Minimum Requirements for Undergraduate Admission to UNC Institutions

Individual constituent institutions may require other courses in addition to the minimum requirements.

Course Requirements
Effective in Fall 2006
Six course units* in language, including
- Four course units in English, emphasizing grammar, composition, and literature, and
- Two units of a language other than English

Four course units of mathematics, in any of the following combinations**:
- Algebra I and II, geometry, and one unit beyond algebra II
- Algebra I and II, and two units beyond algebra II, or
- Integrated math I, II, and III, and one unit beyond integrated math III
  (The fourth unit of math affects applicants to all institutions except the University of North Carolina School of the Arts.) It is recommended that prospective students take a mathematics course unit in the twelfth grade.

Three course units in science, including
- At least one unit in life or biological science (for example, biology)
- At least one unit in physical science (for example, physical science, chemistry, or physics), and
- At least one laboratory course.

Two course units in social studies, including one unit in U.S. history, but an applicant who does not have the unit in U.S. history may be admitted on the condition that at least three semester hours in that subject will be passed by the end of the sophomore year.

* "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.

** Math Courses with Algebra II as a Prerequisite that meet the new UNC Minimum Course Requirement:
AP Calculus Discrete Mathematics
AP Statistics IB Mathematics Level II
Pre Calculus Integrated Mathematics IV
Advanced Functions and Modeling

GPA and SAT Score Requirements
All applicants for first-time admission as freshmen must meet minimum high school GPA and SAT scores. The minimum combined SAT score (on mathematics and critical reading) for admission is 750 (or a composite ACT of 16.)

The minimum SAT score will increase to 800 (or ACT composite of 17) for students entering in Fall 2013 and beyond.

The minimum high school GPA requirement will increase to 2.3 for students entering in Fall 2011 and will increase again to 2.5 for students entering in Fall 2013 and beyond.