Before you head off to high school, consider college.

It’s never too soon to begin planning for college. A great place to start is our website. It has all sorts of useful information, from when to plan campus visits, to helpful resources for parents. Visit us at CollegeboundNebraska.com and learn more about, well, learning more.
It’s Never Too Early To Start Preparing. Middle school is the perfect time to begin thinking about the high school classes you’ll need to take for admission to the University of Nebraska. Whenever possible, take college prep, advanced placement and honors classes. Concentrate on courses that improve your reading, writing, math and science skills. Participating in clubs and school activities can also increase your chances for college admission and scholarships.

**University of Nebraska Admission Requirements**

To be admitted to the University of Nebraska, you must meet minimum academic requirements and complete certain courses.

**Class Rank/Test Scores Requirement**

Upper 1/2 of class or ACT composite of 20 or higher or SAT score of 950 or higher. If you don’t meet these requirements, you may still be admitted by demonstrating your ability to do university-level work.

**Course Requirements**

16 units (1 unit = 1 academic year)

- **English:** 4 units
  - All must include intensive reading and writing. Some speech and journalism classes may qualify.

- **Mathematics:** 3 units (UNL requires 4)
  - Must include algebra 1 & 2 and geometry.

- **Social Studies:** 3 units
  - 1 American or world history.
  - 1 history, American government or geography.
  - 1 from any social science.

- **Natural Sciences:** 3 units
  - 2 biology, chemistry, physics or earth sciences.
    1 must include laboratory instruction.

- **Foreign Language:** 2 units of 1 language
  - You may qualify without this, but you will be required to take 2 semesters of foreign language at NU and meet the 16-unit admission requirement.

**Additional Academic Requirement:** 1 unit

- For UNL: 1 math or math-related unit building on algebra.
- For UNO or UNK: 1 unit in any academic discipline.

**Paying for College**

College may be more affordable than you think. Nebraska residents qualify for in-state (resident) tuition, which is much less than students from other states pay. In addition, financial aid is available through grants, loans, scholarships and work-study programs. **Collegebound Nebraska**, the university’s tuition assistance program, pays full tuition for most Nebraska residents whose annual family income is less than $53,000. Visit CollegeboundNebraska.com for more information.

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Start saving for college as early as you can. For more information on planning, visit:

- **Nebraska College Savings Plan:** planforcollegenow.com
- **EducationQuest Foundation:** educationquest.org
- **KnowHow2GO:** knowhow2gonebraska.org

Your guidance counselor can also help you find information on scholarships that will help you pay for college.

**Undocumented Students**

Undocumented students can pay resident tuition to attend college in Nebraska, provided the following criteria are met.

The student must:

- Reside in Nebraska at least three years prior to graduation.
- Live with parents or a guardian while attending high school.
- Graduate from a Nebraska high school or receive a GED.
- Sign an affidavit promising that, when eligible, he or she will apply for residency.
- Meet all standard admission requirements.
More than 7,100 students from 49 states and some 53 countries attend school on our Kearney campus. They chose UNK for a wide variety of reasons.

For example, there are the small classes taught by knowledgeable, full-time faculty.

“Smart” classrooms provide a technology-rich learning environment. There are more than 170 academic programs from which to choose, as well as the opportunity to be involved in important research as an undergraduate.

The University of Nebraska at Kearney is ranked a “Top 10 Public Regional University” in the Midwest for a second time by U.S. News & World Report. No wonder so many students want to become “Lopers.”

“IT was definitely important for me to come to UNK and go to college and graduate in order to get a better job.” Lana Koziol is a recreation management major.

University of Nebraska–Lincoln

One of the top 50 public universities in the nation, the University of Nebraska–Lincoln is home to approximately 25,000 students from Nebraska as well as other states and countries around the world.

Students at UNL—a Big Ten University—receive nationally recognized academic advising while working toward undergraduate degrees in more than 150 majors.

UNL’s campuses create a warm and friendly atmosphere seldom found at major research universities. And with 400 student organizations, there is plenty of opportunity to become involved in campus activities. Go Big Red!

“I was selected as a 2011 Barry M. Goldwater Scholar for my undergraduate research. The scholarship is nationally competitive, and winning it reminded me to not sell myself short. I have become competitive, even on a national level, as a result of my experiences here at UNL.” Jeff Lopez is a chemical engineering major.
University of Nebraska at Omaha

UNO is Nebraska’s metropolitan university. More than 15,000 students, including nearly 600 international students, attend classes on this picturesque, urban campus located in the heart of our state’s largest city. UNO offers 200 programs of study and is home to the renowned Peter Kiewit Institute, a highly competitive program with majors in information science, technology and engineering. Students who find their inner maverick will enjoy an intimate, small-school atmosphere combined with advantages of a major metropolitan area where internships, employment and entertainment opportunities abound.

University of Nebraska Medical Center

UNMC is home to a wide range of health care disciplines, each with a consistent, sustained focus on improving lives. At UNMC, students who have completed their college prerequisites study dentistry, dental hygiene, medicine, nursing, pharmacy and public health. Programs are also available in the allied health professions including clinical laboratory science, nutrition, physical therapy, physician assistant, radiation sciences and others. While the main Medical Center campus is in Omaha, nursing campuses are located throughout the state, complemented by many distance learning opportunities. UNMC is right at home on the leading edge of health care, and students benefit from its innovative approach to learning.

“I have every opportunity to succeed because of all the support offered for me at UNO.”
Sharon Ward is an athletic training major who plans to go on to physical therapy school.

“I chose UNMC because I had heard of their reputation and it was highly talked about in the community. And I’m getting such a great experience at the University and with all of the instructors, I’m building kind of a family here.”
Easton Galindo is a nursing student.