

REQUIRED HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM (RHSC)

RHSC Requirements

Students for admission to associate or bachelor degree programs who have not been out of high school for over five years must meet the following requirements of the Required High School Curriculum:

ENGLISH: Four (4) Carnegie units of college preparatory English, including Literature (American, English, World) integrated with grammar, usage and advanced composition skills.

MATHEMATICS: Four (4) units of mathematics, including Algebra I, Algebra II, and Geometry, and a mathematics course completed at the level of Math 3 or higher.

SCIENCE: Four (4) units of science, with at least one laboratory course from the life sciences and one laboratory course from the physical sciences. The RHSC science coursework must include at least one (1) unit of biology, one (1) unit of physical science or physics, and one (1) unit of chemistry, earth systems, environmental science, or an advanced placement science course. Students satisfying the 4th unit of science requirement with a computer science course may not use that same computer science course towards satisfying the foreign language/American Sign Language/Computer Science requirement.

SOCIAL SCIENCE: Three (3) units of social science, with at least one (1) course focusing on United States studies and one (1) course focusing on world studies.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE: Two (2) units in the same foreign language emphasizing speaking, listening, reading, and writing. Two (2) units of American Sign Language or two (2) units of Computer Science (with an emphasis on coding and programming) may be used to satisfy this requirement. Students satisfying this requirement through the computer science option may not use the same courses to satisfy the 4th science unit. Both foreign language units must be in the same language.

RHSC Deficiencies

An entering freshman's high school transcript is evaluated at the time of admission for the possibility of RHSC deficiencies. Students who are admitted to GHC with RHSC deficiencies must complete requirements according to the following guidelines.

ENGLISH: Students admitted with fewer than the four required units of English must pass ENGL 1101 to satisfy the deficiency. For students transferring from a SACSCOC accredited Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) college, comparable scores or course credit from the TCSG college may be used according to guidelines issued by the Executive Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs of the University System of Georgia.

MATHEMATICS: Students admitted with fewer than the four required units of mathematics and without transfer credit for MATH 1001, MATH 1111, or MATH 1113 must pass MATH 1001 or MATH 1111 to satisfy the deficiency. For students transferring from a SACSCOC accredited TCSG college, comparable scores or course credit from the TCSG college may be used according to guidelines issued by the Executive Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs of the University System of Georgia.

SCIENCE: Students admitted with fewer than the four required units of science must take a credit course in a laboratory science chosen from the approved laboratory sciences in Area D of the Core Curriculum (<http://catalog.highlands.edu/core-curriculum/>).

SOCIAL SCIENCE: Students admitted with fewer than the three required units of social science must complete one additional three or four semester hour credit course from the approved social science courses in Area E of the Core Curriculum (<http://catalog.highlands.edu/core-curriculum/>). POLS 1101 may not be taken to satisfy the deficiency.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE: Students with fewer than two units of the same foreign language must complete one introductory foreign language course.

Entering freshmen must complete any required high school curriculum deficiency requirements in foreign language, social science, or natural science by the time they have earned 30 semester hours of credit and must earn a minimum grade of C in the course. Transfer students from outside of the University System of Georgia who accumulate 30 or more semester hours of college-level credit in the institution before completing all RHSC requirements may not register for other courses unless they also register for the appropriate deficiency course or courses. This requirement also applies to those students in two-year degree programs that lead to baccalaureate degrees.