

Suggested Course Preparation for First-time, First-Year Applicants

Work completed at the high school level forms the foundation of work to be done at Illinois College. Students are expected to have taken a solid college preparatory course load, including a minimum of four years of English/language arts, three years of mathematics (including Algebra 1 & 2 and Geometry), two years of lab science courses and two years of social sciences (one of which must be U.S. History). In addition to these courses, Illinois College expects that students will have taken at least two years of a foreign language as well as strong academic electives whenever possible. Candidates should have a minimum of 16 academic units. Particular attention is paid to a student's course selection with the expectation that students who wish to attend a selective liberal arts college will have challenged themselves with the most demanding set of courses possible.