

Admission Requirements

The Utah State University admission policy is designed to admit undergraduate students who have the best chance to successfully complete a university program of study.

All freshmen, including transfer students with fewer than 24 semester hours of credit, must submit an official high school transcript and ACT/SAT scores as part of their application for admission.

Application for admission and credentials from schools previously attended should be received by the Admissions Office by April 1 for fall semester admission, by November 1 for spring semester admission, and by April 1 for summer semester admission. These materials should be sent to:

**Admissions Office
Utah State University
0160 Old Main Hill
Logan UT 84322-0160**

A student is admitted to the University on the basis of an application (which includes official transcripts of credit from each school previously attended), a \$40 nonrefundable application fee, and ACT/SAT scores when applicable. A processing fee of \$20 is required of students applying for readmission. Students applying after the deadline will be assessed an additional \$15 late fee. For application and general information, contact the Admissions Office at the address above; or at (435) 797-1079, fax (435) 797-3708, or e-mail to admit@usu.edu.

Students who have attended home schooling, charter high schools, or performance/outcome-based high schools will need to submit an Application for Admission, the application fee, and ACT/SAT results, and *may* need to have an interview as part of the admissions application process. Those students who have completed the GED must also submit a copy of the GED Certificate.

USU grants admission, without regard to race, color, creed, sex, or national origin, to those students who satisfy the admission requirements.

Students who have been denied admission to the University may initiate an appeal by contacting the Admissions Office.

Freshman Admission

Students attending the University for the first time are admitted on the basis of an index score, which is a reflection of high school grades and ACT or SAT scores. Entering students must have an acceptable index score in order to be admitted. (See Admission Index table on page A8.) **USU regulations regarding the index score are as follows:** Students having an index score of 90 or higher are very likely to be admitted. Students must have an ACT composite score of 19 or higher, regardless of what their overall admission index score is. A cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or higher in high school coursework is also required. In cases where the applicant is younger than 25 years, official ACT/SAT results are also required. Exceptions to the preceding regulations will be made for applicants who have not graduated from high school, who may substitute results of the GED. Admission decisions are made on an individual basis. **Note:** These requirements are based on the 2006-2007 applicant pool.

SAT Scores Converted to ACT Equivalent

SAT	ACT		SAT	ACT
1600	36		940-970	20
1560-1590	35		900-930	19
1510-1550	34		860-890	18
1460-1500	33		810-850	17
1410-1450	32		760-800	16
1360-1400	31		710-750	15
1320-1350	30		660-700	14
1280-1310	29		590-650	13
1240-1270	28		520-580	12
1210-1230	27		480-510	11
1170-1200	26		430-470	10
1130-1160	25		400-420	9
1090-1120	24		380-390	8
1060-1080	23		350-370	7
1020-1050	22		320-340	6
980-1010	21		290-310	5

High School Curriculum

Students who have graduated from high school and who desire to attend Utah State University must have completed a preparatory course of study, including the following:

English

Four years (units), emphasizing composition/literature.

Mathematics

Three years (units), selected from elementary algebra, geometry, intermediate algebra, trigonometry, college or advanced algebra, or calculus. It is strongly recommended that students take mathematics up to at least trigonometry.

Biological/Physical Science

Three years (units), which meet either state or local graduation requirements. At least one unit must provide a laboratory experience.

American History

One year (unit).

Additional Courses

Four years (units), chosen from at least two of the following: history, English, mathematics beyond intermediate algebra, laboratory science, foreign language, social science, and fine arts.

Foreign Language

Two years (units) recommended, which must be of the same foreign language.

Admission and Residency

Students who meet the minimum index requirements, but have less than the required number of units, will be admitted on the condition that the deficiency is satisfied at the University within the first 30 semester hours of study.

When the admission decision is made, an official letter of notification will be sent to the student. Admission status may also be checked online.

Testing

All freshmen, including transfer students with less than 24 semester hours of credit, must present the results of the ACT/SAT as part of their application for admission to the University. Admission status may also be checked online.

