

What It Takes

PUBLIC COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

COURSES TO TAKE – Listed in the table below are the courses you must take if you want to go to an Oklahoma state college or university. These courses will also help you prepare for on-the-job success if you decide to jump straight into the job market after high school. Note: Requirements may change, so check with your counselor for details.

Oklahoma's Promise (Oklahoma's Higher Learning Access Program) course requirements are consistent with college admission requirements, except Oklahoma's Promise students must take additional courses. Please see the information about Oklahoma's Promise in the Money for College section for more details.

Suggestion for Success: Colleges and universities also recommend, but do not require, that you take an additional unit in laboratory science, an additional unit in math, plus two units in speech or fine arts (music, art, drama).

Courses	Units	Examples
English	4	grammar, composition and literature
Math	3	Algebra I, Algebra II, geometry, math analysis, trigonometry, pre-calculus, calculus and Advanced Placement statistics
Lab Science	3	biology, chemistry, physics or any lab science certified by school district; general science courses don't qualify
History and Citizenship Skills	3	must include one unit of American history and two units from the subjects of history, economics, geography, government and/or non-Western culture
Other	2	from any of the course units listed above or computer science or foreign language units
Total	15	

GRADES TO MAKE – When you apply for admission to an Oklahoma state college or university, the institution will look at your score on a national test (ACT or SAT); your high school grade point average (GPA) and its ranking within your high school class; and/or your GPA in the 15 core courses required for college entry

Note: Requirements may change, so see your counselor for up-to-date information. Also, if you want to go to a state university but do not meet the course and grade requirements, see your counselor.

OKLAHOMA STATE COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY ADMISSION STANDARDS FOR FALL 2010

College/University	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3 ¹
OSU ²	24 ACT or 1090 SAT	3.0 GPA and rank in top 33% of class	3.0 GPA in 15-unit core and 21 ACT or 980 SAT
OU ³ (OK residents)	24 ACT or 1090 SAT and 3.0 GPA or top 50% of class	3.0 GPA and rank in top 25% of class	3.0 GPA in 15-unit core and 22 ACT or 1020 SAT
University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma	24 ACT or 1090 SAT	3.0 GPA and rank in top 25% of class	3.0 GPA in 15-unit core and 22 ACT or 1020 SAT
All Other Regional Universities	20 ACT or 940 SAT	2.7 GPA and rank in top 50% of class	2.7 GPA in 15-unit core
Community Colleges	No minimum required. You don't need to make certain scores, but you should take required high school classes AND graduate from an accredited high school or have a GED AND take the ACT exam.		

¹Additional weighting (1.0) will be added to GPAs of students who take Advanced Placement and higher-level International Baccalaureate courses.

²A fourth option is available at OSU. Students who score between current OSU admission standards and the minimum State Regents' standards – 22 ACT/1020 SAT or unweighted high school core curriculum GPA of at least 3.0 – may undergo a review of cognitive and non-cognitive factors. Cognitive factors include noted academic admission standards; quality, quantity and level of coursework throughout the entire high school program; completion of a progressively challenging math sequence, demonstrated by performance; and class rank taken in context with academic rigor and class size of high school attended. Non-cognitive factors include positive self-concept, realistic self-appraisal, long-term goals, leadership experience, community and knowledge in an acquired field. Cognitive factors will be weighted at 60 percent and non-cognitive at 40 percent.

³Students meeting the following requirements under each admission option will be placed on a waiting list and evaluated according to stated policy: Option 1–students with the required ACT score but less than a 3.0 GPA and lower than the top 50 percent of the high school class; Option 2–students in the top 26-30 percent of their high school class with at least a 3.0 GPA; and Option 3–all students.

For more information, call the Student Information Hotline at

800.858.1840 (225.9239 in Oklahoma City), e-mail studentinfo@osrhe.edu or visit www.OKcollegestart.org.

INDEPENDENT COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

Course and grade requirements for independent institutions (not tax supported, nonprofit) vary, so check the Independent Institutions section of this guide or see your counselor.