

## Utah Recognized Rigorous Secondary School Programs of Study

The eligibility options for a student graduating from secondary school in Utah during the 2005 or 2006 calendar years are:

- ***Utah Scholars.*** This program, part of the national State Scholars Initiative and patterned after the recommendations of the National Commission on Excellence in Education, requires at least:
  - Four years of English;
  - Four years of math (including Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry and an advanced class beyond Algebra II);
  - Three years of lab-based natural science (biology, chemistry, physics);
  - Three-and-one-half years of social science; and
  - Two years of a language other than English.
  
- ***A set of courses similar to the State Scholars Initiative.*** This program of study requires passing grades in the following:
  - Four years of English;
  - Three years of Math (including Algebra I and a higher level course such as Algebra II, Geometry, or Data Analysis and Statistics);
  - Three years of science (including at least two courses from biology, chemistry or physics);
  - Three years of social studies; and
  - One year of a foreign language.
  
- ***Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) courses and test scores.*** This program requires a minimum of two Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) courses in high school and a minimum passing score on the exams for those classes. Students must score 3 or higher on AP exams and 4 or higher on IB exams.
  
- ***Utah Concurrent Enrollment Program.*** This program requires completion of at least 6 credits of concurrent enrollment (college-level courses) in core academic areas (English, math, science, social studies, or foreign language) with no course grade lower than a B.