Early Admission

A high school student who has completed his or her junior year and maintained a superior scholastic record may be granted special consideration for admission. An applicant must satisfy the following requirements:

1. Submit an official application, ACT/SAT scores, a high school transcript, and a \$40 application fee.
2. Submit letters of approval and recommendation from:
 - (a) Superintendent or principal
 - (b) Parent or guardian
3. Admission is not automatic, and will be determined by the admissions committee.
4. Applications for admission and credentials from the high school must be received by the University according to the deadline dates listed under General Admissions Policies.

Home-schooled Students

Home-schooled students applying for admission to Utah State University who submit a transcript from an accredited home-school organization will be evaluated the same as any traditional high school students. They must satisfy the University's admission requirements of a minimum 2.5 grade point average, a minimum ACT score of 19 (or an equivalent SAT score of at least 900), and a minimum Admissions Index score of 90.

To be admitted to Utah State University, home-schooled students *without* transcripts must provide a list of classes they have completed, and must submit a minimum ACT score of 21 (SAT score of at least 980); *or* a minimum ACT score of 19 (SAT score of at least 900) and a minimum grade of C on the GED.

In consultation with the department of the student's intended major, the Director of Admissions will review all materials and make a final decision.

Utah Basic Skills Competency Test (UBSCT)

Students with the Basic High School Diploma who meet the University's admission standards of a 2.5 minimum GPA, ACT score of at least 19 (SAT score of at least 900), and an Admissions Index score of at least 90 will be admitted in *good standing*. If they satisfy the University's admission standards, students having an Alternative Completion Diploma may be offered admission on a case-by-case basis. Students with a Certificate of Completion will be required to take the GED and pass with a battery score of at least 550 (equivalent to 55), and achieve a minimum ACT score of 19 (SAT score of at least 900). Effective Fall 2006, **all** seniors graduating from Utah high schools are required to pass the UBSCT.

Advanced Placement

Students who present Advanced Placement examination scores of 3, 4, or 5 may receive 4 to 8 University credits for each Advanced

