

ATTACHMENT 3.

APPROVALS:

Admissions Committee \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Faculty Senate \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

President \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA, COLUMBIA CAMPUS  
ADMISSIONS POLICY STATEMENT  
AND  
ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

STATEMENT OF POLICY - As a state supported institution, it is the goal of the University of South Carolina to provide an opportunity for education to any South Carolinian who is capable of benefiting from instruction provided here. It is the duty of the University's Admissions Office to evaluate each application carefully toward that end.

The entrance requirements should be so designed that any student whose credentials are properly evaluated and certified to show that he/she is eligible to enroll in a baccalaureate, or associate degree program without restriction, shall be allowed to enroll in the University as long as he/she maintains the academic standards demanded by the institution. This, however, does not preclude the student's exclusion from the University for other reasons, such as disciplinary infractions.

For those students who do not meet entrance requirements upon completion of high school, some provision should be made for their eligibility to attempt an academic program at some time in their life, after a reasonable period of maturity and/or adjustment. Persons attempting to enter the University immediately after having failed to prove their effectiveness at another educational institution, either secondary or post secondary, should not automatically be eligible to enroll without the consent of the Faculty Admissions Committee. The entrance requirements stated herein, therefore, are guidelines to accomplishing these policies. It shall be the duty of the admissions staff to evaluate the credentials and circumstances of all applicants for admission, and to arrive at such decisions as may seem appropriate. These decisions include denying admission, approving probationary admission, and referring the applicant's case to the Faculty Admissions Committee. Any applicant dissatisfied with the decision reached by the admissions staff may appeal his/her case to the Faculty Admissions Committee. The Committee's decisions are final, inasmuch as the Committee is a duly constituted body representing both faculty and administration. Committee decisions should be honored by all divisions of the University.

UNDERGRADUATE ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

Applicants for admission to undergraduate programs of the University of South Carolina must complete all application forms and meet the requirements for admission described herein, or have received a duly authorized exception to these policies outlined in writing by the Office of Admissions.

Applicants may be offered acceptance prior to completing high school, but approval to enroll is contingent upon fulfilling all requirements set forth in this document.

Under exceptional circumstances the credentials of applicants who do not meet the stated academic standards may be reviewed by the admissions staff. Exceptions shall be made only where there are outstanding qualifications of another nature which indicate the probability of academic success at the University of South Carolina. All decisions of the admissions staff which are not satisfactory to the applicant may be appealed to the Faculty Admissions Committee for further review. In rare instances, the Committee may make exceptions to these standards. Either the admissions staff or the Faculty Admissions Committee may apply to an acceptance any conditions which they believe are appropriate.

All transfer applicants must be academically eligible to return to the school in which last enrolled. No exception will be made to this policy unless authorized by the Director of Admissions or the Faculty Admissions Committee.

All parts of the application for admission must be completed and submitted not less than seven days before the published registration date of the term for which admission is sought. The Admissions Office has the right to impose any restrictions on the registration dates for late applicants as may be necessary to accomplish the task of the office in a satisfactory manner.

I. ADMISSION TO BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PROGRAMS

Applicants for regular admission to one of the University's baccalaureate degree programs must meet the following applicable requirements:

A. FRESHMAN

1. Freshman applicants must have an approved high school diploma (statement of graduation from the high school is acceptable) or a high school equivalency certificate (raw GED scores not acceptable).
2. Admission shall be based on a predicted grade point ratio (PGPR) using the CEEB-SAT (or ACT) scores and the rank in high school class or grade point average in high school (self reported rank or grade average accepted for an interim admissions decision).
3. Applicants must rank in the upper three-fourths of their high school class and have a predicted grade point ratio of 1.75 or higher.

The Director of Admissions, with the consent of the Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid and the Faculty Admissions Committee may set higher grade point ratio levels as circumstances dictate.

An applicant who is 25 years of age or older may be considered for admission without SAT or ACT scores unless the program for which he/she is applying specifically requires such scores. Applicants must provide all other credentials (transcripts, etc.) and must show academic promise.

