

## Academic Guidelines for Admission to College

The Massachusetts Department of Higher Education recommends taking the following set of courses to prepare yourself for college and career. It is important that you also meet your high school requirements for graduation, which may be different.

English	4 years
Math	4 years (Algebra 1 & 2 and Geometry or Trigonometry)
Science	3 years (including 2 with a lab component)
Social Science	3 years (including U.S. and World History)
Foreign Language	2 years in the same language
Electives	1 year in the arts and 5 additional "core" courses such as business education, health and technology

For freshman applicants to the University of Massachusetts (UMass) and the state colleges of Massachusetts, the minimum GPA required for admissions is 3.00 (weighted). If your GPA is below 3.00, then your standardized test (SAT or ACT) scores will be an important factor in your admission. The lower your GPA is, the higher your SAT or ACT score needs to be. Please note that meeting these guidelines does not guarantee admission, and additional standards may be considered. Massachusetts community colleges practice open admission, and may admit any high school graduate.

### Sliding Scale for UMass

If your GPA is...	Then your verbal/math SAT (ACT) score must total at least...
2.51 – 2.99	950 (20)
2.41 – 2.50	990 (21)
2.31 – 2.40	1030 (22)
2.21 – 2.30	1070 (23)
2.11 – 2.20	1110 (24)
2.00 – 2.10	1150 (26)
Below 2.00	Not admissible

### Sliding Scale for MA State Colleges

If your GPA is...	Then your verbal/math SAT (ACT) score must total at least...
2.51 – 2.99	920 (19)
2.41 – 2.50	960 (20)
2.31 – 2.40	1000 (21)
2.21 – 2.30	1040 (22)
2.11 – 2.20	1080 (23)
2.00 – 2.10	1120 (24)
Below 2.00	Not admissible