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Test Scores

Enhanced Recentered ACT SAT	GPA 4.0	3.9	3.8	3.7	3.6	3.5	3.4	3.3	3.2	3.1	3.0	2.9	2.8	2.7	2.6	2.5	2.4	2.3	2.2	2.1	2.0	1.9	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.1			
36	1600	142	140	139	137	135	133	132	130	128	126	124	123	121	119	117	116	114	112	110	108	107	105	103	101	100	98	95	94	93	91		
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34	1530	138	136	135	133	131	129	128	126	124	122	120	119	117	115	113	111	110	108	106	104	102	101	99	97	95	94	92	90	88	87	85	
33	1480	136	134	133	131	129	127	126	124	122	120	118	117	115	113	111	110	108	106	104	102	100	99	97	95	93	92	90	88	86	85	83	
32	1410	134	132	131	129	127	125	124	122	120	118	116	115	113	111	109	108	106	104	102	100	99	97	95	93	92	90	88	86	85	83	82	80
31	1360	133	131	130	128	126	124	123	121	119	117	115	114	112	110	108	107	105	103	101	99	98	96	94	92	91	89	87	85	84	82	80	78
30	1320	131	129	128	126	124	122	121	119	117	115	113	112	110	108	106	105	103	101	99	97	95	94	92	90	89	87	85	83	82	80	78	76
29	1280	129	127	126	124	122	120	119	117	115	113	111	110	108	106	104	103	101	99	97	95	94	92	90	88	87	85	83	81	80	78	76	74
28	1240	127	125	124	122	120	118	117	115	113	111	109	108	106	104	102	101	99	97	95	93	92	90	88	86	85	83	81	79	78	76	74	72
27	1210	126	124	123	121	119	117	116	114	112	110	108	107	105	103	101	100	98	95	94	92	91	89	87	85	84	82	80	78	77	75	73	71
26	1170	124	122	121	119	117	115	114	112	110	108	106	105	103	101	99	96	95	94	92	90	88	87	85	83	81	79	78	76	74	73	71	69
25	1140	122	120	119	117	115	113	112	110	108	105	104	103	101	99	97	96	94	92	90	88	86	85	83	81	79	77	76	74	72	71	69	67
24	1100	120	118	117	115	113	111	110	108	106	104	102	101	99	97	96	94	92	90	88	86	85	83	81	79	77	76	74	72	71	69	68	65
23	1060	118	116	115	113	111	109	108	106	104	102	100	99	97	95	93	92	90	88	86	84	83	81	79	77	76	74	72	70	69	67	64	
22	1030	117	115	114	112	110	108	107	105	103	101	99	98	96	94	92	91	88	87	85	83	82	80	78	76	75	73	71	69	68	65	63	61
21	990	115	113	112	110	108	106	105	103	101	99	97	96	94	92	90	89	87	86	83	81	80	78	76	74	73	71	69	67	65	64	62	60
20	950	113	111	110	108	106	104	103	101	99	97	95	94	92	90	88	87	85	83	81	79	78	76	74	72	71	69	67	65	64	62	60	58
19	910	111	109	108	106	104	102	101	99	97	95	93	92	90	88	86	85	83	81	79	77	76	74	72	70	68	67	65	63	61	60	58	56
18	860	109	107	106	104	102	100	99	97	95	93	91	90	88	86	84	83	81	79	77	75	74	72	70	68	67	65	63	61	60	58	56	54
17	820	108	106	105	103	101	99	98	96	94	92	90	89	87	85	83	82	80	78	76	74	72	70	68	67	65	63	61	60	58	56	54	52
16	770	106	104	103	101	99	97	96	94	92	90	88	87	85	83	81	80	78	75	74	72	71	69	67	65	64	62	60	58	56	54	52	50
15	720	104	102	101	99	97	95	94	92	90	88	86	85	83	81	79	78	76	74	72	70	68	67	65	63	62	60	58	56	54	52	50	48
14	670	102	100	99	97	95	93	92	90	88	86	84	83	81	79	77	76	74	72	70	68	67	65	63	61	60	58	56	54	52	50	48	46
13	600	100	98	97	95	93	91	90	88	86	84	82	81	79	77	75	74	72	70	68	66	65	63	61	59	58	56	54	52	51	49	48	46
12	540	99	97	95	94	92	90	89	87	85	83	81	80	78	76	74	73	71	69	67	65	64	62	60	58	57	55	53	51	50	48	46	44
11	480	97	95	94	92	90	88	87	85	83	81	79	78	76	74	72	71	69	67	65	63	62	60	58	56	55	53	51	49	48	46	44	42
10	430	95	93	92	90	88	86	85	83	81	79	77	76	74	72	70	69	67	65	63	61	60	58	56	54	53	51	49	47	45	44	42	40
9	400	93	91	90	88	86	84	83	81	79	77	75	74	72	70	68	67	65	63	61	59	58	56	54	52	51	49	47	45	44	42	40	38
8	380	92	90	89	87	85	83	82	80	78	76	74	73	71	69	67	65	64	62	60	58	57	55	53	51	50	48	46	44	42	41	39	37
7	350	90	88	87	85	83	81	80	78	76	74	72	71	69	67	65	64	62	60	58	56	55	53	51	49	48	46	44	42	40	39	37	35
6	320	88	86	85	83	81	79	78	76	74	72	70	69	67	65	63	62	60	58	56	54	53	51	49	47	46	44	42	40	39	37	35	33
5	290	86	84	83	81	79	77	76	74	72	70	68	67	65	63	61	60	58	56	54	52	51	49	47	45	44	42	40	38	37	35	33	31

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Placement examination. These credits may be used to fill General Education requirements and to meet specific course requirements. For a list of examinations accepted and scores necessary to receive credit, see pages D12-D13. To ensure that AP credits will be posted to their transcripts, students are responsible to submit their AP scores to the Admissions Office.

