

UNC Minimum Course Requirements (MCR) for High School Students

High school students who plan to transfer to one of the 16 University of North Carolina System institutions must meet minimum course requirements upon the completion of high school. If they did not meet them in high school, they can meet them through the Community College as noted below. Please note that a student who is deficient in one area is deficient in all areas and must meet all area requirements before transferring to a four-year institution.

Students graduating before June 2003 must have completed the following:

- English – four units
- Math – three units – Algebra I, Algebra II, and Geometry or a higher course for which Algebra II is a prerequisite
- Science – three units – including at least one unit in life or biological science (i.e. biology), at least one unit in physical science (i.e. physical science, chemistry, physics), and at least one laboratory course
- Social Studies – two units – including one unit in US history

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- **Foreign Language – two units**

***Students graduating after 2006 must have 4 units of math (a second course for which Algebra II is a pre-requisite).**

Students who have not met MCR requirements must:

- Earn a degree from PCC, **or**
- Meet the six semester hour rule by completing six transferable semester hours in **each** of the following areas: English, math, science, and social sciences (and foreign language if graduating after June 2003).
- ***A student deficient in one area, is deficient in all areas! And, therefore, must fulfill all the above courses requirements.***
- Exceptions are granted to those who graduated from high school prior to 1990 with no college record.
- Students older than 24 years of age are not covered under the MCR at some UNC institutions.