

GENERAL COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS

English: Four years, including composition and literature.

Typically, a high school student would take American, English, and World Literature, which would incorporate composition and research writing. Knowing how to use MLA documentation is essential for students going to college.

Math: Three to four years, including Algebra I, Algebra II, and Geometry.

The sequence after is usually Advanced Algebra, Trigonometry, Pre-calculus and Calculus. (Note: in many public and private schools, algebra is begun in 7th and 8th grades.)

Science: Three to four years.

Colleges want to see students taking lab science. The typical sequence is physical science, biology, chemistry, and physics. Students can also take classes like human anatomy, astronomy, and ecology.

Social Studies: Three to four years.

Typically, these are United States History, World History, Civics, Government and Geography. Homeschoolers generally incorporate geography into their social studies curriculum.

Foreign Language: Two years of one world language.

Most colleges will accept Latin and some colleges will accept sign language. Not all colleges require foreign language for entrance. Some include a foreign language requirement for graduation from their institution.

Fine Arts or World Cultures: One year of art, dance, drama, music or world culture is required at some colleges.

Computers and keyboarding is **highly** recommended. Most college students are asked to make presentations using Power Point. The use of the Internet for researching is expected. Everything is typed. Finally, the ability to navigate the college computer system is essential to success.

Students will be considered for admission without these classes, but may be required to take specific courses in college to compensate.

NOTE:

Minnesota community and technical colleges have open admission, meaning that students will be admitted according to their results on the placement test (most use the Accuplacer). Students may have to start with remedial classes, but all are eligible for admission.

Minnesota state colleges will generally accept students who have:

- Graduated in the top half of their class or
- Scored 21 or higher on the ACT or Scored 1000 (combined) or higher on the SAT

For more information, go to the MNSCU web site:
<http://www.mnscu.edu/students/admissions/index.html>

Some MN state colleges fill quickly and may stop taking new applications before their stated deadlines.

The University of Minnesota has very specific requirements and deadlines depending to which colleges in the university the students apply. Check carefully and early (ideally in the junior year). Visit the U of M web site: <http://admissions.tc.umn.edu/>