Admission Deferment

Newly accepted freshman, transfer, or readmitted students who wish to defer their start date to a later semester may do so (without reapplying) by submitting an *Admission Deferment Application* to the Admissions Office. International students and graduate students *may not* use this form. The application is due *no later* than the first day of classes for the semester the student has been admitted to. Deferments are generally granted for up to one year. However, they may be granted for up to two years for those participating in official assignments such as military, church, or humanitarian service. If requesting a deferment for more than one year, the student must submit an official letter of assignment. All deferment applications must be approved by the admissions committee. *Admission Deferment Applications* are available online at <http://www.usu.edu/admissions/includes/forms/AdmissionDefermentApplication.pdf> or by contacting the Admissions Office at (435) 797-1079.

Nontraditional Admission

An applicant who is not a high school graduate may be considered for admission by presenting satisfactory evidence of ability to do university work. This evidence may be demonstrated by scores on the General Education Development Test (GED). Admission will not be offered *unless* a student has a high school diploma or a GED Test score of 55 or higher *and* passes *all* subtests. (Students in this category include those whose high school class has graduated and those over the age of 18.) Students must also take the ACT/SAT if not previously taken. If the student has been out of high school for seven years or more, this requirement is waived.

Change of Campus Procedures

The following procedures apply to Utah State University Continuing Education (CE) students wishing to enroll at the Logan Main Campus.

Nonmatriculated CE Students Transferring to Main Campus

Students who have *not* been admitted through the USU Main Campus Admissions Office should submit a regular application for admissions to the USU Main Campus Admissions Office by the published application deadlines. Regular admissions standards will apply.

Matriculated “CE Only” Students Relocating to Main Campus

Students who have been admitted to a CE major, but *not* to a Main Campus major, should submit a *Change of Campus Application* to the Logan Main Campus Admissions Office by the published application deadlines. Students must have at least 24 earned post-high school credits and at least a 2.5 cumulative USU GPA. The *Change of Campus Application* is available online at: <http://www.usu.edu/admissions/includes/forms/ChangeofCampusApplication.pdf> or by contacting the Admissions Office at (435) 797-1079.

Matriculated CE Students Relocating to Main Campus

Students who have been admitted to a Main Campus major, but have been attending a CE site, should contact the Logan Main Campus Registration Office (Taggart Student Center 246, 1600 Old Main Hill, Logan UT 84332-1600) and request attendance at the Logan Main Campus.

General Studies

Students who do not qualify for enrollment into one of the academic colleges may be considered for enrollment in General Studies. These students include all those who have graduated from high school with an admission index score below 90. General Studies students are advised through the Office of University Advising, Student Center 304.

When a student has demonstrated ability to maintain a GPA appropriate for the intended major, that student may apply for admission to an academic college and department. Regular college admissions evaluation procedures will then be followed, and if there are no admissions restrictions, the student will be admitted to the department of his or her choice.

Military Credit

The University may grant elective credit to students currently enrolled at the University who have served in the armed forces. The number of elective credits granted depends upon the length of military service.

Length of Active Duty	Elective Credits
Six months to one year	4
More than one year	10
Qualifying for a commission	12

Other military credit may be accepted for transfer, if such credit meets University requirements. The *Guide to the Evaluation of Educational Experiences in the Armed Services* is used by articulation personnel in the Registrar's Office for determining transfer of credit.

Qualified applicants must submit the form DD214, form DD295, or an AARTS/SMART transcript to the Admissions Office. Credits are then evaluated for acceptance *only* when a Military Credit Evaluation form is submitted to articulation personnel in the Registrar's Office. The form and instructions can be found online at: <http://www.usu.edu/registrar/forms>

AARTS/SMART Transcripts

Students who are eligible for an AARTS or SMART transcript should provide the Admissions Office with one of these, *instead of* the DD214 or DD295 form. For more information and to order transcripts online, visit the following websites:

Army (AARTS): <http://aarts.army.mil/index.htm>
Navy (SMART): <https://smart.navy.mil/smart/welcome.do>

Veterans Educational Benefits

Veterans or qualified dependents of disabled or deceased veterans who may be eligible for Veterans Educational Benefits should contact the Office of Veterans Services, or telephone (435) 797-1102 for information concerning their educational benefits. Veterans or eligible dependents must make application for admission and be matriculated in a degree program.

