

## Higher Education Admission Requirements (HEAR)

In 2003, the Colorado Commission on Higher Education (CCHE) adopted the Higher Education Admission Requirements (HEAR) which are entry requirements for students planning to attend any of Colorado's public four-year colleges or universities. Private colleges and universities set their own admission standards, so students should contact those institutions directly for information regarding their enrollment policies. Additionally, public two-year colleges have open enrollment policies, meaning that students applying to these schools do not need to meet the following admissions requirements.

Students planning to attend a four-year college or university in Colorado will need to complete the following classes in order to fulfill HEAR. In addition to HEAR, students must also meet the [Admission Eligibility Index](#).

Meeting HEAR does not guarantee admission to a four-year public institution. Colleges and universities may have additional requirements. (Some universities require completion of Level 2 or 3 of a World Language. Check the admissions criteria of the universities you are considering.)

<b>Academic Area*</b>	<b>2010+ Graduates</b>
English**	4 years
Mathematics (Must include Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II or equivalents)***	4 years
Natural/Physical Sciences (two units must be lab-based)***	3 years
Social Sciences (at least one unit of U.S. or world history)	3 years
Foreign Language	1 year
Academic Electives****	2 years

\* CCHE, CDE, and School Districts are developing standards for alternative demonstration of proficiency to be accepted in lieu of course completion. For course guidelines see paragraph 4.01 of the [Admissions Standards Policy](#).

\*\*Two units of ELL English may count for HEAR requirements when combined with two units of successfully completed college preparatory English.

\*\*\*College-preparatory ELL mathematics/science courses that include content and academic rigor/level comparable to other acceptable courses may satisfy HEAR requirements.

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

*Please note: Private colleges and colleges outside of Colorado may have different admission requirements than described above.*