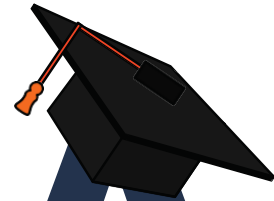


# ALL ABOUT GPA





# There Are Three Types of GPA:

- ✓ Unweighted GPA
  - ✓ Weighted GPA
  - ✓ Core GPA
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# Unweighted and Weighted

Unweighted GPA - Grade point average without bonus points; maximum is 4.0

Weighted GPA - Grade point average with bonus points; maximum is 6.0



# Grade Point Average

Grade point average (GPA) may be required for any of the following:

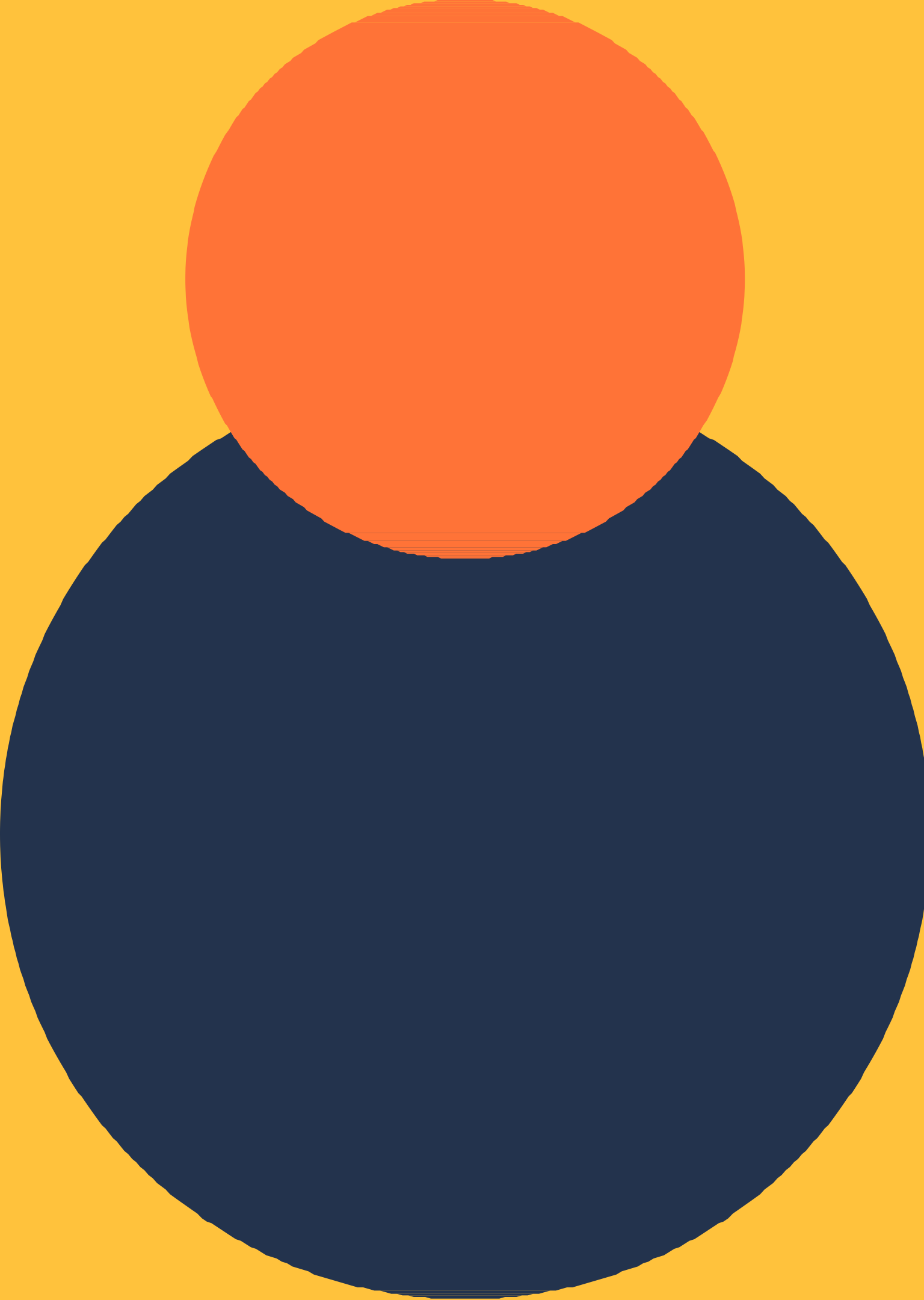
- The required GPA for **high school graduation** is a 2.0.
- **Rank in class** uses a weighted GPA.
- **Eligibility to participate** in interscholastic extracurricular activities
- **Academic recognition programs**
- **Placement on the honor roll and/or memberships in honor societies**
- **College admission and scholarships**



# Grade Point Average

## Weighting of Assigned Grade

Letter Grades	Grade Points	BONUS POINTS		
		Honors/ Pre-AICE/ Pre-IB	Advanced Placement	International Baccalaureate/Advanced International Certificate of Education
A	4	1	2	2
B	3	1	2	2
C	2	1	1	1
D	1	0	0	0
F	0	0	0	0



# Unweighted GPA

**Grade Point Average**  
**Without Bonus Points**

# GPA Is a Graduation Requirement



24 credit option minimum GPA is a 2.0.

