

TAKING THE RIGHT CLASSES

Academics are the most important factor in getting into and succeeding in college. The classes you take in high school and the grades you get will determine the college options available to you – more credits, more rigorous classes, and better grades usually mean more schools and more scholarships you can apply to.

Know the requirements.

Colleges have different class and credit requirements, which are often greater than the requirements to graduate from high school. Check with the colleges you're interested in for specific requirements. The table below offers a general overview of required classes for some types of colleges.

REQUIREMENTS	HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION & COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN OREGON	4-YEAR PUBLIC COLLEGE IN OREGON	4-YEAR PRIVATE, SELECTIVE COLLEGE
Minimum High School GPA		2.75 – 3.0	varies
High School Courses		C- or better in all core classes	A's and B's in rigorous courses
English	4 credits	4 credits	4 credits
Math (<i>Algebra 1+</i>)	3 credits	3 credits	3+ credits
Science (<i>2 labs</i>)	3 credits	3 credits	3+ credits
Social Science	3 credits	3 credits	3+ credits
Second Language		2 credits	3+ credits
Arts	3 credits		A full schedule of classes
CTE			
Health	1 credit		
Physical Education	1 credit		
Electives	6 credits		

Challenge yourself with rigorous classes.

Honors, AP, IB, and/or dual credit classes have many benefits. They prepare you for college coursework and may even count as college credit at some schools (check to see what or how many credits can transfer at each college). More selective colleges like to see students who challenge themselves with rigorous classes, even if it means they get a slightly lower grade.

Take electives that interest you.

Electives including art, music, business, CTE and other classes are a great way to explore your interests and figure out what you might want to study in college or do as a career. Fill your schedule with classes and consider taking a class in something you know nothing about.

ARE YOU ON TRACK?

Track your progress and make a plan.

Shade in and total the number of credits you have taken (or plan to take) in each subject. Compare your progress with the course requirements to graduate high school and be accepted to a community college, a 4-year public college in Oregon, and a 4-year private, selective college.

Talk to a counselor or teacher at your school about what you plan to do after high school; they can advise you on the classes you should take in order to meet your goal.

CREDITS	1	2	3	4	5	6	TOTAL
English							<input type="checkbox"/>
Math							<input type="checkbox"/>
Pre-Algebra	Algebra 1						<input type="checkbox"/>
Science							<input type="checkbox"/>
	Lab	Lab					<input type="checkbox"/>
Social Sci.							<input type="checkbox"/>
Other							<input type="checkbox"/>
High school: 3 credits of arts, CTE and/ or second language	Second Language	Second Language	Second Language	Second Language			<input type="checkbox"/>
	Arts						<input type="checkbox"/>
	Health						<input type="checkbox"/>
	Physical Education						<input type="checkbox"/>
							TOTAL <input type="checkbox"/>

High school graduation requires a minimum of 24 credits; some colleges may require additional credits.

I'm on track for:



High school graduation and community college

- Students who graduate with a modified diploma are eligible to attend Oregon community colleges



4-year public college in Oregon

- Minimum GPA 2.75 – 3.0
- Grades of C- or better in all classes



4-year private, selective college

- Competitive GPA; mostly A's and B's
- Honors, AP, IB and/or college credit classes if available

