

High School Planner



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Why College?

A college education can be a great investment in your future. Higher education can significantly improve the quality of your life by exposing you to new people, ideas, interests, skills, activities, and career opportunities. Whether you attend a community college, a public university, or a private college or university, your life will be enriched in many ways.

There's Help Available

The CFNC website, CFNC.org, was created to make going to college easier. You can find free information and resources to guide you through every step of the process and get help making smart decisions about choosing the college and career that are right for you. Learn everything you need to know about planning, applying, and paying for college at CFNC.org or by calling toll free 866-866-CFNC.

Apply Yourself and Get to College!

When evaluating your admissions application, colleges consider a wide variety of information including your grade point average (GPA), class rank, standardized test scores, extracurricular activities, and advanced-level course work.

To get to college, you should do the following while you're in high school:

- Plan early and work hard to keep your options for college open.

- Keep track of all your classes and activities in your portfolio at CFNC.org to save time when you apply online.
- Take responsibility for your grades and education.
- Challenge yourself academically. Grades are important, but colleges also pay attention to the difficulty of your classes. Admissions officers may prefer to see a B in AP History or an advanced science class rather than an A in an easier class or elective.
- Know deadlines and meet them! Whether it is a deadline for an entrance test, college application, or financial aid form, you must keep track of these important dates. You will find that each college has different application deadlines, and if you miss a deadline, you may miss out on getting admitted into a college. You may want to record all of the deadlines in a calendar online or on paper.
- Make sure you plan ahead when you ask for recommendation letters from teachers. You need to allow them enough time to prepare a good letter for you. Also, take some time to prepare admissions essays (if applicable). Your admissions essay gives the college a good idea about who you are and what you can do academically.

College Entrance Requirements

North Carolina Community College System

There are 58 community colleges in North Carolina. These colleges maintain an “Open Door” admissions policy. This policy provides for the admission of anyone who is 18 or older or who has attained a high school diploma or its equivalent (GED). Admission to a college does not imply admission to all programs of study, as selected programs have limited enrollment.

Between 2013 and 2015, North Carolina community colleges are implementing a new policy for incoming students. You might be exempt from placement testing and remedial courses if your high school grade point average is 2.6 or above, and you’ve taken appropriate Future-Ready Core courses. ACT or SAT scores might also be considered for exemption:

English

ACT Reading 20 OR English 18
SAT Writing 500 OR Critical Reading 500

Math

ACT Math 22 OR SAT Math 500

For more information, contact the admissions office at the college where you wish to apply.

North Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities

Entrance requirements for North Carolina’s 36 independent colleges and universities vary among institutions.

Prospective students should contact the admissions offices at individual colleges and universities to determine specific entrance requirements. To learn more about independent colleges and universities, go to CFNC.org.

University of North Carolina

UNC is a multi-campus university made up of 16 institutions. There are Minimum Course Requirements (MCR) for undergraduate admission to UNC institutions. Individual campuses may have additional requirements, so be sure to check with institutions you would like to attend. For more information on the UNC MCR, please see our “UNC Minimum Course Requirements” publication, or visit www.northcarolina.edu/aa/admissions/requirements.htm.

To be considered for admission, students will need to submit their scores for the SAT or ACT with the Writing Test. The ACT without the Writing Test will not be accepted.

Minimum Admissions Requirements (MAR) for students entering in Fall 2013 and beyond are 2.5 GPA, 800 SAT, or 17 ACT.

UNC Minimum Course Requirements (MCR)

English	4 course units* emphasizing grammar, composition, and literature	
Math	4 course units in any of these combinations: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Algebra I and II, Geometry, and one unit beyond Algebra IIAlgebra I and II, and two units beyond Algebra IIIntegrated Math I, II, and III, and one unit beyond Integrated Math III	If you complete Algebra I in 8th grade, it counts toward the UNC MCR, but you still need four math courses in 9th-12th grades to meet high school graduation requirements. It is recommended that all students take a mathematics course in the 12th grade.
Foreign Language	2 course units in a language other than English	If you only plan to take two foreign language courses, it’s recommended to take them during 11th and 12th grade.
Science	3 course units in science, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">A unit in a life or biological science, such as biologyA unit in physical science, such as chemistry, physics, or physical scienceA laboratory course	
Social Studies	2 course units in social studies, including one unit in U.S. History	

*“Course units” as defined in these requirements may include those high school-level courses taken and passed by an applicant after graduating from high school as well as those taken while enrolled as a high school student. For some transfer students and students who graduated from high school prior to 1990, special considerations have been made.



Cooperative Innovative High School (Early College High School) Course Planning

Use this **sample outline** to assist in planning courses at your school. Your ECHS may offer and/or recommend different college courses than those suggested here. Please discuss your course selections with your school counselor and your parents each year and choose courses carefully to meet your goals.

YEAR 1

1ST SEMESTER

English I

Integrated Math I

PED 110

Elective

YEAR 1

2ND SEMESTER

Earth Science

World History

ACA 115

Elective

YEAR 2

1ST SEMESTER

English II

Integrated Math II

Elective

Elective

YEAR 2

2ND SEMESTER

Biology

Civics

Elective

Elective

YEAR 3

1ST SEMESTER

ENG 111

Integrated Math III

ART 111

Amer. History I

YEAR 3

2ND SEMESTER

ENG 112

SPA 110

MUS 111

Elective

YEAR 4

1ST SEMESTER

ENG 113

MAT 151

SOC 210

Elective

YEAR 4

2ND SEMESTER

PSY 150

College Course

Elective

Elective

YEAR 5**

1ST SEMESTER

College Course

College Course

College Course

College Course

YEAR 5**

2ND SEMESTER

College Course

College Course

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**Courses in the 5th year are program specific and are based on student program of study (such as a college transfer, Associate's degree, or certificate program). Please consult with your school counselor as to course requirements and options at your Early College High School.

High School Course Planning Grid

Use the sample outline below to plan your high school courses. If you entered high school in Fall 2009 or after and attend a public high school, you will graduate under the Future Ready Course of Study. Check with your school counselor for local graduation requirements and to stay on top of any statewide graduation requirement changes (ncpublicschools.org/curriculum/graduation).

Enter your course plan into Your Plan of Study at CFNC.org, and you'll be able to click on the icon near the top of the page to compare your course plan to admission requirements at any NC college or university. Please keep in mind that meeting minimum admission and course requirements only makes you eligible for admission; it is not guaranteed. The admission process at many campuses is competitive, so you'll want to take challenging courses to improve your options.

Subject	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
English 4 credits	English I	English II	English III	English IV
Math 4 credits	Algebra I OR Integrated Math I	Geometry OR Integrated Math II	Algebra II OR Integrated Math III	4th Math
Science 3 credits	Earth/Environmental Science	Biology	A physical science	
Social Studies 3 credits (class of 2014-2015) 4 credits (class of 2016 and after)	World History	Civics	US History	
	World History	Civics	Amer. History I OR AP US History AND additional SS course	Amer. History II
Health/PE 1 credit		Elective	Elective	Elective
Electives 6 credits total 2 credits (optional) Foreign Language 4 - 6 credits • Career Tech Ed • Arts Ed • JROTC • C & CP • Subject Area	Foreign language is a requirement for UNC admission; NOT a high school graduation requirement			

Electives: 6 elective credits are required—2 from Foreign Language OR Career Tech Ed OR Arts Education AND 4 credits (course concentration recommended) from Career Tech Ed, JROTC, Arts Education, or a subject area

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