

Undergraduate Admission

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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
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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

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.

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.

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.

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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 990); or a minimum ACT score of 19 (SAT score of at least 910) 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 4 to 8 University credits for each Advanced 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 page 64. 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.

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, 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.

Admission Index

Test Scores

Enhanced ACT	Recentered SAT	GPA		Admission Index																													
		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	96	94	92	91	89	
35	1580	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		
34	1530	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	88	87	85	
33	1460	136	134	133	131	129	127	126	124	122	120	118	117	115	113	111	109	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	
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	68	65	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	64	62
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	69	67	65	63	62	60	58	57
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	57	55
17	820	108	106	105	103	101	99	98	96	94	92	90	89	87	85	83	81	79	78	76	74	72	70	69	67	65	63	62	60	58	57	55	53
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	57	55	53	51
15	720	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	51	49
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	53	51	49	47
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	41
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	41	39
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	49	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	
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	

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Transfer Student Admission Requirements

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.

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.

Utah State University does not accept transfer credit from an institution that is not regionally accredited 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 53-59.) 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 69-72 of this catalog.

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 17.

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.

Credit by Departmental Examination

Matriculated students may challenge a course for credit by taking a departmental examination. Departments will determine if a course is appropriate for challenge; students should contact the instructor and/or department. If a challenge exam is available, the instructor should advise the student as to whether he or she has a reasonable chance of passing. The examination will survey knowledge of the course content and may include papers, projects, portfolios, etc.

Students challenging a course for which they are registered must do so within the first two weeks of the course. Students not registered will be required to pay a fee (standard recording fee and course-specific

examination fee). Students who take a departmental examination will receive the exam grade posted to their transcript for that course. Credits earned through departmental examination can be used to meet the minimum USU course requirement.

Standardized Examinations

Credits may be acquired through Advanced Placement (AP), College Level Examination Placement (CLEP), the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO), and the DANTES Subject Standardized Tests (DSST). These credits may be used to fill General Education requirements, and may also be accepted as equivalent to specific courses. AP and CLEP credit combined may fulfill requirements for a maximum of four Breadth areas of General Education. For a list of examinations accepted and scores necessary to receive credit, see pages 64-68.

Individual departments and/or colleges may specify the exact courses required to fill their requirements and may require more than the minimum General Education requirements. Some departments and colleges require specific coursework for General Education, which the exams listed above may not satisfy.

If, prior to (or after) taking an AP, CLEP, IBO, or DSST examination, a student receives credit for any coursework equivalent to the subject matter of an AP, CLEP, IBO, or DSST examination, the credits earned from the course will be deducted from the credits awarded for the examination.

Other institutions have policies differing from those of USU regarding exam scores and credits granted for those scores. For transfer students, exam credit posted to another institution's transcript is reevaluated based on USU's standard.

Credit by Advanced Coursework (Language Credits)

Students who are proficient in a foreign language offered by Utah State University may earn lower-division credit through successfully passing a more advanced course. Applications for these credits should be made in the Department of Languages, Philosophy, and Speech Communication. Students will be required to pay a posting fee.

Students who receive credit by advanced coursework will receive a grade posted to their transcript, with a designation that it was earned by advanced coursework. Credits earned through this option cannot be used to meet the minimum USU course requirement and are treated as transfer work.

International Baccalaureate

USU recognizes the International Baccalaureate diploma and awards credits for General Education requirements, excluding the Breadth American Institutions, Communications Literacy, and mathematics Quantitative Literacy requirements necessary for graduation.

Students who have not completed the International Baccalaureate diploma receive 8 credits for scores of 5, 6, or 7 achieved on the higher-level exams.

Credit achieved through the International Baccalaureate examinations may not be duplicated with AP credit.

For more information about the International Baccalaureate Organization, as well as a list of examinations accepted and scores necessary to receive credit, see pages 66-67.

Credit for Military Service

The University may grant credit to students currently enrolled at the University who have served in the armed forces. Applications for credit are made by submitting the DD214 or DD295 form to the Admissions Office.

Army/ACE Registry Transcript System (AARTS)

Enlisted soldiers who entered active duty on or after October 1, 1981 are eligible for an AARTS transcript. However, the AARTS transcript is *not available* to members of the U.S. Army Reserve, warrant officers, or commissioned officers. Those students who are eligible for an AARTS transcript and who are seeking credit for military service in the **Army** should provide the Admissions Office with an AARTS transcript *instead of* the DD214 or DD295 form. Eligible students may obtain transcript request forms from their Army education center counselors, or they may write directly to: Manager, AARTS Operations Center, 415 McPherson Avenue, Ft. Leavenworth KS 66027-1373. Each request must include the student's name, basic active service date, social security number, and current mailing address.

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.

Graduate Admission

Any student who has graduated from USU or any other university must apply to the School of Graduate Studies for admission and present two copies of an official transcript. For further information, see pages 101-102.

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.

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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.

International Undergraduate Student Admission

For information about admission procedures for international students, see pages 21-22.

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 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.

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

Utah residency for tuition purposes is governed by the laws of the State of Utah. As of March 12, 2007, the State Legislature has

passed House Bill 118 (2007), which changes the current residency law. However, the governor of the State of Utah has not yet signed the bill and in addition, the Utah State Board of Regents must also review and interpret guidelines for the schools in the Utah System of Higher Education. More detailed information should be available sometime during May 2007. For more information, visit: <http://www.usu.edu/admissions>. Click on "Tuition and Costs," and then click on "Residency Information."

Discarding of the 60-credits requirement and institution of a "12 continuous months in the state" requirement is anticipated to be the main change. USU apologizes for not having more detailed information available when this catalog went to press. For the most current information, contact the Admissions Office, by phone at (435) 797-1079, (435) 797-1129, or (800) 488-8108; or by e-mail at admit@usu.edu.

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). For further information, see WUE text in the *Financial Aid and Scholarship Information* section, page 26.