

Early Readiness High School Graduation Option

The University of Texas at Austin High School

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UT High School Mission

- Support diploma seeking students
- Support independent learners
- Provide programs and services to support students and districts across Texas
 - Online curriculum, courses, exams
 - Early Readiness High School Graduation Option
 - English Language Learners

What is ERHSGO?

An opportunity for students to...

- graduate early
- enroll in college level courses early
- earn a distinguished level of achievement on diploma

Texas Education Code 28.0253

The ERHSGO was created by the 81st Legislature in House Bill 3. Under the provisions of the statute, research universities may partner directly with Texas school districts to offer an alternative route to a high school diploma to students who demonstrate early readiness for college.

ERHSGO

Under this program, students who meet the research universities' placement standards in English language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, and a language other than English may be eligible to receive high school diplomas, **notwithstanding any other state or local requirements**. This option may permit students to enroll in additional courses while in high school or to enroll in college early.

ERHSGO

- Signifies that students have met rigorous standards aligned with placement standards of a leading flagship institution
- Does not guarantee admission to colleges or universities, including UT Austin or Texas A&M

Requirements

- Achieve qualifying scores on exams in each core subject and a language other than English (LOTE)
 - AP, IB, SAT, and CLEP exams
 - Subject areas: math, science, English Language Arts, social studies, LOTE
- Attend a high school in a participating Texas school district

Requirements

UT ERHSGO website

- <http://www.utexas.edu/ugs/teaching/crs/early-readiness-option-requirements>

Registering for ERHSGO

Districts:

- Contact Beth Cooper at UT Austin to establish a partnership agreement with The University of Texas at Austin

Students and Parents:

- View requirements online
- Contact school representative

Process

- UT reviews student's transcript
- UT sends a certificate of completion of ERHSGO requirements for each student to the high school
- High school awards the diploma with Distinguished Level of Achievement under the Foundation High School Program

Advantages

- Graduate up to one year early
- Demonstrate early readiness for college – advantage for college admissions
- Enter college early (must receive acceptance from the college)
- Be eligible to take college level courses earlier (courses not offered by school district)

District/School Policies

- Define policies for early graduates
 - When is a student classified as junior or senior level status?
 - When is class rank determined for graduating class?
 - When must a student declare his/her intention to graduate early?

Prepare in Middle School

- Take Pre-AP courses in all core subjects
- Preferably take Geometry or higher in middle school
- Take Language Other Than English (LOTE) courses in qualifying language
- Participate in programs to advance performance (ex. Duke TIP – take SAT)

Prepare in High School

Courses

- Develop Personal Graduation Plan (PGP) with ERHSGO requirements in mind
- Take Pre-AP courses in all core subjects
- Continue taking the same LOTE subject courses (ex. Spanish)
- Take courses to prepare for success in AP courses
- Take electives during summer to allow more room in schedule for AP courses

Prepare in High School – Paths

- Math
 - FOUR courses before AP
 - PreAP Alg I, PreAP Geom, PreAP Alg II, PreAP PreCal
 - AP Calculus
- Science
 - TWO courses before AP
 - PreAP Biology, PreAP Chemistry,
 - AP Chem, AP Physics, AP Bio, AP Environ Sci

Prepare in High School - Paths

- English
 - TWO courses before AP
 - PreAP English I, PreAP English II
 - AP English III (Lang/Lit), AP English IV (Lit/Comp)
- Social Studies
 - ONE course before AP
 - PreAP World Geography or PreAP World History
 - AP US History, AP Microeconomics, AP Macroeconomics

Prepare in High School – Paths

- Languages Other Than English (LOTE)
 - TWO courses before AP
 - Spanish I, Spanish II
 - AP Spanish III (Language), AP Spanish IV (Literature)
- Qualifying languages
 - Spanish, French, German, Latin

Prepare in High School – Exams

SAT/ACT/CLEP

- Prepare for the exams
 - SAT Prep: Go to College Board website
 - Study by taking timed practice tests
- Take the exams more than once – students usually increase their scores the second time, due to familiarity with testing (better pacing, less stress of unknown)

Session Code

Questions?