

## **Florida State University Admissions Policy**

I. All qualified persons are welcome to seek admission to Florida State University which includes our branch campuses in Panama City, Panama and Panama City, Florida. Our admissions policies and practice seek and embrace diversity of all kinds and we do not discriminate in offering access to our educational programs and activities on the basis of age, gender, race, color, national origin, religion, creed, disability, veteran's status or sexual orientation.

II. Projections of the number of students to be admitted and enrolled will invariably change from year to year. Admission and enrollment targets are determined by (a) by the finite capacity of the institution to meet the needs of students in the colleges, schools, departments, curricula, or other programs to which applicants seek admission and (b) by enrollment levels approved for budgetary or other appropriate purposes.

III. The Florida Board of Governors regulates the minimum standards for admission to State University System institutions [see <http://www.flbog.edu/about/regulations/regulations.php>], but when at any time the number of qualified applicants for admission exceeds the number of persons who can be admitted and enrolled (as determined by the criteria specified in II above), those to be offered admission shall be selected based upon a competitive review of applications and supporting documentation. This competitive review policy strives to select those individuals who have the capability to successfully complete their studies and further enrich our community of scholars with their active participation and leadership. This policy shall not prevent the admission of selected applicants with special skills and talents for University programs requiring such special skills and talents. Florida State University recognizes its status as a preeminent institution in the State University System of Florida with a special responsibility to residents of Florida, but it also actively seeks and welcomes applicants from throughout the country and the world.

### **IV. Undergraduate Admissions**

Admission of undergraduate students to colleges or schools to pursue programs leading to a baccalaureate degree shall be the joint responsibility of the Office of Undergraduate Admissions and the academic department of the major for which admission is sought. All admission decisions and enrollment results are followed and reviewed by the University Admissions Committee comprised of faculty, staff, and students. The University Admissions Committee reports to the Provost and it is responsible for setting general admission requirements and procedures. Academic departments are responsible for setting major requirements which are in accordance with all general admission requirements. The University Admissions Committee serves as the final agency action on all undergraduate admission appeals.

#### **A. Admission to the Freshman Class**

Admission selection is determined after a comprehensive review of the application conducted by trained admissions professionals. The most important factor in the selection process is the applicant's academic profile (academic grade point average, quality of curriculum, and test performance). A variety of factors in addition to high school grade point average and test scores are considered in the review process; these include the

written essay, the rigor and quality of courses and curriculum, grade trends, class rank, and educational objectives. Applicants who bring other important attributes to the University community may also receive additional consideration. These applicants include low socioeconomic and first generation students applying to the CARE Summer Bridge Program, visual and performing artists, and skilled athletes.

As a public university in the State University System of Florida, we are prohibited from the consideration of race/ethnicity in our individual decisions although diversity remains a compelling interest. We recognize the value diversity brings to our living and learning environment.

For all students who apply for freshman admission while still enrolled in high school, admission offers will be conditional based upon graduation from high school with a record that is consistent with past performance. All students athletes admitted will have the additional condition of satisfying NCAA and Atlantic Coast Conference participation standards.

#### B. Admission by Transfer

All transfer applicants must meet general requirements for admission to the University and to the major/program of interest. Minimum University general admission requirements are established each year by the University Admissions Committee based upon the factors outlined in II above. Requirements for the major are established annually by the respective department. For information about the major/program of interest requirements, refer to the Undergraduate Academic Program Guide [see <http://www.academic-guide.fsu.edu/>].

Freshman/Sophomore-level applicants (12-59 semester hours of transferable credit as determined by the Office of Admissions) must meet general freshman admission criteria in addition to general transfer criteria and major/program criteria.

Junior and senior applicants (60 or more semester hours of transferable credit as determined by the Office of Admissions) must meet general transfer admission criteria and major/program criteria.

As required by Board of Governor regulation, Associate in Arts (AA) applicants transferring directly after earning the AA degree from a Florida public institution will receive priority consideration for admission.

For all students who apply for transfer admission while still enrolled in college courses, admission offers will be conditional based upon satisfactory completion of the course work at a level consistent with past performance.

#### C. Dual Enrollment Admissions

Admission for applicants who wish to take university classes in addition to their high school studies shall be considered only when an applicant (a) seeks to enroll in a

University course for which there is no comparable course at the student's secondary school and (b) demonstrates adequate preparation for the course in which the student seeks to enroll. Admission for dual enrolled students is under the purview of the Dean of Undergraduate Studies.

#### V. Graduate School Admissions


Admission to the Graduate School shall be a selective process with the objective of enrolling from the pool of applicants for each discipline those students who, in the judgment of the institution, are best qualified to pursue graduate degrees in their chosen academic fields. Admission decisions for graduate students shall be the responsibility of the Dean and Chair of the appropriate major/program from which admission is sought. All policies and procedures utilized must be consistent with State statute, Board of Governors regulation, and University policy.

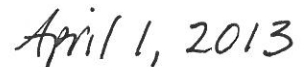
#### VI. Professional School Admissions

Admission of students to the professional degree programs shall be, in each of these schools, the responsibility of its established Committee on Admissions which shall apply policies, procedures, and requirements, which are consistent with State statute, Board of Governors regulation, and University policy.

#### VII. Non-degree Seeking Admissions

Admission of non-degree seeking students is under the auspices of the Office of Admissions. Enrollment is on a space-available basis and subject to departmental approval. All non-degree seeking undergraduate students must have graduated from an approved or accredited secondary school and non-degree seeking graduate students must have graduated with at least a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited U.S. institution, or a comparable degree from an international institution. All non-degree seeking students must demonstrate the capacity to cope with the demands of University life. Applicants who have been denied admission as a degree-seeking student or who missed the deadline for submitting a degree-seeking application will not be considered for enrollment as a non-degree student.





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