The Massachusetts Board of Higher Education has adopted new admissions requirements in math and science to better align the state’s MassCore and four-year public university admissions standards. The goal is to make sure students are ready for college-level work.

Please help students prepare for these changes in admissions standards!

To be eligible for admission to Massachusetts four-year public higher education institutions, including UMass, students will need:

- **Four years of high school math,** including in their senior year, beginning with the college freshman class entering **fall 2016.**
- **Three years of lab-based science,** including the natural/physical sciences or technology/engineering courses, beginning with the college freshman class entering **fall 2017.**

To view a full explanation of current admissions standards, please consult the Admissions Standards Guide available at www.mass.edu.

**Notes:**
- **Effective immediately:** Students now can count college preparatory technology/engineering coursework as science.
- Technology/engineering courses must be taken for science credit and meet district guidelines for science courses.
- A course is equivalent to one full school year of study.