Planning what classes to take in high school can help you get a head start on reaching your career goals. Follow the steps below to create your course plan.

### Know What’s Required

Below is an example of the classes and credits all Ohio students need to take to graduate from high school.

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| **English language arts** | 4 English language arts |  |  |  |  |
| **Mathematics** | 4 mathematics, including: | 1 algebra II |  |  |  |
| **Science** | 3 sciences, including: | 1 physical science | 1 life science | 1 advanced science |  |
| **Social studies** | 3 social studies, including: | 1/2 American history | 1/2 American government |  |  |
| **Other requirements** | 1/2 physical education | 1/2 health | 1 fine arts  | 1 economics and financial literacy | 5 electives |

Your high school may have additional requirements for graduation. List your high school’s requirements:

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**Identify Your Options**

Check with your school to see how you can start early and earn college credit in high school through these programs:

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| * Advanced Placement (AP)
 | * Career Tech
 | * College Credit Plus (or PSEO)
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**Determine Action Steps**

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| Your current career goal |  |
| Education and training needed |  |
| Admission requirements for education/training |  |

**Plan Your Courses**

* Enter the courses you’re required to take in each grade to graduate high school
* Add electives that match your career goals
* Identify courses and programs that will help you earn college credits and a credential when you graduate high school

**Resources for additional information:**Ohio High School Graduation Requirements: <http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Ohio-s-New-Learning-Standards/Graduation-Requirements>
Ohio Career Tech Schools: <https://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Career-Tech/Career-Technical-Schools-in-Ohio>
Career Pathways: <http://education.ohio.gov/CareerConnections>

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|  |  | English | Mathematics | Science | Social Studies | Other requirement/ elective | Other requirement/ elective | Other requirement/ elective | Other requirement/ elective |
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| **Secondary** | **9** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| **Post-Secondary** | **Year 1****1st Semester** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |
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| **Year 2****1st Semester** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |
| **Year 2****2nd Semester** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |