

## What should be considered before deciding to apply for admission to take CIS classes?

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Being successful in college requires self-discipline, a commitment to challenge, and a willingness to be a proactive learner. The pace and the stakes for success are much higher than high school. In college courses, students are responsible for monitoring their own progress, asking questions, and seeking help from their instructors. Are you ready to commit to these requirements in order to succeed? The following questions may help you determine if you are ready to enroll in a college-level course:

### Typically, how well do you prepare before class?

- Do you leave yourself enough time to process a reading assignment before class begins? Do you formulate questions that you would like answered during the next class meeting? (Unlike a high school class, most assignments are completed outside of class, and it is expected that you are ready to begin discussion of the assigned reading when you enter class.)
- Do you take detailed notes during class? Do you review your notes frequently? (College exams can be based on lecture notes, making it important to take detailed lecture notes.)

### Do you seek out help from your teachers if you have problems?

- Do you set up a time to meet with the teacher when you have questions? (College instructors do not track down students who are “at risk.” College students are expected to schedule appointments with their instructors to seek help.)

### Do you turn in all of your work on time?

- Do you use work or school activities as an excuse for not completing assignments or not being ready for an exam? (This sets up a course for failure, as college assignments are expected to be completed before class begins.)

### Are you good at managing your time?

- Do you make a point to attend class regularly?
- Are you organized? Do you schedule assignments, tests, and projects in a calendar? (College instructors expect students to keep track of due dates, assignments, tests, and projects described in the course syllabus.)
- Do you set aside study time in your daily life? (2 hours per week times the number of college credits the class is worth. For example, with a 3 credit class schedule 6 hours per week of time for completing assignments and studying.)
- Do you honestly account for family, social, school activities, work, class, study, and transportation time before selecting which CIS classes in which to enroll?

### Academic information

- By applying to be admitted into the CIS Program, students are also applying to be admitted as college students. Upon acceptance, all CIS Student become official college students.
- Once admitted to the college, students are required to maintain a minimum Grade Point Average and Course Completion Rate in order to continue their participation in the CIS program. CIS students must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0 (C average) in their courses and complete 67% of the courses that they attempt. If a student falls below either of these levels, they may be placed on academic probation for the next semester. If a student's GPA does not improve to a 2.0 or higher after one semester, the student may be placed on academic probation.