of their IEP. See Bulletin 1530 — Louisiana's IEP Handbook for Students with Exceptionalities. Students with exceptionalities assessed on the alternate academic content standards may attain a career diploma by meeting the requirements in § 2320 of this bulletin.

¹Geometry is now required for JumpStart TOPS Tech (Career Diploma) students with a Fall grade 9 2023-2024 entry year and thereafter. For grade 9 entry prior to 2023-2024, students must take three additional math courses of which Geometry is an option.

²For Fall grade 9 entry 2024-2025 and thereafter, Financial Literacy is required. For grade 9 entry prior to 2024-2025, students must take four units of math, of which Financial Math is an option.

³For Fall grade 9 entry 2027-2028 and thereafter, Computer Science is required. For TOPS University, this requirement can be satisfied by fulfilling the credit in math, science or a Foreign Language (R.S.17:5025). For TOPS Tech, this requirement shall be one of the nine credits in Jump Start or it can be satisfied by fulfilling the credit in math or science (R.S.17:183.3).

Refer to [Bulletin 741](#) for additional policy information and the LDOE [Graduation Requirements](#) page for course titles.

APPENDIX I: COURSE REQUIREMENTS CHART

Fall Grade 9 Entry 2024-2025

TOPS UNIVERSITY DIPLOMA			JUMP START TOPS TECH CAREER DIPLOMA		
SUBJECTS	#Units	Courses	#Units	Courses	
English	1	One of the following: English I, English Language Part 1: Cambridge IGCSE, or English Literature Part 1: Cambridge IGCSE	1	One of the following: English I, English Language Part 1: Cambridge IGCSE, or English Literature Part 1: Cambridge IGCSE	
	1	One of the following: English II, English Language Part 2: Cambridge IGCSE, or English Literature Part 2: Cambridge IGCSE	1	One of the following: English II, English Language Part 2: Cambridge IGCSE, or English Literature Part 2: Cambridge IGCSE	
	1	One of the following: English III, AP English Language and Composition, IB Literature, IB Language and Literature, IB Literature and Performance, English Language Part 1: Cambridge AICE-AS (Honors), or Literature in English Part 1: Cambridge AICE-AS (Honors)	2	Two units from the following: Technical Writing, Business English, English III, English Language Part 1: Cambridge AICE-AS (Honors), Literature in English Part 1: Cambridge AICE-AS (Honors), English IV, any AP or IB English course, English Language Part 2: Cambridge AICE-AS (Honors), Literature in English Part 2: Cambridge AICE-AS (Honors), or comparable Louisiana technical college courses offered by Jump Start regional teams as approved by BESE	
	1	One of the following: English IV, AP English Literature and Composition, IB Literature, IB Language and Literature, IB Literature and Performance, English Language Part 2: Cambridge AICE-AS (Honors), or Literature in English Part 2: Cambridge AICE-AS (Honors)			
	NOTE: If a student chooses to take the A level Cambridge course, the second unit will count as an elective credit.				
Mathematics	1	Algebra I	1	Algebra I, Applied Algebra I, or Algebra I-Part 2 <i>(The elective course Algebra I-Part 1 is a prerequisite.)</i>	
	1	Geometry	1	Geometry ¹ or Applied Geometry	
	1	Algebra II	1	Financial Literacy	
	1	One of the following: Algebra III, Advanced Math-Functions and Statistics, Advanced Math-Pre-Calculus, Pre-Calculus, IB Math Studies (Math Methods), Calculus, AP Calculus AB, IB Mathematics SL, AP Calculus BC, AP Statistics, IB Further Mathematics HL, IB Mathematics HL, Probability and Statistics, AP Computer Science A, Statistical Reasoning, Additional Math-Cambridge IGCSE, Math 1 (Probability and Statistics): Cambridge AICE (Honors), Math 1 (Pure Math): Cambridge AICE-AS (Honors), Math 2 (Part 1): Cambridge AICE-A Level (Honors), or Math 2 (Part 2): Cambridge AICE-A Level (Honors)	1	One of the following: Math Essentials, Algebra II, Advanced Math-Functions and Statistics, Advanced Math-Pre-Calculus, Algebra III, Pre-Calculus, Business Math, Probability and Statistics, Statistical Reasoning, Transition to College Mathematics, Comparable Louisiana Technical college courses offered by Jump Start regional teams as approved by BESE; Additional Math-Cambridge IGCSE: Math 1 (Pure Math) Cambridge AICE-AS (honors); or Integrated Mathematics I, II and III (may be substituted for Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II).	