18 Credit ACCEL option minimum GPA is a 2.0.

# Minimum Unweighted GPA Is Required for:

## Dual Enrollment - FIU

### Eligibility Requirements

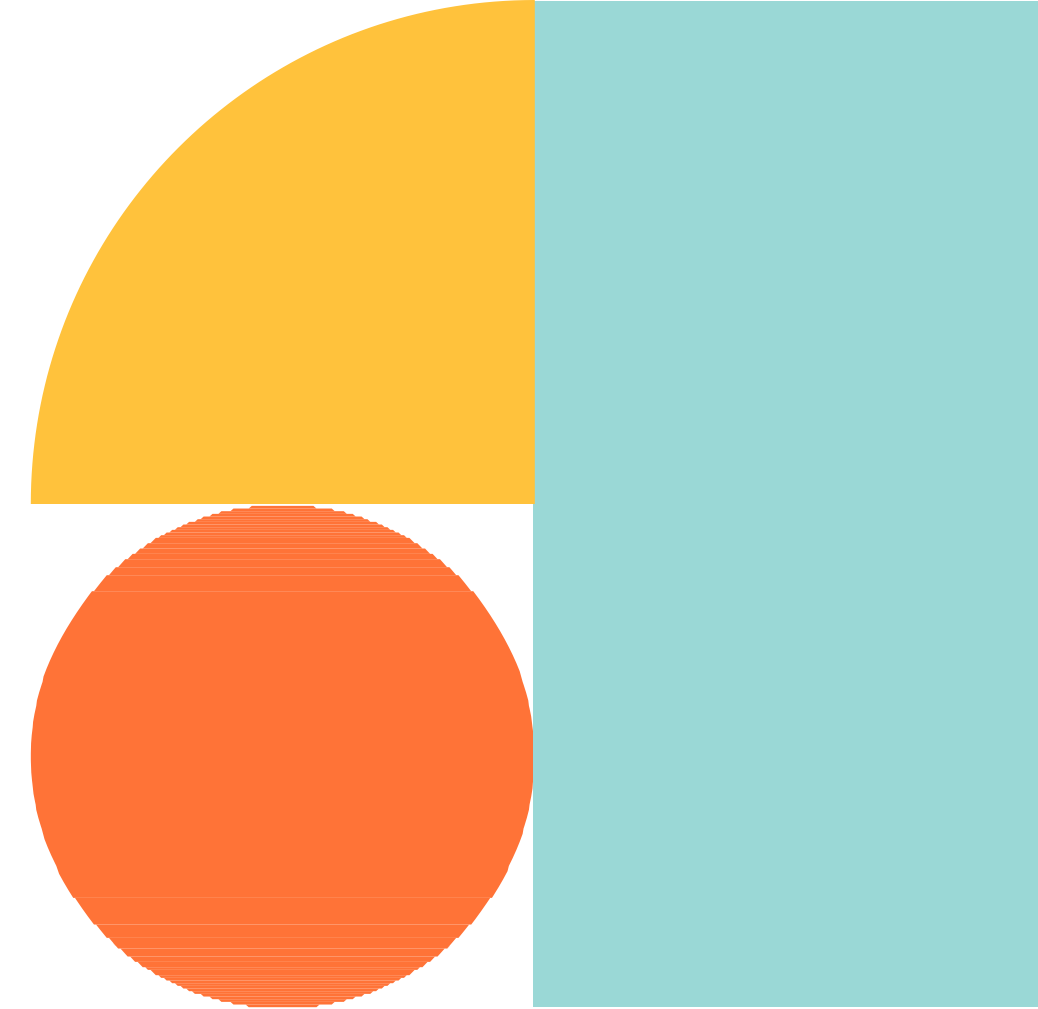
In order to enroll in **on-campus**, **at-high school** or **online** dual enrollment courses, students must meet the following Initial eligibility requirements:

- Be a student enrolled in a partner Florida public, charter or private school or home school course of study that fulfills requirements for high school graduation
- Have a 3.0 unweighted high school GPA
- Meet minimum score on a common placement test adopted by the [Florida State Board of Education](#) and the [Florida Board of Governor Postsecondary College-Level Preparatory Testing](#) standard scores which indicate that the student is ready for college-level work
- Home education student must provide proof of enrollment in home education program and be registered with M-DCPS, or Broward County Home School Office
- Meet any additional criteria set by FIU as the post-secondary institution

