

Admission Requirements

The Utah State University undergraduate admissions policy is designed to admit students who have the best chance to successfully complete a university program of study. USU grants admission, without regard to race, creed, sex, or national origin, to those students who satisfy the admissions requirements.

The *Application for Undergraduate Admission and Scholarships* is available online at <http://www.usu.edu/admissions>. For a paper application, please contact the Admissions Office.

Application materials may be sent to:

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

New Freshman Admission Requirements

New freshman applicants are expected to have graduated from an accredited high school with a minimum 2.5 GPA, a minimum ACT score of 18 (SAT score of at least 860), and a minimum 90 Admissions Index score. In order to be admitted in good standing, all three requirements must be met. More information about the Admissions Index is available at <http://www.usu.edu/admissions>

Applicants whose scores do not meet the standard will be considered on an individual basis. Applicants who have not graduated from high school may apply with a GED, instead of a high school transcript. A minimum GED score of 550 (equivalent to 55) is required. Applicants with a minimum Admissions Index score of 85 *or* a minimum ACT score of 16 may be admitted into general studies at one of Utah State's Regional Campuses or Distance Education centers located throughout the state.

New Freshman Application Materials

1. Application for Undergraduate Admission and Scholarships
2. Nonrefundable \$40 application fee (\$55 if late)
3. High school transcript or GED score
4. ACT or SAT score (waived for applicants 25 and older)
5. Official college transcript of concurrent enrollment

New Freshman Application Deadlines

Admissions applications are accepted *after* posted deadlines with an *additional \$15 late fee*. Scholarship consideration is given *only* to fall semester applicants.

Fall Semester—April 1

(Final scholarship deadline is February 1.)

Spring Semester—November 1

Summer Semester—April 1

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

*writing portion not included

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.

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 18 (or an equivalent SAT score of at least 860), 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 18 (SAT score of at least 860) and a minimum score of 550 (equivalent to 55) 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 18 (SAT score of at least 860), 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 18 (SAT score of at least 860). 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 3 to 10 University credits for each Advanced

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Test Scores

SAT (verbal + math)	ACT	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
1600	36	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	96	94	93	91
1560	35	140	138	137	135	133	131	130	128	126	124	122	121	119	117	115	114	112	110	108	106	105	103	101	99	98	96	94	92	91	89
1510	34	138	136	135	133	131	129	128	126	124	122	120	119	117	115	113	112	110	108	106	104	103	101	99	97	96	94	92	90	89	87
1460	33	136	134	133	131	129	127	126	124	122	120	118	117	115	113	111	110	108	106	104	102	101	99	97	95	94	92	90	88	87	85
1410	32	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
1360	31	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
1320	30	131	129	128	126	124	122	121	119	117	115	113	112	110	108	106	105	103	101	99	97	96	94	92	90	89	87	85	83	82	80
1280	29	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	79
1240	28	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
1210	27	126	124	123	121	119	117	116	114	112	110	108	107	105	103	101	100	98	96	94	92	91	89	87	85	84	82	80	78	77	75
1170	26	124	122	121	119	117	115	114	112	110	108	106	105	103	101	99	98	96	94	92	90	89	87	85	83	82	80	78	76	75	73
1130	25	122	120	119	117	115	113	112	110	108	106	104	103	101	99	97	96	94	92	90	88	87	85	83	81	80	78	76	74	73	71
1090	24	120	118	117	115	113	111	110	108	106	104	102	101	99	97	95	94	92	90	88	86	85	83	81	79	78	76	74	72	71	69
1060	23	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
1020	22	117	115	114	112	110	108	107	105	103	101	99	98	96	94	92	91	89	87	85	83	82	80	79	76	75	73	71	69	68	66
980	21	115	113	112	110	108	106	105	103	101	99	97	96	94	92	90	89	87	85	83	81	80	79	76	74	73	71	69	67	66	64
940	20	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
900	19	111	109	108	106	104	102	101	99	97	95	93	92	90	88	86	85	83	81	79	77	76	74	72	70	69	67	65	63	62	60
860	18	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
810	17	108	106	105	103	101	99	98	96	94	92	90	89	87	85	83	82	80	78	76	74	73	71	69	67	66	64	62	60	59	57
760	16	106	104	103	101	99	97	96	94	92	90	88	87	85	83	81	80	79	76	74	72	71	69	67	65	64	62	60	58	57	55
710	15	104	102	101	99	97	95	94	92	90	88	86	85	83	81	79	78	76	74	72	70	69	67	65	63	62	60	58	56	55	53
660	14	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	53	51
590	13	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
520	12	99	97	96	94	92	90	89	86	85	83	81	80	79	76	74	73	71	69	67	65	64	62	60	58	57	55	53	51	50	48
480	11	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
430	10	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	46	44
400	9	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
350	7	90	88	87	85	83	81	80	79	76	74	72	71	69	67	65	64	62	60	58	56	55	53	51	49	48	46	44	42	41	39
320	6	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
290	5	86	84	83	81	79	77	76	74	72	70	68	67	65	63	61	60	58	56	54	52	51	49	47	46	44	42	40	38	37	35

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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/applyonline/> 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 550 (equivalent to 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.

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 admissions index score below 90. General Studies students are advised through the Office of University Advising, Taggart 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.

Note: Effective Summer Semester 2009, General Studies will be *replaced* by Provisional Admission.

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.

