



Illinois Board of Higher Education

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Illinois Public University Provosts

FROM: Stephanie Bernoteit, Executive Deputy Director

DATE: April 23, 2021

RE: Public Act 101-0654

In accordance with the amended statute (Public Act 101-0654) listed below, IBHE has provided a template to gather the required and recommended courses for 2021-2022 undergraduate admissions as stated in your university's policy and used in the admissions process. Above and beyond the course requirements and recommendations for general admissions, please provide any programs/majors/departments/colleges **that have additional requirements and recommendations** stated in policy and used in the undergraduate admissions process. Please include reference as to where the requirements or recommendations can be found (i.e., catalog or website). Also, list all required and recommended courses for admissions that you **will add** for the 2022-2023 academic year. **Please return the survey by May 28, 2021** to Gretchen Lohman at lohman@ibhe.org and contact her if you have questions.

Legislation: Amends the School Code and the Board of Higher Education Act (Public Act 101-0654)

(110 ILCS 205/9.40 new) Sec. 9.40. Review of university admission coursework.

- (a) On or before May 1, 2021 and as needed thereafter, the Board of Higher Education shall compile a review that identifies, for each public university in this State, all courses the university will require or recommend a high school student take to be admitted to the university as an undergraduate for the following school year. The review shall also include any required coursework or recommended coursework for undergraduate admission into a specific academic major, college, or department of the university for the following school year. In order to allow public school districts, sufficient time to fulfill their obligations under subsection (c) of Section 2-3.183 of the School Code, the review must also identify any new courses that each public university in this State will add to the review the following year. No new required or recommended coursework may be added to a review that has not been identified in the previous year's review. (b) The Board of Higher Education shall make the review compiled under subsection (a) available to the public on its Internet website. (c) The Board of Higher Education may adopt any rules necessary to implement this Section.

Public University: NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

General Admission

Course Requirements

All applicants must have successfully completed the following high school courses (one unit equals one year).

-English: Four units (three of which must be courses emphasizing written and oral communication and literature).

-Mathematics: Three to four units of college preparatory mathematics, including one year of geometry and one year of advanced algebra and/or trigonometry.

-Science: Two to three units (two of which must be courses in the physical or biological sciences). One unit must be a laboratory science.

-Social Studies: Two to three units (one of which must be U.S. history or a combination of U.S. history and government).

-Foreign Language, Art, Music or Vocational Education: One to two units (one of which must be course work in foreign language, art, or music).

-Additional Coursework: Up to three units of the required fifteen may be distributed throughout any of the five categories of course work listed above. Vocational education may satisfy up to three of the units.

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-Mathematics: For students intending to major in mathematics, science, business, or engineering, four years of college preparatory mathematics are very strongly recommended. Further, all students, regardless of intended major, are strongly encouraged to take a mathematics course or a

Course Recommendations	course with a mathematics prerequisite during the year before they enroll in a mathematics course at NIU.
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	Colleges	Departments	Programs	Majors	Notes
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Course Requirements					
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