B. TRANSFER FROM OTHER BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PROGRAMS

All applicants must be eligible to return to the last institution attended as a degree candidate.

1. Transfer applicants with fewer than 30 semester hours attempted must:
  - a. Have a cumulative 2.0 GPR from a four-year accredited institution or a cumulative 2.5 GPR from a two-year or non-accredited institution; or if a non-traditional grading system was used, have at least the equivalent level of performance.
  - b. Meet the entrance requirements for a high school graduate listed in category "A" (Freshman).
2. Transfer applicants with 30 or more semester hours attempted must have a cumulative 2.0 GPR from a four-year accredited institution or a cumulative 2.5 GPR from a two-year or non-accredited institution; or if a non-traditional grading system was used, have at least the equivalent level of performance.

Applicants meeting this criteria need not submit test results or high school records, although for appellants, additional credentials may be requested.

The University's policy is to accept collegiate level credits at full value from regionally accredited junior colleges, colleges and universities. Transfers from non-regionally accredited junior institutions may be permitted to establish credits by validation through examination if regularly enrolled in the University of South Carolina.

Applicants from non-accredited baccalaureate degree granting institutions in South Carolina may be permitted to validate credits in collegiate level courses upon completion of satisfactory work in residence at the University of South Carolina.

Applicants from non-accredited colleges in Candidate Status will be admitted on the same basis as applicants from accredited colleges for a period of five years from the date of official notification of the achievement of Candidate Status

C. TRANSFER FROM THE USC ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAMS

1. Students enrolled in the University's Associate Degree Programs may be considered for admission to a baccalaureate degree program if they meet one of the following conditions:
  - a. Have graduated from the Associate Degree Program.
  - b. Have attempted at least 15 semester hours and have a cumulative grade point ratio of 3.0 on all work attempted and have the approval of the dean of the College of General Studies.
  - c. Have attempted at least 30 semester hours and have a cumulative grade point ratio of 2.5 on all work attempted.
  - d. Met entrance requirements for a baccalaureate degree program as a freshman or meet those requirements as presently stated.

D. FOREIGN APPLICANTS

All foreign applicants must:

1. Achieve Proficiency Level 4 (a minimum score of 500) on the Test of English as a Foreign Language.
2. Meet the admission requirements for a high school graduate listed in category A (Freshman).

II. ADMISSION TO ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAMS

A. NURSING

Admission to the associate degree program in Nursing requires a minimum of 350 on each part of the SAT or 17 each on the math, social studies and composite of the ACT, and if transferring, a 2.0 cumulative average. Other credentials are the same as for any other associate degree program.

B. GENERAL STUDIES

1. Any applicant eligible for admission to a baccalaureate degree program is eligible for an Associate Degree Program.
2. Freshman applicants must be high school graduates and have at least a 1.3 predicted grade point ratio (PGPR).
3. Transfers from other colleges and universities, from USC campuses and Columbia campus baccalaureate degree programs must meet one of the following:
  - a. have attempted at least 15 semester hours and have a cumulative GPR of 1.3 on all work attempted.

- b. meet freshman associate degree requirements.
- c. have the endorsement of the dean of the College of General Studies and approval of the Faculty Admissions Committee.

III. READMISSION

- A. All formerly matriculated students applying for readmission with over a 2.0 cumulative average will be offered acceptance, with an appointment for counseling scheduled where appropriate.
- B. Formerly matriculated students applying for admission after suspension or with cumulative GPR's below 2.0 must be scheduled for counseling by the admissions staff and if the college desires, by the appropriate academic dean or his/her designee, before being readmitted.
- C. Readmission to a previous program will depend upon current program standards and approval of the college if standards are not met. Applicants not acceptable to their previous program may be readmitted in Undeclared Majors.
- D. A person previously admitted as a non-degree student may not be a candidate for readmission, but must submit an application and credentials for admission.
- E. A student on academic suspension from the University of South Carolina who attends another collegiate institution while on suspension must maintain a 2.0 grade point average or better while at the institution in order to retain his/her privilege of being readmitted at the conclusion of the suspension. This regulation does not in any way affect other faculty regulations concerning credits earned while on suspension. Specifically, this means that credits earned while on suspension may not be used toward a degree at the University of South Carolina.
- F. A student who leaves the University in good standing and attends another collegiate institution without prior arrangements to return must fulfill the usual transfer student admission requirements to be readmitted.

