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Qualified Admissions Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How does the new Qualified Admissions criteria compare to the current Qualified Admissions criteria?

A: Qualified Admissions criteria for those pursuing postsecondary admission at a Kansas public university summer 2021 or later focuses on cumulative GPA and/or ACT score. GPA and ACT score criteria vary across institutions and are outlined below. The curriculum units previously required and considered in the Qualified Admissions criteria will no longer be required.

Criteria per institution:

- Emporia State University, Fort Hays State University, Pittsburg State University, and Wichita State University will require an ACT score of 21+ **OR** a cumulative 2.25+ GPA.
- Kansas State University will require an ACT score of 21+ **OR** a cumulative 3.25+ GPA.
- The University of Kansas will require an ACT score of 21+ **AND** a cumulative 3.25+ GPA or an ACT score of 24+ **AND** a cumulative 3.0+ GPA.

***For all institutions, a cumulative 2.0+ GPA is required for any college courses taken while in high school.

This [document \(pdf\)](#) shows a side-by-side comparison of the current Qualified Admissions Criteria and those anticipated to go into effect for those entering a university summer 2021 or later.

Q: What does “Units (but not specific courses) are recommended; units are not required” mean in terms of the new Qualified Admissions criteria?

A: The new Qualified Admissions criteria *recommends* units that align with a pre-college curriculum: 4 units of English, 3-4 units of mathematics, 3 units of natural science (including 1 unit in chemistry or physics), 3 units of social science, and 3 electives. Previously, these units were required. *Answer continues on the next page.*

Students seeking postsecondary admission summer 2021 or later will likely be best prepared by taking this curriculum, but it will no longer be required for Qualified Admissions consideration.

Q: For Qualified Admissions criteria, are certain high school courses required?

A: For Qualified Admissions, no, certain courses/units are no longer required, but a pre-college curriculum is still recommended: 4 units of English, 3-4 units of mathematics, 3 units of natural science (including 1 unit in chemistry or physics), 3 units of social science, and 3 electives.

Students will need to complete the graduation requirements set by the Kansas Board of Education, and those students who plan to pursue postsecondary education summer 2021 or later will likely be best prepared by taking the suggested pre-college curriculum.

Q: Now that certain units or courses are not required for Qualified Admissions, does this mean high school students can take whatever courses they would like?

A: No, students will need to complete the graduation requirements set by the Kansas Board of Education, and those students who plan to pursue postsecondary education summer 2021 or later will likely be best prepared by taking the suggested pre-college curriculum: 4 units of English, 3-4 units of mathematics, 3 units of natural science (including 1 unit in chemistry or physics), 3 units of social science, and 3 electives.

Q: For what high school graduating class will the new Qualified Admissions criteria apply?

A: The new criteria apply to those graduating in 2021 entering a university summer 2021 or later.

Q: Will the Kansas Scholars Curriculum be changing?

A: No, the Kansas Scholars Curriculum will remain the same. View the [curriculum](#).

Q: How is the recommended Qualified Admissions pre-college curriculum different from the Kansas Scholars Curriculum?

A: The recommended pre-college curriculum should be considered by any student planning to pursue postsecondary education after graduating from high school. *Answer continues on the next page.*

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This curriculum will help students be prepared for the coursework they will experience at the postsecondary level.

The recommended pre-college curriculum includes 4 units of English, 3-4 units of mathematics, 3 units of natural science (including 1 unit in chemistry or physics), 3 units of social science, and 3 electives.

Alternatively, the [Kansas Scholars Curriculum](#) is one of the requirements for a student to be designated a state scholar and qualify to apply for the Kansas State Scholarship, which assists financially needy students in the top 20%-30% of Kansas high school graduates with the designation.

The Kansas Scholars Curriculum includes 4 units of English, 4 units of mathematics (completion of Algebra I in 8th grade is acceptable), 3 units of science, 3 units of social studies, and 2 years of at least one language.

Other requirements for Kansas State Scholar designation include:

- having taken the ACT between April of the sophomore year and December of the senior year
- being a Kansas resident; and
- submitting the required curriculum and 7th semester GPA certified on the official roster by the high school counselor, registrar, or similar official.

Q: If I have questions about the new Qualified Admissions criteria, who should I contact?

A: You may email Sam Christy-Dangermond at the Kansas Board of Regents:
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