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Transfer Student Admission

Applicants with at least 24 semester credits earned at another accredited institution (or at one of USU's continuing education centers) will be admitted if they have a transfer GPA of 2.50 or higher. Those transfer students having a GPA between 2.20 and 2.49 will be considered on an individual basis. Many USU undergraduate majors require a higher GPA for admission. For specific GPA requirements, refer to the *General Catalog* or consult the departments. In cases where the student is admissible to the University but does not meet the minimum GPA requirement for admission to the desired major, admission will be offered as an "undeclared" major. Applicants having fewer than 24 semester transfer credits must submit an official high school transcript and ACT or SAT results.

Official transcripts of credit must accompany applications for admission when submitted by students who have attended other collegiate institutions. Transcripts submitted for admission become the property of the University and are not returned. *Transcripts from all institutions previously attended are required.*

At its discretion, the University may accept transfer credit from accredited and nonaccredited institutions and miscellaneous sources. These may include:

(1) accredited institutions, (2) foreign universities, (3) U.S. military credit for approved job and educational experiences, (4) credit by examination, (5) miscellaneous sources: internships, nontraditional learning experiences.

The following evaluation criteria for acceptance will be used:

(1) accreditation status of the institution, (2) recognized national standards published by the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and by the American Council on Education, (3) guidelines given by the State Board of Regents (including guidelines for CLEP and AP credit), and (4) recommendations given by various University units having appropriate academic competence, including: Faculty Senate, college and departmental curriculum committees.

Utah State University does not accept transfer credit from nonaccredited institutions in those cases where USU lacks an academic unit to evaluate such transfer credits.

Credit Transfer Policy of Utah System

An Associate of Arts or an Associate of Science degree earned at any institution within the Utah System of Higher Education, or at other non-Utah institutions with articulation agreements, will be considered as meeting the General Education requirement of any institution in the system. (At USU, this satisfies the General Education portion of the University Studies requirements, but *not* the Depth Education requirements as shown on pages D5-D11.) When the General Education requirements of an institution not offering the Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree have been met in earning a 60 to 63 semester credit hour diploma, a Registrar's certification that the transferring student has completed baccalaureate-level General Education requirements at the sending institution will be accepted by the receiving USHE institution in lieu of the AA/AS degree. In the latter case, the Registrar at the sending institution will forward to the receiving institution an up-to-date description of the General Education requirements.

Credit for quarter courses numbered 100 or above, or for semester courses numbered 1000 or above, earned in the Utah System of Higher Education is transferable within the System and will be carried on the student's transcript by the receiving institution. **Acceptance of credit should not be confused with its application. Transfer credit may or may not apply to the graduation requirements of an institution, regardless of the number of credits transferred.** Credit other than that intended wholly to meet the General Education requirements of the receiving institution will be applied on the basis of the appropriateness of credit to a particular institution's specific degree program requirements as determined by the receiving institution.

For more transfer student information, including agreements with other states, see pages E1-E3.

Transfer Student Admission Deferment

Transfer students who wish to defer their start date to a later semester may do so (without reapplying) by submitting an *Admission Deferment Application* to the Admissions Office. For further information, see *Admission Deferment* information on page A9.

International Undergraduate Student Admission

For information about admission procedures for international students, see pages 21-22 of the *2007-2009 General Catalog*.

Readmission

Students who were in attendance the previous spring semester are not required to reapply for fall semester unless the student withdrew from the University or if academic action (probation or suspension) or graduation occurred at the conclusion of the spring semester. Former students of the University returning after an absence of one year or longer are required to file an application for readmission, unless a Leave of Absence form was filed.

