

Please refer to the online curriculum guide for course descriptions found on the PTHS website, located under the For Students tab on the PTHS webpage.

Recommended Courses for College Admissions

Students and parents must begin early to consider the general requirements for college admission. Admission requirements will vary for institution to institution. Applicants should contact each college or university individually for details about all of its requirements. The following high school subjects have been outlined for students planning to attend an Illinois state-supported four-year university or a public community college with the intent to transfer to a four-year college.

- English – four years, emphasizing written and oral communication and literature
- Social Studies – three years, emphasizing history and government
- Mathematics – three years, including Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II/Trigonometry
- Science – three years, such as Biology, Chemistry, Earth Science and Physics
- Electives – two years, such as foreign language, music, or art

Some colleges such as the University of Illinois require at least two years of the same foreign language for admission, and many of those that do not have specific admission requirements in language, do require foreign language to earn a bachelor's degree.

Potential College Athletes

The NCAA eligibility standards for Division 1 athletes require students to have 16 core courses completed by graduation:

- 4 years English
- 3 years math (Algebra 1 or higher)
- 2 years natural/physical science
- 2 years of social science
- 5 years of additional English, math, natural/physical science, or foreign language

NCAA Approved PTHS Core Courses...

English

English I, II, III, AP
English Literature
Composition II
Contemporary Lit
Introduction to Speech
College Writing
Rhetoric I, II, III (Honors)

Social Studies

Global Studies
Illinois Studies
World Geography
US History
AP US History
International Relations
Psychology
Sociology
Economics
Civics

Mathematics

Algebra I
Geometry
Algebra II
Algebra II / Trig
Pre-Calculus
AP Statistics
AP Calculus

Science

General Science
Biology
Earth Science
Chemistry
AP Chemistry
Anatomy / Physiology
AP Biology
Physics
Environmental Science

Lang / Cultures

Spanish I, II, III, AP