	NOTE: The Integrated Mathematics I, II, and III sequence, including the Cambridge IGCSE Integrated Math sequence, may be substituted for the Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II sequence.				
Science	1	Biology I	1	Biology I	
	1	Chemistry I	1	One of the following: Chemistry I, Physical Science, Earth Science, Agriscience II*, Environmental Science, Principles of Engineering, any AP or IB science course, PLTW Principles of Engineering, Principles of engineering (LSU Partnership), Physics I: Cambridge IGCSE, Biology II: Cambridge AICE-AS (Honors), Chemistry II: AICE-AS (Honors), or Physics II: Cambridge AICE-AS (Honors)	
	2	Two units chosen from the following: (a) Earth Science; (b) one of Environmental Science or Environmental Awareness; (c) one of Physical Science, Principles of Engineering, PLTW Principles of Engineering, or Principles of Engineering (LSU Partnership); (d) Agriscience II*; (e) one of Chemistry II, AP Chemistry, IB Chemistry I, IB Chemistry II, or Chemistry II: Cambridge AICE-AS (Honors); (f) one of AP Environmental Science or IB Environmental Systems; (g) one of Physics I, IB Physics I, AP Physics I, or Physics I: Cambridge IGCSE; or (h) one of AP Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism, AP Physics C: Mechanics, IB Physics II, AP Physics II, or Physics II: Cambridge AICE-AS (Honors); (i) one of Biology II, AP Biology, IB Biology I, IB Biology II, Biology II: Cambridge AICE-AS (Honors), or Human Anatomy and Physiology			
	*The elective course Agriscience I is a prerequisite for Agriscience II.				
Social Studies	1	One of the following: U.S. History, AP U.S. History, or IB History of the Americas I	1	One of the following: U.S. History, AP U.S. History, or IB History of the Americas I	
	1	One of the following: Civics with a section on free enterprise, Government, AP U.S. Government and Politics: Comparative, or AP U.S. Government and Politics: United States	1	One of the following: Civics, Government, AP U.S. Government and Politics: Comparative, or AP U.S. Government and Politics: United States	
	2	Two units chosen from the following: (a) one of European History, AP European History, Western Civilization, or History (European): Cambridge AICE-AS (Honors); (b) one of World Geography, AP Human Geography, IB Geography, Physical Geography, or Geography: Cambridge AICE-AS (Honors); (c) one of World History, AP World History, IB History of the Americas II, or History (International): Cambridge AICE-AS (Honors); (d) one of IB Economics, Economics, AP Macroeconomics, AP Microeconomics, or Economics: Cambridge AICE-AS (Honors); (e) AP Psychology, (f) History of Religion, (g) African American history or (h) Dual Enrollment Psychology			
Health and Physical Education	0.5	Health Education	0.5	Health Education	
	1.5	Physical Education I and II; Adapted Physical Education I and II for eligible students in special education; JROTC I, II, III, or IV; or Physical Education I (1 unit) and 1/2 unit of Marching Band, extracurricular sports, Cheerleading, or Dance Team	1.5	Physical Education I and II, Adapted Physical Education I and II for eligible special education students, ROTC I, II, III, IV or Physical Education I (1 unit) and 1/2 unit from among the following: Physical Education II, Marching Band, extracurricular sports, Cheerleading, Dance Team	
	NOTE: JROTC I and II may be used to meet the health education requirement. Refer to §2347.				
Foreign Language	2	Two units from the same language (§2345)			
Art	1	Art (§2333), Music (§2355), Dance (§2337), Theatre (§2369), Speech III and IV (one unit combined), Fine Arts Survey, Drafting, Media Arts (§2354), Photography I/II, Digital Photography, or Digital Design (§ 2338)			
Electives Jump Start	2	Electives	9	Jump Start course sequence, workplace experiences, and approved credentials (a minimum of one industry-based credential is required for graduation)	
Financial Literacy	1	Financial Literacy			
Total Units	24		23		

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