

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 or Career Cruising programs, campus visits, and college representatives who visit Hinsdale Central High School. 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 (required)	4 years (same language)	2-4 years	2-3 years (if
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).

IMPORTANT WEBSITE INFORMATION

NAVIANCE: Specific college information, college representatives, statistics, admission information, and “scatter-grams” to find where you fit into the equation. College Visits! Students can check the colleges/universities that are visiting Hinsdale Central. The student must sign-up in Naviance for these visits and obtain a pass from the counseling office at least one day prior to the visit.

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

CAREER CRUISING: Career Cruising is a self-exploration and online planning program that helps students learn about postsecondary options. The program is a global leader in career development. It offers a fun, intuitive, engaging experience that brings college and career possibilities to life.