Transfer Student Admission

Transfer students with at least 24 semester credits earned at another regionally accredited institution must meet the minimum GPA requirement for their desired major. Minimum GPA requirements may be found in the major requirement sheets at: <http://www.usu.edu/majorsheets/>

Applicants whose GPA does not meet the requirements of their desired major may be offered an "undeclared" major, if they have at least a 2.5 GPA and fewer than 60 transfer credits. Applicants with at least a 2.0 GPA may be admitted into general studies at one of Utah State's Regional Campuses or Distance Education centers located throughout the state. Transfer students with less than 24 semester transfer credits will be evaluated based on their high school GPA and ACT or SAT score.

Transfer Student Application Materials

1. Application for Undergraduate Admission and Scholarships
2. Nonrefundable \$40 Application Fee (\$55 if late)
3. Official college transcript(s) from all institutions previously attended
(**Note:** If less than 24 transferable college credits have been earned, then high school transcript and ACT or SAT scores are also required.)

Transcripts submitted for admission become the property of the University and are not returned.

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Transfer Student Application Deadlines

Admissions applications are accepted *after* posted deadlines with an *additional \$15 late fee*. Scholarship consideration is given *only* to fall semester applicants.

Fall Semester—July 1

(Final scholarship deadline is April 1.)

Spring Semester—November 1

Summer Semester—April 1

USU Credit Transfer Policy

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.

For the University *Guidelines for Transferable Credit*, see page E1.

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.

Returning USU Student Admission Requirements

Applicants must meet the minimum GPA requirement for their desired major. Minimum GPA requirements may be found in the major requirement sheets at:
<http://www.usu.edu/majorsheets/>

Applicants whose GPA does not meet the requirements of their desired major may be offered an "undeclared" major, if they have at least a 2.2 GPA and fewer than 60 transfer credits. Applicants with at least a 2.0 GPA may be admitted into general studies at one of Utah State's Regional Campuses or Distance Education centers located throughout the state.

Returning USU Student Application Materials

1. Application for Undergraduate Admission and Scholarships
2. Nonrefundable \$20 Application Fee (\$35 if late)
3. College transcript(s) (from colleges attended since USU)

Returning USU Student Application Deadlines

Fall Semester—July 1

Spring Semester—November 1

Summer Semester—April 1

Academic Action 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 fall semester, or by October 1 in order to be considered for admission to spring semester.

Residency Policy 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 *no later than the end of the third week 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.

If an application is denied by the Residency Office, the student may appeal to the Residency Appeals Committee *no later than the 20th calendar day of the semester*. Appeals cannot be considered after this deadline.

Regulations concerning residency are as follows:

The residency law passed by the Utah Legislature in February 2007 allows students to become Utah residents after living in Utah for 12 months. **Because this law took effect on July 1, 2007, any time spent in Utah prior to this date cannot be counted toward the 12-month requirement.** However, persons who have lived in Utah for 24 consecutive months as a nonstudent or 36 months as a student are eligible to apply for residency under the old guidelines through Fall Semester 2008. Persons having questions about a specific situation (not covered by the information below) should contact the Admissions Office.

To qualify as a resident student for tuition purposes, an individual must meet the requirements in *either* Option A or Option B (shown below):

Option A (effective July 1, 2007)

A person is required to:

1. Be a U.S. citizen or have permanent resident status.
2. Live in Utah for 12 continuous months, as a student or not.
3. Not be claimed as a dependent on tax returns by anyone who is not a resident of Utah.
4. Sign a written declaration that he or she has relinquished residency in any other state.
5. Obtain a Utah vehicle registration, voter registration, and driver's license *at least three months* prior to submitting an application for residency.

Option B

(**Note:** This option is available *only* to students who began higher education in Utah *before* Fall Semester 2007.)

A person is required to:

1. Be a U.S. citizen or have permanent resident status.
2. Live in Utah while completing a minimum total of 60 semester credit hours at a regionally accredited institution of higher education in Utah. The 60 semester credit hours *do not* have a time frame for completion. (Utah semester credits *should not be broken* by attendance at a school outside of Utah.)
3. Sign a written declaration that he or she has relinquished residency in any other state.

4. Obtain a Utah driver's license prior to submitting an application for residency.

Each person who applies for Utah resident status for tuition purposes (under *either* Option A or Option B) is considered on the totality of evidence. Based upon review of each application, additional documentation may be required, including Utah voter registration, evidence of employment in Utah, proof of payment of Utah income taxes for the previous year, Utah vehicle registration, etc.

Exceptions

Provisions in the law enable a person to be granted Utah residency for tuition purposes as an *exception* to options A and B listed above. A few exceptions are listed below, but students should contact the Admissions Office for more information regarding requirements and restrictions for each exception.

1. Dependent children and spouses of those who obtain full-time employment and move to Utah.
2. Certain individuals recruited or transferred to Utah with full-time employment.
3. Certain persons having a parent who has been a legal resident of Utah for at least one year.
4. Persons who marry a Utah resident. (The spouse must have been a Utah resident *before* the marriage.)
5. Active-duty military personnel with current duty station in Utah can pay resident tuition while they are stationed in Utah. Also, there are some exceptions for certain military members who are deployed while attending school.
6. Native Americans who are registered on the tribal rolls of tribes whose lands are contiguous to Utah. (Documentation is required.)

Other requirements may apply. For further residency information, contact the USU Admissions Office, Taggart Student Center 102, (435) 797-1079, or visit:

<http://www.usu.edu/admissions/information/residency.cfm>

The residency application is available for download at:

<http://www.usu.edu/admissions/information/residency.pdf>

Note: Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) students *are not eligible* to establish residency for tuition purposes. Time in state and/or credits earned while on WUE *will not* count toward residency.

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.

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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