

Washington State Graduation Requirements
And
Minimum Requirements for Colleges

Does your state high school offer enough math, science, and literature classes to meet state college requirements?

As the table shows, state requirements in English, math, social studies, and world language fall short of the minimum requirements for colleges and universities.

Some schools have the resources to offer the additional courses to make up what's missing; others don't. Also, the need to take remediation courses may not allow some students to attain the additional courses needed to satisfy college requirements. Students must make these courses up in college.

Source: Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI), Graduation Requirements: Credit Requirements
<http://www.k12.wa.us/graduationrequirements/CreditReq.aspx>

Subject	Minimum state graduation requirements	Minimum requirements for your school district*	Minimum requirements for public, four-year colleges and universities**	Recommended courses for highly selective colleges and universities
English	3 credits		4 years	4 years
Math	2 credits		3 years***	3-4 years***
Science (one must be a lab)	2 credits		2 years	3-4 years
Social Studies (including U.S. and Washington state history)	2.5 credits		3 years	3-4 years
World language (same language)	0 credits		2 years	3-4 years
Visual or performing arts	1 credit		1 year	2-3 years
Health and fitness	2 credits		* Your school's requirements may be higher than the state minimums.	
Occupational education	1 credit		** Students must have a minimum 2.00 grade point average.	
Electives	5.5 credits		*** Must be Algebra II or higher.	
Total	19 credits			