

HIGH SCHOOL PREPARATION REQUIREMENTS

MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

Students seeking admission to a Minnesota State University must complete the following curriculum in grades 9-12:

- **4 years of English**
- **3 years of math** to include 2 years of algebra and 1 year of geometry
- **3 years of science** to include 1 year each of a physical and natural science, and at least 1 year with significant laboratory experience
- **3 years of social studies** to include 1 year each of U.S. History and geography
- **3 years of specified electives** chosen from at least 2 of the following:
 - *World Language (including non-English native languages and American Sign Language)
 - World Culture (including world cultures, area studies, and cultural or ethnic studies)
 - The Arts (including visual arts and the performing arts of theatre, music, dance, and media arts)
- **2 years of a single world language**, including non-English native languages and American Sign Language
- 1 year of visual and performing arts

Students may be deficient in 1-2 of these subjects and still be admitted. They, however, would have to take work in the subject at the University and receive no college credit for it. Check with the Admissions Offices for additional information.

THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Students seeking admission to the University of Minnesota must complete the following curriculum in grades 9-12:

- **Four years of English**, with emphasis on writing, including instruction in reading and speaking skills and in literary understanding and appreciation;
- **Three years of mathematics**, to include 2 years of algebra and one year of geometry (four years of math is required for the Carlson School of Management, College of Biological Science and the Institute of Technology);
- **Three years of science**, including one year each of biological and physical science;
- **Three years of social studies**, including U.S. history;
- **Two years of a single second language** (College of Liberal Arts requires three years or more);
- **One year of visual and/or performing arts**, e.g. theater arts, music, band, chorus, orchestra, drawing, painting, photography, graphic design, etc.

Please note the following:

- Students in Special Education may be exempt at certain colleges and universities from the requirements above.
- Some students will have completed most of their math requirement by the time they enter high school.
- Highly selective private colleges may require more college prep courses than the University of Minnesota or the state university system.
- Some private and public colleges require chemistry or physics as a third year science.

Specific course requirements for a particular school are available in College/University Catalogs in the College & Career Center, on the college/university website or by calling the Admissions Office of a school.