Minimum Academic Preparation Standards (MAPS) outline courses that students must successfully complete in high school in order to become a strong candidate for admission to the University of Colorado. MAPS credits satisfy the minimum academic standard and also prepare students for college-level courses. Students who have not completed all of the MAPS must still complete them before attaining a college degree. Each University of Colorado (CU) campus has undergraduate colleges and schools that require specific MAPS for admission.

Students who do not meet all of the MAPS are not automatically denied admission into CU; each campus has a policy on deficiencies. In all cases, students must select courses in the university that will satisfy any MAPS deficiency. Students may also satisfy MAPS with: successful completion of courses taken at other institutions of higher education, additional high school credits, credit by examination, and/or fulfilling other alternative requirements as approved by each college. Please note that students must fulfill the Higher Education Admission Requirements (HEAR) mandated by the Colorado Department of Higher Education to be eligible to attend any public four-year college or university in Colorado. A limited number of students who have not met HEAR or possess an index score ten points below an institution’s minimum may be admitted through an admissions window. If you have any questions regarding the admissions process and/or MAPS, please contact the campus Admissions Offices.

**Tip #1: College Planning**

Become familiar with GPA’s, required courses, and extracurricular activities needed for admission to the colleges of your choice. Find a college major you are interested in. Consider where and what type of academic program, extracurricular activities offered, and enrollment count that fits your preference.

**Tip #2: Coursework**

Challenge yourself with rigorous courses during high school. Higher-level courses will better prepare you for college. Remember, you should also select classes that allow you to academically perform to your greatest ability. It is important to balance challenging coursework with your ability to earn a high GPA.

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**Footnotes**

1) 1 unit is equal to a full year of high school study.
2) The College of Nursing at Anschutz Medical Campus has the same requirements as the College of Arts and Sciences at the Denver Campus.

**English**

- a) Includes 2 years of composition.
- b) Includes 2 years of composition, 1 year of speech or debate is strongly recommended.

**Mathematics**

- c) Includes at least 2 years of algebra and 1 year of geometry.
- d) Includes at least 2 years of algebra, 1 year of geometry, and 1 year of college preparatory mathematics, (i.e., trigonometry, analytic geometry, or elementary functions).
- e) Includes at least 2 years of algebra, 1 year of geometry, and at least 1 year of college preparatory mathematics, which must include trigonometry, analytic geometry, and elementary functions. Prospective engineering students are encouraged to complete all the algebra, geometry, and trigonometry before attempting any course in pre-calculus.

**Natural Sciences**

- f) Includes physics and/or biology.
- g) Includes 2 years of laboratory science, 1 of which must be in either physics or chemistry.

**Social Sciences**

- h) Includes 1 year of physics and 1 year of biology or 2 years of chemistry and 1 year of physics or biology or 2 years of biology and 1 year of chemistry or physics.
- i) Includes 1 year of U.S. or world history and 1 year of geography. For students who use U.S. history to meet the history requirement, the geography requirement may be met with a half-year course in geography combined with a half-year course in world history.

**Foreign Languages (FL)**

- j) All units must be in a single FL.
- k) 3 units in a single FL or 2 units in each of two separate FLs.

**Academic Electives**

- l) 1 year of academic elective.
- m) 1 year in the arts.
- n) 1 year of academic elective including courses in English, foreign language, mathematics, natural or social sciences.
- o) 1 year of academic elective. Students are urged to select communication courses (i.e., speech, debate, theatre).