



## High School Curriculum Planner

This planner is designed to help you select the courses you need to be prepared for college course work. It describes a typical core course sequence. Courses in bold are the curriculum requirements for admission to UNM. Adjust the sequence of courses to fit your schools course availability and see the second page for UNM's minimum curriculum requirements and helpful tips.

<b>9<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>			
1 <sup>st</sup> Semester	Grade	2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester	Grade
<b>English I</b>		<b>English I</b>	
<b>Algebra I</b>		<b>Algebra I</b>	
<b>Science</b>		<b>Science</b>	
<b>Social Science</b>		<b>Social Science</b>	
TOTAL CREDITS		CUMULATIVE CREDITS	

<b>10<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>			
1 <sup>st</sup> Semester	Grade	2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester	Grade
<b>English II</b>		<b>English II</b>	
<b>Geometry</b>		<b>Geometry</b>	
<b>Lab Science</b>		<b>Lab Science</b>	
<b>Foreign Language</b>		<b>Foreign Language</b>	
TOTAL CREDITS		CUMULATIVE CREDITS	

<b>11<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>			
1 <sup>st</sup> Semester	Grade	2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester	Grade
<b>English III</b>		<b>English III</b>	
<b>Algebra II</b>		<b>Algebra II</b>	
<b>Lab Science</b>		<b>Lab Science</b>	
<b>US History</b>		<b>US History</b>	
<b>Foreign Language</b>		<b>Foreign Language</b>	
TOTAL CREDITS		CUMULATIVE CREDITS	

<b>12<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>			
1 <sup>st</sup> Semester	Grade	2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester	Grade
<b>Eng. Composition</b>		<b>Eng. Composition</b>	
<b>Trig or Calculus</b>		<b>Trig or Calculus</b>	
<b>Gov't./Economics</b>		<b>Gov/Econ</b>	
<b>Science</b>		<b>Science</b>	
TOTAL CREDITS		CUMULATIVE CREDITS	



## High School Curriculum Planner Tips and Requirements

### UNM Minimum College Preparatory Course Requirements

**English: 4 Units**, including 11th or 12 grade composition

**Math: 3 Units**, Algebra I and higher

**Science: 3 Units**, two should be laboratory science courses

**Social Science: 3 Units**, including US History

**Foreign Language: 2 Units**, both units should be the same language

### How to Make the Grade

#### Try these study skill strategies

- Power study: set a timer for 20 minutes and really concentrate on what your doing/learning. Take a 5 minute break. Set your timer for another 20 minutes and focus again. Take a 5 minute break. Set your timer for 10 minutes and concentrate on studying again. Take a 30 minute break and reward yourself (ice cream anyone?), then repeat. Your brain focuses and absorbs information in bursts—after 20 minutes you may be reading but your brain probably isn't retaining the information.
- Create flashcards of key information; just the act of writing down the key concepts/information on the card helps.
- Particularly in social science courses, be sure you know the who, what, where, when, why and how of what you're studying.
- Find someone to discuss with you the concepts and facts you are studying. An old Greek guy named Socrates used to do this and it works.

**Get organized** - Find a way to keep your responsibilities & priorities straight and stick to it. For example, keep due dates for assignments in a planner or notebook.

**Stay busy** - it helps your time management.

### College Prep Tips

- Take Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate, dual enrollment or honors classes. They are more difficult but prepare you for college more than regular courses—and most colleges add weight to your GPA for these type of courses.
- Mathematics courses are usually sequential—what you learn in one is used in the next course. Don't take breaks from math, it will be much more difficult to recall your math skills a year later.
- Be sure to take a math course in your senior year—you are more likely to improve your score on the SAT or ACT, and you will be required to take a math course your first year in college.
- The courses you take tell college a lot about your preparation and likely success in college. Think of stair steps when you choose your high school courses—do your courses help you climb to the college level?
- Think about your years in high school the same way—is what you are doing this year preparing you for next year and advancing you toward your college goal?
- Avoid “senioritis” and the temptation to take an easy senior year or early dismissal. Taking it easy your senior year makes your first year in college much more difficult—and qualifying for the NM Legislative Lottery Scholarship, or keeping other scholarships you have earned, will depend on your grades in your first semester at college.
- Take the SAT or ACT more than once. Take them in May or June between your junior and senior year, and again in the fall of your senior year. See your guidance counselor for a fee waiver if needed or contact the testing services: <http://sat.collegeboard.com/home> or [www.act.org](http://www.act.org).