

# UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

## HIGH SCHOOL COURSEWORK

- **4 units of English** – taken from grammar, composition and literature only
- **3 units of college prep math (4 recommended)** - taken from algebra I, algebra II, geometry, trigonometry, math analysis, calculus, or Advanced Placement (AP) Statistics
- **3 units of laboratory science (4 recommended)** - (does not include general science, with or without a lab) one year of principles of technology may substitute for one of the lab science courses, provided that the student also completes a traditional lab science course
- **3 units of history and citizenship** - to include one unit of American history and two additional units from the subjects of history, economics, geography, government, non-western culture
- **2 additional units** - from any of the subjects previously listed or computer science or foreign language. Two years of the same foreign language will satisfy the University's foreign language general education requirement. Any AP course not already used to satisfy the curricular units mentioned previously may be used to satisfy the two additional units except AP courses in Studio Art or International English
- Coursework in music, art, drama or speech is also recommended.

## FACTORS IN ADMISSION DECISIONS

The primary factor in OU's first-year admission decisions is demonstrated academic achievement. The academic review focuses on three criteria:

- Grade point average (GPA) in core academic courses
- Rigor of course selection, and
- ACT and/or SAT scores

All applications also are reviewed for college preparatory courses in English, mathematics, science, social studies and foreign language.

OU's Admissions Committee and Office of Admissions staff have identified a number of additional factors that may be considered in admission decisions or merit scholarship awards.

These include:

- Excellence in academic achievement, intellectual pursuits and creative endeavors
- An understanding of and respect for intellectual, social and cultural diversity
- Commitment to citizenship through public service, community involvement, school activities, leadership and/or family
- Integrity and maturity, and
- Recognition of benefits of a culturally and intellectually diverse academic community.

## ADDITIONAL FACTORS IN ADMISSION DECISIONS

OU's Admission Committee appreciates the importance of considering other factors beyond academic achievement to discern an applicant's overall abilities. Therefore, a more comprehensive review of a student's entire application file will occur after the initial academic review. The University will consider information gathered from many sources beyond a first-year applicant's transcript and test scores including, but not limited to:

- Application essay and short answers
- School and community activities, leadership positions and awards, and
- Participation in athletics and work experience, summer activities and special circumstances.