

Graduation Requirements

To obtain a diploma of graduation from Lowell High School, each student must satisfy the following requirements:

- Must pass twenty (20) credits in English.
- Must pass ten (10) credits in U. S. History.
 - Includes Essential Skills/Topics for US History, Survey of US History, AP US History and US History Electives
- Must pass ten (10) credits in Mathematics.
 - Includes one full year of Algebra and one full year of Geometry.
- Must pass ten (10) credits in Science.
- Must pass ten (10) credits Physical Education.
 - AFJROTC, Dance, Show Choir or Band may be substituted each year for this requirement.
- Must pass five (5) credits in Health/Wellness.
 - Must select Health Education A in the Ninth (9th) grade and Health Education B in the tenth (10th) grade.
 - AFJROTC can substitute for Health.
- Must fulfill the standard requirement of earning at least 90 credits, of which at least 20 credits must be earned in the senior year.
- Must pass the MCAS exams in ELA, Mathematics and Science.

Course Selection Worksheet

English	_____	_____
	_____	_____
Social Studies	_____	_____
	_____	_____
Math	_____	_____
	_____	_____
Science	_____	_____
	_____	_____
Physical Education or Equivalent/Health	_____	_____
Foreign Language	_____	_____
Electives	_____	_____
	_____	_____
	_____	_____

**MASSACHUSETTS
STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES
MINIMUM COLLEGE ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS**

The admissions standards for the state colleges and universities emphasize a strong academic high school background so that students enter college ready to learn. These standards represent minimum requirements; meeting them does not guarantee admission, since campus officials consider a wide range of factors in admissions decisions. Students must have fulfilled all requirements for the high school diploma or its equivalent upon enrollment. It is important to note that admissions standards for the state’s community colleges differ. Community colleges may admit any high school graduate or GED recipient.

Subject	Requirements for Entering College Freshmen		
	Fall 2015	Fall 2016	Fall 2017 and beyond
English	4 courses		
Mathematics	3 courses (Algebra I & II and Geometry or Trigonometry or comparable coursework)	4 courses (Algebra I & II and Geometry or Trigonometry, or comparable coursework) including mathematics during the final year of high school	
Sciences	3 courses (from Natural Science and/or Physical Science and/or Technology/ Engineering, including 2 courses with laboratory work).		3 courses (from Natural Science and/or Physical Science and/or Technology/ Engineering), including 3 courses with laboratory work
Social Sciences	2 courses (including 1 course in U.S. History)		
Foreign Languages	2 courses (in a single language) <i>Note: American Sign Language (ASL) is a foreign language.</i>		
Electives	2 courses (from the above subjects or from the Arts & Humanities or Computer Sciences)		