



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

To earn a diploma from the ISHS, students must accumulate a minimum of 200 credit hours (20 units).

Graduation requirements are based on state accreditation requirements. There are two diploma options offered to students, the college preparatory sequence and the general studies sequence.

The required credit hours per subject area are as follows:

Subject	Credit Hours	Carnegie Units	Number of Courses	Courses that Fulfill Requirement
Language Arts	40	4	8	
Option 1: English plus a World Language	30 10	3 1	6 1 (1 year)	Any English (ENGH) course plus any French (FREH), Spanish (SPNH) or Latin (LATH) course
Option 2: English	40	4	8	Any English (ENGH) course
Social Studies	30	3	6	
American History	10	1	2	American History 1 and 2 (SSTH 033 and 034) or AP U.S. History 1 and 2 (SSTH 071 and 072)
American Government	5	.5	1	American Gov't: Theories, Policies and Politics (SSTH 037) or American Gov't: National Level (SSTH 038)
Social Studies	15	1.5	3	Any Social Studies (SSTH) course
Math	20	2	4	Any Math (MTHH) course
Science	20	2	4	Any Science (SCIH) course
Multicultural Studies	5	.5	1	World Cultures 1 or 2 (SSTH 053 or 054) or Multicultural Literature (ENGH 015)
Financial Skills	5	.5	1	Personal Finance and Economics (BUSH 053) or Economics (BUSH 035)
Career Planning	5	.5	1	Career Planning: Learning, Earning and Living Skills (CPLH 003) or Career Planning (CPLH 001)
Electives	75	7.5	15	See suggested programs of study below

Electives may be taken from any area of study. Once requirements have been met in the above areas, any additional courses taken within those areas are applied to elective credit.

The following courses are required for graduation from the Independent Study High School. Students must select one course from each of these categories.

<p>Multicultural Studies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multicultural Literature (ENGH 015) • World Cultures 1 (SSTH 053) • World Cultures 2 (SSTH 054) <p>Career Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Career Planning: Learning, Earning and Living Skills (CPLH 003 or CPLH 001) <p>Financial Skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economics (BUSH 035) • Personal Economics and Finance (BUSH 033) 	<p>Government</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government 1 (SSTH 037) • Government 2 (SSTH 038) <p>American History*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • American History 1 (SSTH 033) • American History 2 (SSTH 034) • AP U.S. History 1 (SSTH 071) • AP U.S. History 2 (SSTH 072)
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*Students must complete both American History 1 and 2 or AP U.S. History 1 and 2.



COLLEGE PREPARATORY DIPLOMA SEQUENCE

Students wishing to continue their education at a college or university should consider enrolling in courses listed within the Independent Study High School’s college preparatory diploma sequence. While colleges and universities may have different requirements, the ISHS’s courses should meet these requirements. It is the students’ responsibility to visit with an admissions officer at their college/university of choice to be sure of what courses are needed to fulfill admission requirements.

The Independent Study High School college preparatory diploma program meets the admission requirements for the University of Nebraska–Lincoln. For more information, visit admissions.unl.edu.