IV. ADMISSION OF NON-DEGREE STUDENTS

A. Special Students

Any person who wishes to attend the University of South Carolina for one semester only may be approved to do so by a decision of the admissions staff, or the Admissions Committee, after submitting satisfactory credentials to support a decision in his/her favor. This applies to summer only students, transient students, unclassified students, institute and workshop students, and any other category not named.

The Special Student category is not open to any applicant who does not meet entrance requirements in another category for the semester for which he/she has applied, and does not encompass such applicants for a period of one year (12 months) from the beginning date of the term for which that person applied and was denied admission.

B. PROVISIONAL LIMITED

Persons who wish to take not more than three courses per semester may take up to 30 semester hours in this category without submitting credentials. Applicants who plan to seek a degree or who have been denied admission to another category are not eligible for this category.

V. DISCRETIONARY ADMISSIONS

Up to 100 applicants who do not meet regular admission requirements for baccalaureate degree programs may be admitted annually at the discretion of the President.

VI. PROCEDURES

- A. The Admissions staff shall be responsible for the continuing study of the academic success of the various admissions categories, the information from which shall be used by the Faculty Admissions Committee in fixing admissions policies.
- B. The Admissions staff shall keep the Faculty Admissions Committee informed of the kinds of variables used as the basis for granting exceptions to the stated academic requirements for the various admission categories. The Committee shall be kept advised on the status of applications for admission and the number of exceptions granted to the stated academic requirements.
- C. Applicants for admission whose cases involve factors not covered by these policies shall be referred to the Faculty Admissions Committee for a decision.
- D. Applicants for admission who do not meet the stated admission requirements and who have been denied admission may petition the Faculty Admissions Committee to review their application.

VII. STUDENTS FROM OTHER CAMPUSES

Any applicant admitted to another campus of the University system who does not meet the entrance standards of the Columbia campus cannot move to this campus until he/she meets those standards or has completed at least 30 semester hours on another campus with at least a 2.0 cumulative grade point ratio on all work attempted.

	<u>10/300</u>	<u>50/300</u>	<u>70/300</u>	<u>100/300</u>	<u>150/300</u>	<u>200/300</u>	<u>250/300</u>	<u>280/300</u>	<u>300/300</u>
300V 300M	2.249	1.881	1.758	1.636	1.514	1.391	1.147	0.902	0.412
350V 350M	2.472	2.105	1.982	1.860	1.738	1.615	1.370	1.126	.636
380V 380M	2.584	2.217	2.134	1.972	1.850	1.729	1.483	1.238	.748
410V 410M	2.695	2.328	2.245	2.080	1.961	1.838	1.594	1.249	.759
450V 450M	2.825	2.458	2.335	2.213	2.091	1.968	1.724	1.479	.989
500V 500M	3.040	2.673	2.550	2.428	2.306	2.183	1.939	1.694	1.204
550V 550M	3.142	2.775	2.652	2.530	2.408	2.285	2.041	1.796	1.306
600V 600M	3.366	2.999	2.876	2.754	2.632	2.509	2.265	2.020	1.530
650V 650M	3.590	3.223	3.100	2.978	2.856	2.733	2.489	2.244	1.754
700V 700M	3.702	3.335	3.212	3.090	2.968	2.845	2.601	2.356	1.866

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----- current policy for in-state

----- current policy for out-of-state

----- proposed policy (shaded areas will be carefully reviewed by Admissions professional staff before denying admission)