

In an effort to clear up misconceptions about HOPE rigor requirements, please read the information in this memo and check with your child's counselor if you have additional questions.

HOPE rigor does NOT mean that a student must take Honors level courses. HOPE does not consider whether a course is an Honors course or not in the GPA calculation.

To Be Eligible for the HOPE Scholarship, and in addition to Grade Point Average and other requirements:

students graduating after May 1, 2015 must have two full academic credits from the courses listed on the HOPE rigor specific course list;

students graduating after May 1, 2016 must have three full academic credits from the courses listed on the HOPE rigor specific course list;

students graduating after May 1, 2017 must have four full academic credits from the courses listed on the HOPE rigor specific course list.

Currently the courses listed below are courses offered at ULHS that are included on the HOPE rigor specific course list. It does not matter FOR HOPE if a student takes the course(s) at a regular level or at an Honors level. Most of the courses listed are college prep curriculum courses that are typically taught in the Junior or Senior years, although a few may be offered in the 10th grade year.

Advanced Algebra

Pre-Calculus

Math 3

Math 4

Chemistry

Human Anatomy

Physics

Any 2nd year Foreign Language Course

AP Academic Courses (AP Government, AP US History, AP Lit, AP Calculus, AP Statistics, AP Biology, AP Biology, etc.)

The complete list of specific courses that count towards HOPE rigor and other HOPE information can be found on the GACollege411.org website. If you have additional questions, please call your student's counselor at 706-647-7521.

