Policy Title: University of Colorado Guidelines Minimum Academic Preparation Standards (MAPS) for Undergraduate Admission

APS Number: 8013  APS Functional Area: STUDENTS

Brief Description: Provides minimum updated admissions guidelines requirements for undergraduate admission to the university.

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Supersedes: N/A Minimum Academic Preparation Standards (MAPS) for Undergraduate Admission, September 14, 2018

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Applies to: All campuses

Reason for Policy: Provides guidelines for minimum requirements for undergraduate admission to the University of Colorado.

I. INTRODUCTION

This policy provides the guidelines minimum standards for undergraduate admission to the University of Colorado. Previously, the University of Colorado Board of Regents adopted minimum academic preparation standards (MAPS) were adopted by the Board of Regents on January 19, 1984, which were amended on January 24, 2008, and moved to an administrative policy statement (APS8013-Minimum Academic Preparation Standards (MAPS) for Undergraduate Admission) effective September 14, 2018. Upon Regent request in Fall 2021, the campuses re-examined the MAPS policy and recommended changes captured in this APS. Campuses will set the effective date for these changes based on their calendars, but no sooner than the approval date of this APS.

The goal of admission recommendations and requirements is to assure, as much as possible, the student’s potential for completing a bachelor’s degree at the University of Colorado in their stated area of interest.

II. POLICY STATEMENT

A. All students graduating from high school, regardless of graduation year, in 2010 or later and applying to undergraduate programs of the University of Colorado are strongly encouraged to meet the following recommendations (based on the Spring 2022 Colorado Higher Education Admissions Recommendations (HEAR)) must meet the following universitywide minimum academic preparation standards:
### Academic Area Recommendation

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<td>English*</td>
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<td>Mathematics (Must include Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II or equivalents)**</td>
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<td>Natural/Physical Sciences (two units must be lab-based)**</td>
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<td>Social Sciences (at least one unit of U.S. or world history)</td>
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<td>World/Foreign Language***</td>
<td>1 year</td>
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<td>Academic Electives****</td>
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*Two units of ESL English may count for these recommendations when combined with two units of successfully completed college preparatory English.

**College-preparatory ESL mathematics/science courses that include content and academic rigor/level comparable to other acceptable courses may satisfy these recommendations.

***American Sign Language (ASL) courses can count toward the World/Foreign Language recommendation.

****Acceptable academic electives include additional courses in English, mathematics, natural/physical sciences and social, foreign languages, art, music, journalism, drama, computer science, honors, Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate courses, and appropriate CTE courses.

- 4 years of English (with emphasis on composition);
- 4 years of mathematics, of which three must be at the college preparatory level, and only one of which may be business or consumer mathematics;
- 3 years of natural science (including one year of laboratory science);
- 2 years of social science (including one year of United States or world history); and
- 2 years of a single foreign language.

### B.
Students without a high school diploma must provide a high school equivalency exam score. Institutions shall accept General Education Development (GED) versions 1988, 2002, 2014 and any other state approved exam. This route to admission is available only to students without a high school diploma. Meeting minimum required scores on these exams does not guarantee admission. See CCHE Admissions Standards Policy, Section 4.01.04.

### B.C.
Along with these recommendations, individual schools and colleges may develop and impose additional admission standards recommendations that exceed the above minimum academic preparation standards.

### C.
Students graduating from high school in 2010 or later who do not meet the full academic preparation standards may be admitted to the University of Colorado under special circumstances, provided that they meet other admission standards (e.g., test scores, rank in high school class, experience) and provided that they make up any deficiencies in the minimum academic preparation standards prior to graduation from the University of Colorado.

### D.
Students who do not satisfy these recommendations may, under specific review of the schools, colleges, and campuses, still be admitted.

### E.
Individual campuses may determine whether to waive graduation requirements based on MAPS deficiencies (for students previously admitted under MAPS).

### D.F.
The University of Colorado will publicize its minimum academic preparation standards admissions guidelines throughout the state of Colorado and in other appropriate geographic locations to assure that all prospective students are informed.

### III. HISTORY

- Adopted: September 14, 2018 (replaces the old Regent Policy 7.A: Minimum Academic Preparation Standards for Undergraduate Admission (MAPS) which was rescinded on September 14, 2018).
- Revised: N/A June 1, 2022 (Pending)
- Last Revised: September 14, 2018 June 1, 2022 (Pending).