College Preparatory Diploma Sequence		
Subject	First Semester	Second Semester
NINTH GRADE		
English	Ninth Grade English 1 (ENGH 031)	Ninth Grade English 2 (ENGH 032)
Mathematics	First Year Algebra 1 (MTHH 031)	First Year Algebra 2 (MTHH 032)
Science	Physical & Earth Sciences 1 (SCIH 021)	Physical & Earth Sciences 2 (SCIH 022)
Social Studies	World Geography 1 (SSTH 021)	World Geography (SSTH 022) or World Cultures 1 or 2 (SSTH 053 or 054)
Language	5 credit hours: Students may choose from French, Spanish or Latin	5 credit hours: Students continue year long language course.
TENTH GRADE		
English	Tenth Grade English 1 (ENGH 035)	Tenth Grade English 2 (ENGH 036)
Mathematics	Geometry 1 (MTHH 035)	Geometry 2 (MTHH 036)
Science	Biology 1 (SCIH 025)	Biology 2 (SCIH 026)
Social Studies	World History 1 (SSTH 031)	World History 2 (SSTH 032)
Language	5 credit hours: Students may choose from French, Spanish or Latin	5 credit hours: Students continue year long language course.
ELEVENTH GRADE		
English	Eleventh Grade English 1 (ENGH 039)	Eleventh Grade English 2 (ENGH 040)
Mathematics	Advanced Algebra 1 (MTHH 039)	Advanced Algebra 2 (MTHH 040)
Science	Chemistry 1 (SCIH 031)	Chemistry 2 (SCIH 032)
Career Planning	Career Planning: Learning, Earning and Living Skills (CPLH 003)* or Career Planning (CPLH 001)	Not required
Social Studies	American History 1 (SSTH 033)*	American History 2 (SSTH 034)*
Multicultural Studies	Not required	Multicultural Literature (ENGH 015)* or World Cultures 1 or 2 (SSTH 053 or 054)
TWELFTH GRADE		
English	Twelfth Grade English 1 (ENGH 043)	Twelfth Grade English 2 (ENGH 044)
Mathematics	Precalculus 1: Analytic Geometry (MTHH 043)	Precalculus 2: Trigonometry (MTHH 044)
Science	Physics 1 (SCIH 035)	Physics 2 (SCIH 036)
Social Studies	American Government: Theories, Policies and Politics (SSTH 037)*	American Government: National Level (SSTH 038)*
Financial Skills	Economics (BUSH 035)*	Statistics (MTHH 045)

* Denotes courses that meet graduation requirements.

GENERAL DIPLOMA SEQUENCE

Students preparing for vocational or technical school, work, military or other non-college plans may wish to consider the Independent Study High School’s general diploma program. In general, the student is free to select from different course offerings except for some required courses.

General Diploma Sequence		
Subject	First Semester	Second Semester
NINTH GRADE		
English	Effective Reader Skills (ENGH 005)	Basic Expository Writing (ENGH 023)
Mathematics	Business and Consumer Math 1 (MTHH 009)	Business and Consumer Math 2 (MTHH 010)
Science	The Science of Health (SCIH 011)	The Science of Nutrition (SCIH 012)
Social Studies	World Geography 1 (SSTH 021)	World Geography 2 (SSTH 022)
Language or Elective	World Language or 5 credit hours elective	World Language or 5 credit hours elective
TENTH GRADE		
English	Ninth Grade English 1 (ENGH 031)	Ninth Grade English 2 (ENGH 032)
Mathematics	Pre-Algebra 1 (MTHH 021)	Pre-Algebra 2 (MTHH 022)
Science	Physical and Earth Sciences 1 (SCIH 021)	Physical and Earth Sciences 2 (SCIH 022)
Social Studies	World History 1 (SSTH 031)	World History 2 (SSTH 032)
Language	5 credit hours: Students may choose from French, Spanish or Latin	5 credit hours: Students may choose from French, Spanish or Latin
ELEVENTH GRADE		
English	Tenth Grade English 1 (ENGH 035)	Tenth Grade English 2 (ENGH 036) or American Literature Studies (ENGH 011)
Mathematics	First Year Algebra 1 (MTHH 031)	First Year Algebra 2 (MTHH 032)
Science	Biology 1 (SCIH 025)	Biology 2 (SCIH 026)
Career Planning	Career Planning: Learning, Earning and Living Skills (CPLH 003)* or Career Planning (CPLH 001)	Not required
Social Studies	American History 1 (SSTH 033)*	American History 2 (SSTH 034)*
Elective	Not required	5 credit hours
TWELFTH GRADE		
English	Eleventh Grade English 1 (ENGH 039) or Short Stories (ENGH 019)	Eleventh Grade English 2 (ENGH 040) or Effective Speech Communication (ENGH 047)
Mathematics	Geometry 1 (MTHH 035)	Geometry 2 (MTHH 036)
Social Studies	American Government: Theories, Policies and Politics (SSTH 037)* or American Government: National Level (SSTH 038)*	World Cultures 1 or 2 (SSTH 053 or 054) or Multicultural Literature (ENGH 015)*
Financial Skills	Personal Finance and Economics (BUSH 053)*	
Electives	5 credit hours	10 credit hours

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