Students interested in the **Full-Time/Dual Enrollment Early Admission** program must meet the following requirements:



- Be a rising senior in a partner Florida public, charter or private school or home school course of study that fulfills requirements for high school graduation
- Have a minimum 3.5 unweighted high school GPA
- Have approval from a high school Counselor and Principal or Home School Liaison
- Have a minimum SAT score of 1200 (combined Verbal, Math, and Writing) or a minimum ACT composite score of 25
- Home education student must provide proof of enrollment in home education program and be registered with M-DCPS, or Broward County Home School Office.
- Meet any additional criteria set by FIU as the post-secondary institution.






# Minimum Unweighted GPA Is Required for:

## Dual Enrollment - MDC

### Eligibility

Students in grades 6-12 who are enrolled in Miami Dade County public schools, participating private and charter schools, or home school are eligible to participate in the MDC dual enrollment program.

#### Students must have:

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- A minimum 3.0 high school unweighted grade point average (GPA)
  - Passed the appropriate **Reading and Writing** sections of the College's Basic Skills Assessment placement test (ACCUPLACER or PERT), or submitted adequate SAT/ACT scores ([See additional information - Procedures for Testing and Placement Criteria for Dual Enrollment Students](#) and [College Ready Placement Test Scores](#)).
  - Permission from the parent/guardian, school principal and counselor
  - Met with the College dual enrollment coordinator at the campus he/she plans to attend
  - An understanding that the amount of work necessary to succeed in dual enrollment courses will be greater than in high school courses

Note: Students participating in dual enrollment must earn a grade of "C" or higher in their college-level courses and maintain a 3.0 GPA in high school to continue participation. Students whose College GPA falls below 2.0 are ineligible to continue dual enrollment. Students may lose eligibility if they are disruptive to the learning process.

The only exception to the required GPA is for Student Life Skills (SLS) courses that help students make the transition to college, provide orientation to college life and help develop academic, career, and personal goals. To enroll in SLS courses, students must have a minimum 2.50 high school weighted GPA. Although no specific scores are required, students must be assessed and have valid ACCUPLACER, PERT, ACT or SAT scores.



# Minimum Unweighted GPA Is Required for:

**Florida Seal of Biliteracy Program:** [\[Florida Statutes § 1003.432\]](#)

The Florida Seal of Biliteracy Program is established to recognize a high school graduate who has attained a high level of competency in listening, speaking, reading, and writing in one or more foreign languages in addition to English by the award of a silver or gold seal on a standard high school diploma.

- The **Florida Gold Seal of Biliteracy** - Awarded to students who attained a high level of competency in listening, speaking, reading and writing in one or more foreign languages, in addition to English, earned four foreign language credits in the same foreign language with a 3.0 GPA or higher on a 4.0 scale and Level 4 or higher on the Grade 10 English Language Arts (ELA) Florida Standards Assessment (FSA), or earn a score or performance level on any of the examinations approved by the state, or demonstrated language proficiency through maintenance of a portfolio of language performance.
- The **Florida Silver Seal of Biliteracy** - Awarded to students who attained a high level of competency in listening, speaking, reading and writing in one or more foreign languages, in addition to English, and earned four foreign language credits in the same foreign language with a 3.0 GPA or higher on a 4.0 scale, or earn a score or performance level on any of the examinations approved by the state, or demonstrated language proficiency through maintenance of a portfolio of language performance.

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# Weighted GPA

**Grade Point Average**  
**With Bonus Points**

# Weighted GPA Is Used for:

## Rank in class:

The grade point average used for determining the rank in class for students includes grades from all courses in which credits have been earned for high school graduation and the first semester of the students' final year. Bonus points are applied to grades earned in individual courses prior to the calculation of the weighted GPA.

**Academic Recognition of High School Graduates:** The following honor designations are used by Miami-Dade County Public Schools for academic recognition of high school graduates. The criteria for academic recognition are based on a weighted GPA.

**Cum Laude:** the upper 15% of the graduating class, excluding the Summa and Magna Cum Laude students, **using a weighted GPA** or students who have a **4.0 GPA** or higher.

**Magna Cum Laude:** the upper 10% of the graduating class, excluding the Summa Cum Laude students, **using a weighted GPA**.

