

REVISED ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

[By vote of the Faculty Senate, March 1, 1989, the provisions for admission on page U-8 of the undergraduate bulletin are replaced with the following:]

FRESHMAN ADMISSION

A freshman applicant is a person who has never attended a university, a college, or a technical school. Applicants who attended a post-secondary institution while still in high school are classified as freshmen; however, they must submit official transcripts of their college work whether they expect to receive credit or not.

REQUIREMENTS

Freshman applicants must have either a high school diploma or its equivalent (GED) prior to enrolling. Accepted applicants must have senior grades and a verification of graduation sent as soon as they are available. Applicants who did not graduate from high school must send transcripts of all available work and a copy of a GED certificate or satisfactory GED test scores.

Freshman applicants must submit:

1. completed application forms;
2. specified nonrefundable application fee;
3. official high school records complete up to the time of application;
4. entrance examination scores (either SAT or ACT).

Prospective students must have adequate preparation for the curriculum in which they plan to enroll. At a minimum, applicants for admission in Fall 1990 and thereafter are required to complete a college preparatory program with at least 16 high school units distributed among the following academic subjects:

1. English [4 units]. The four units of English must be in college preparatory courses. Students must choose two courses which have strong grammar and composition components, at least one which surveys English literature and one in American literature.

2. Mathematics [3 units]. The three units of mathematics must include Algebra I, Algebra II, and Geometry. [Note: Algebra I counts as one unit, even though some schools teach it over two years.] Prospective majors in science, mathematics and engineering are strongly advised to include adequate preparation in trigonometry.

3. Laboratory Science [2 units]. The two laboratory science units must be taken in different subjects chosen from biology, chemistry or physics. Prospective science, mathematics and engineering majors should include one unit in each of those laboratory sciences.

4. Social Studies [3 units]. The three social studies units must include one unit of U.S. history, one-half unit of government and one-half unit of economics.

Prospective social science majors are advised to take one additional unit of social studies.

5. Foreign Language [2 units]. The two units of foreign language must be in the same language. Additional work in foreign language is recommended.

6. Other course work [2 units]. Two additional units must be chosen from among the defined academic areas of English, Mathematics, Laboratory Science, Social Studies, or Foreign Language. All applicants are advised to include one unit of computer science, if it is available.

Prospective students must earn a grade average of "C" or better on the 16 units of college preparatory course work defined above.

Freshman applicants are encouraged to apply in the fall prior to the fall for which they seek admission. Applications received after January 1st will be considered only if places are available in the incoming class.

Applicants must apply for and take the required entrance examinations well in advance of the term for which they seek admission, and they are responsible for having the results of those examinations sent to the University. Applicants over the age of 25 may not be required to submit entrance examination results; however, they must submit other credentials which give evidence of reasonable academic potential. Scores may be required in the absence of satisfactory credentials or evidence of potential. Some programs require entrance test scores for all students regardless of age.

ASSESSMENT OF ACADEMIC RECORDS

Freshman applicants who satisfy the course requirements listed above will be evaluated on the basis of their high school grades, class rank, and entrance examination scores. These factors will be used to determine the applicant's probability of successfully completing the requirements for the desired degree. All applicants should rank in the top one-half of their graduating class and should score 1000 on the SAT or 21 on the ACT. Higher class rank and grades may offset lower entrance examination scores, and higher examination scores and grades will offset lower class rank. Exceptions to admissions requirements will be considered for applicants who can demonstrate outstanding academic or artistic achievements.

All freshmen and transfer students entering the University must take the Writing Placement Test upon enrolling. Students who do not receive a score of 2 or above on that test are required to complete English 100 [Basic Writing]. Tests are scored on a scale of 1-4, with 4 the best score. Additional tests may be required in other subject areas.