Readmission Deadlines

Students who desire to be readmitted following academic action (probation or suspension), must apply by March 1 in order to be considered for admission to summer semester, or by July 1 in order to be considered for fall semester, or by October 1 in order to be considered for admission to spring semester. All other students desiring readmission must apply by July 1 in order to be considered for admission to fall semester, or by November 1 in order to be considered for admission to spring semester.

Residency Application and Appeal

Persons who have been classified as nonresident students and who feel they now satisfy the requirements for Utah Resident Status for Tuition Purposes must file an application with the Residency Office, Taggart Student Center 102. Applications are processed each semester. The deadline is the 10th calendar day of the semester. Applications received after this deadline will be considered for the next semester. The application will not be processed until the student is admitted to the University. There is no application fee.

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If an application is denied by the Residency Office, the student may appeal to the Residency Appeals Committee no later than the 14th calendar day of the semester. Appeals cannot be considered after this deadline.

Regulations concerning residency are as follows:

1. Persons claiming residency on their application for admission, but who are coded nonresident, will be notified in writing of their nonresident status.

2. Utah Residency for Tuition Purposes

A person who has come to Utah and established residency for the purpose of attending an institution of higher education shall, prior to registration as a resident student:

(a) live in Utah while completing a minimum total of 60 semester credits at a regionally accredited institution of higher education in Utah or an equivalent number of applicable contact hours at the Utah College of Applied Technology. Utah semester credits should not be broken by attendance at another school of higher education outside the State of Utah (i.e., students may **not** attend summer classes in their home state). The 60 semester credits are not tied to a period of time.

(b) Individuals who would like to establish residency before beginning school may move to Utah and live and work in Utah for 24 continuous months *prior to beginning school*. Individuals who begin school before they have completed 24 continuous months as a nonstudent will need to complete 60 semester credits, **or**

(c) maintain continuous Utah residency for **three years** while attending school, regardless of the number of credits earned.

In addition, the person must demonstrate by additional objective evidence (e.g., Utah voter registration, Utah's driver's license, Utah vehicle registration, employment in Utah, payment of Utah resident income taxes, and Utah banking connections) the establishment of a domicile in Utah, and that the student does not maintain a residence elsewhere.

3. Aliens who are present in the United States on visitor, student, or other visas which authorize only temporary presence in this country do not have the capacity to intend to reside in Utah for an indefinite period of time and, therefore, must be classified as nonresident.

4. Aliens who have been granted immigrant or permanent resident status in the United States shall be classified for purposes of resident status according to the same criteria as U.S. citizens.

5. American Indians who are enrolled on the tribal rolls of a tribe whose reservation or trust lands lie partly or wholly within Utah or whose border is at any point contiguous with the border of Utah, or any American Indians who are members of a federally recognized or known Utah tribe and who have graduated from a high school in Utah, shall be entitled to resident status.

For further guidelines or exceptions, such as marriage, employment, military, and returning former residents, please contact the Admissions Office, Taggart Student Center 102, (435) 797-8144, or visit: <http://www.usu.edu/admissions/information/residency.cfm>

Western Undergraduate Exchange

Utah State University participates in the Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE), a program of the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE). Through WUE, certain students who are not residents of the State of Utah may enroll at Utah State University by paying resident tuition plus 50 percent of that amount (plus other fees that are paid by all students).

Because Utah State University participates in the WUE program, residents of Utah may enroll under the same terms in designated institutions and programs in other participating states.

Information about and applications for WUE programs available at USU may be obtained from the USU Admissions Office, 0160 Old Main Hill, Logan UT 84322-0160, tel. (435) 797-1079 or (800) 488-8108. Utah residents may obtain information about WUE programs in other states from:

Certifying Officer for Utah
WICHE Student Exchange Program
#3 Triad Center, Suite 550, 355 West North Temple
Salt Lake City UT 84180-1205
tel. (801) 321-7124

or

WICHE Student Exchange Program
P.O. Box 9752
Boulder CO 80301-9752
tel. (303) 541-0214 or 0210
FAX (303) 541-0291