**Summa Cum Laude:** the upper 5% of the graduating class **using a weighted GPA**.





# Weighted GPA Is Used for:

**Superintendent's Diploma of Distinction:** In addition to the State's high school diploma options, M-DCPS offers students the opportunity to obtain the Superintendent's Diploma of Distinction. This diploma is awarded to students who meet the requirements of the standard diploma and:

- Complete an academically rigorous program of study, including at least four honors, Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE), International Studies (IS), and/or dual Enrollment courses;
- Complete a 75-hour community service project or work hours; and
- **Earn a 3.5 weighted GPA** by the end of the first semester of the senior year with no final grades reflected on the transcript less than a "C."



**Miami Dade College**

**American  
Dream  
SCHOLARSHIP**

**An American Dream Come True**

The American Dream Scholarship helps the dream of higher education become a reality. This scholarship picks up where other aid and scholarships leave off, ensuring that bright, qualified students have the means to continue their education.

The scholarship is made possible by the generosity of members of the Greater Miami community. These benefactors recognize the importance of a college education and are pleased to support the quality education offered by MDC.

- Cumulative **weighted high school GPA >3.00**
- If students do not meet the college-readiness requirement via testing, they can qualify if they have a cumulative weighted High School GPA of 3.5 or greater.



# Core GPA

A Core GPA is based on the grades earned in a particular group of core academic courses. Usually these courses include English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, and Foreign Language courses.

**Core GPAs are recalculated for:**

- Bright Futures Scholarship
- State University System (SUS)
- National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA)

# Bright Futures

Evaluation for Bright Futures includes an unrounded, weighted high school GPA in the 16 college-preparatory credits.

- 4 – English (*three must include substantial writing*)**
- 4 – Mathematics (*at or above Algebra 1 level*)**
- 3 – Natural Sciences (*two must have substantial laboratory*)**
- 3 – Social Sciences**
- 2 – World Languages (*sequential, in the same language*)**

**Bright Futures Student Handbook 2021-22**

<https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/PDF/BFHandbookChapter1.pdf>





# Bright Futures Calculates a Weighted GPA as Follows:

Evaluation for Bright Futures includes an unrounded, weighted high school GPA in the 16 college-preparatory credits. The following courses are **weighted .25 per semester course or .50 per year course in the calculation of the GPA:**

- Advanced Placement (AP)
- Pre-International Baccalaureate (Pre-IB)
- International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Honors
- Pre-Advanced International Certificate of Education (Pre-AICE)
- Advanced International Certificate Education (AICE) or
- Academic Dual Enrollment

Ex: "A" = 4 points for an un-weighted course – an "A" would equal 4.5 quality points for a weighted course.

**Bright Futures Student Handbook 2021-22**

<https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/PDF/BFHandbookChapter1.pdf>

# Core NCAA GPA

The NCAA Eligibility Center calculates your grade point average based only on grades you earned in NCAA approved core courses.

- Division I requires a minimum 2.3 GPA.
- Division II requires a minimum 2.2 GPA.

## Division I Core Courses

4 years of English  
3 years of Mathematics (Algebra 1 or higher)  
2 years of Natural Science (including 1 year of lab if offered)  
1 year of additional English, Math or Natural Science  
2 years Social Sciences  
4 years additional courses in any of the areas listed above, foreign language or comparative religion/philosophy

## Division II Core Courses

3 years of English  
2 years of Mathematics (Algebra 1 or higher)  
2 years of Natural Science (including 1 year of lab if offered)  
3 year of additional English, Math or Natural Science  
2 years Social Sciences  
4 years additional courses in any of the areas listed above, foreign language or comparative religion/philosophy



# Core NCAA GPA

## Weighted Grades

NCAA rules state that weighted grades may be used by the Eligibility Center under the following conditions:

1. Weighting may be applied to courses whose titles indicate they are honors, AP/IB or advanced (such as Pre-AP/Pre-IB).
2. A maximum of 1.00 quality point may be assigned.
3. The weighted grades are calculated as part of the student's overall grade-point average.

**Note:** Weighted grades that are used only for class rank and do not factor into a student's overall grade-point average cannot be used by the Eligibility Center.



# State University System (SUS)

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Admission into Florida's public universities is competitive. Prospective students should complete a rigorous course of study in high school and apply to more than one university to increase their chance for acceptance. To qualify to enter one of Florida's public universities, a first-time-in-college student must meet the following minimum requirements (credit earned by industry certification does not count for SUS admission):

- High school graduation with a standard diploma, a minimum of a 2.5 GPA, and admission test scores meeting minimum college-ready test scores per Board of Governors (BOG) Regulation 6.008
- 16 credits of approved college preparatory academic courses per BOG Regulation 6.002
- 4 English (3 with substantial writing)
- 4 Mathematics (Algebra 1 level and above)
- 3 Natural Science (2 with substantial lab)
- 3 Social Science
- 2 World Language (sequential, in the same language or other equivalents)
- 2 approved electives

[State University System of Florida](https://www.flstate.edu/sus/)

# Your GPA Is Very Important!

