

Maximum and Minimum Course Requirements

All students are required to enroll in five core courses each semester. Students wishing to enroll in more than five core courses must meet the criteria or get permission from the Provost and Vice Chancellor of Academic Programs. Criteria considered for such permission include earning all A's or A's with no more than one B in the prior term. Students with two B's may sometimes be approved for a provisional overload. In that case, the Provost and Vice Chancellor of Academic Programs checks with the student's instructor after the first progress report grades are released. If academic performance is suffering, the student may be required to drop the extra class. Physical activity courses, Residential Education courses, music courses, art courses, and forums are not included in these minimums or maximums. Note that, when approved to add a sixth core class, the sixth class added is the one that must be dropped if a student decides to return to a five-core-class schedule.

NCSSM Graduation Requirements			
Minimum credits - pre-NCSSM	Subject Area	Minimum Credits - NCSSM	Notes
0	Engineering/ Computer Science	1	
2	English	3	Two of these credits are earned in the required AS4051.. One additional credit is earned in 4200-level English courses, usually in senior year.
1	History/ Social Science	2	These credits are earned in the required AS4042.
2	Mathematics	3	These credits must include completion of Precalculus or higher at NCSSM.
1	Science	5	One biology, one physics, and one chemistry core semester course. Two remaining semester courses in or cross-listed with chemistry and physics.
0	World Language	2	Two World Language courses in any language (must be the same language) beginning at the level determined by placement. Credits by demonstrated mastery (CDMs) may be granted by

			demonstrating proficiency in a language other than English at or above the intermediate-low level on the ACTFL assessment.
0	Interdisciplinary Humanities Elective OR English	1	One 4400-level Humanities Elective course OR and additional 4200-level English course.
0	STEM and STEM Interdisciplinary	1	One STEM discipline course (science, math, or engineering/computer science) or approved STEM interdisciplinary course.
1	General Electives	Varies	The number of earned elective credits depends on individual student placement and exemptions.
1	Physical Activity/ Wellness	1	One credit required in junior year.
0	Residential Education	3	Two credits must be completed in junior year, RE1002 and RE1022, and an additional credit of the students' choice in senior year.
0	January Term	4	Two credits (or equivalent) in both junior year and senior year.
0	Service Learning	1	Final grade of "S" prior to the end of senior year.
0	Campus Service	2	Final grade of "S" in junior and senior years.
NCSSM students who have not earned the required minimum credits in a subject area are required to complete additional credits in that subject area at NCSSM to meet total graduation requirements.			
Final grades in these classes compute into the student's GPA.			
Final grades in these classes are reported as letter grades (A,B,C,D) but do not compute into the student's GPA.			