

Guidelines for Scheduling Four-Year College Bound Students

- ✓ **Rigorous Senior Schedule** - competitive schools (especially UW- Madison, UW- La Crosse, and the University of Minnesota) place a great deal of weight on a “rigorous senior schedule”. Colleges think if students are looking to “slack” in high school, they probably aren’t going to make good first year college students!
 - ✓ Three credits of social studies is a MUST.
 - ✓ Algebra II is a MUST. Chemistry is a MUST.
 - ✓ Three credits of science (two lab courses) is a MUST.
 - ✓ Two years of the same foreign language is recommended for many schools, and they like three!
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Selected Colleges and Their Requirements for Admission

- **This list is subject to change without notice. Students and parents need to check with their college admission office to confirm these requirements.**

Martin Luther College, New Ulm, MN

- * preaching or teaching ministry in the WELS
- * 4 and 5 year programs
- * GPA of 2.5 and ACT of 20 (including the “writing” portion of the ACT)

Wisconsin Lutheran College, Milwaukee, WI

- * Lutheran (WELS) campus
- * 4 year programs
- * two of these: GPA of 2.7 - ACT of at least 21 - top 50% of class
- * *average* incoming freshmen GPA is 3.34 and ACT of 23

Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato, MN

- * Lutheran (ELS) campus
- * *prefer* GPA of at least 2.2 – 2.5 and ACT of 20

- *The UW-system schools have gone to a comprehensive admissions process, meaning schools no longer specify class rank, ACT numbers, and exact courses to have. HOWEVER, class rank, ACT score, and a rigorous schedule continue to be VERY important. The numbers below represent average rank and test scores that the schools tend to follow.*

UW-La Crosse

See chart at right

- * 7800 apply, 1750 get accepted
- * Math in sr. year is highly recommended!
- * Average incoming freshmen ACT is 25 and is also from the top 20% of the class
- * It's easier to get in as a transfer student

ACT Score	Class Rank (percentile)				
	99-90	89-80	79-70	69-60	<60
30-36	95%	95%	95%	75%	20%
28-29	95%	95%	95%	50%	15%
26-27	95%	95%	95%	35%	10%
24-25	95%	95%	75%	15%	5%
22-23	90%	80%	50%	10%	5%
<22	45%	20%	15%	5%	1%

UW-Eau Claire

- * top 25 % of class and ACT of at least 22
- * top 50% of class and ACT of at least 24
- * rigorous senior year courses

UW-Madison

- * 32,000 apply, 6300 get accepted
- * average incoming freshman GPA is 3.8
- * average incoming freshman ACT is 28-32

Winona State University

- * ACT of at least 21 and in the top 2/3 of class or 2.75 GPA in core classes
- * ACT of at least 18-20 and in the top 50% of class or 3.00 GPA in core classes

The University of Minnesota – Twin Cities

- * 4 years of math
- * 4 years of science
- * Average incoming freshmen class rank is in the top 20% of the class and ACT of 28

Western Wisconsin Technical College

- * High school diploma required as well as an Accuplacer test score – depending on program Requirements. Students should check Western's website for exact program requirements, as so many programs are designed to meet the needs, career choices, and abilities of all.

- *ACT score not required, but it may be used in place of the Accuplacer Test if scores are high enough.