

Determining College Readiness for FIU Dual Enrollment

Florida International University has had a long-term relationship with our High School partners. Traditionally, school guidance counselors/dual enrollment coordinators and teachers assessed student performance based on several factors to select students with potential to be successful in college-level coursework taught at the high school.

This holistic approach consists of using GPAs, past performance in specific courses, and standardized test results to evaluate a student's readiness for college-level coursework. Just as FIU relies heavily on GPA for admission decisions, the school administration often focuses on GPAs as the best predictor for dual enrollment success. FIU allows a school to use a "GPA waiver" for students who do not meet the 3.0 unweighted high school GPA minimum. For students with a 2.7-2.9 unweighted high school GPA, the waiver form can be used to document their academic potential for success in college-level courses. These forms are signed by the school officials who recommend students for participation in Dual Enrollment courses at their high school.

The following table presents a grid which displays the types of factors which can be considered in the holistic approach for determining eligibility and college readiness.

Academic Area	Factors to Determine Success based on High Scholl GA/College Readiness Scores
Art History	GPA, Reading and Writing scores
Art Studio	GPA, Student interest and creativity
Business, Entrepreneurship	GPA, Reading score
Computers	GPA, Student interest
Criminal Justice	GPA, Reading score
Economics	GPA, Reading and Math scores

Education	GPA, Reading score
English Composition	GPA, Reading and Writing scores
English Literature	GPA, Reading and Writing scores
Fitness	GPA, Student interest
Foreign Languages	GPA, Language skill
History	GPA, Reading and Writing scores
Math	GPA, Math score, ALEKS
Music	GPA, Student interest
Political Science/International Relations	GPA, Reading score
Psychology	GPA, Reading score
Religious Studies	GPA, Reading score
Speech – Communication	GPA, Reading and Writing scores

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