

Freshman Student Admission

Requirements for admission as a freshman student

The following guidelines are used when evaluating an applicant's high school record:

- A college prep curriculum that includes the following academic subjects:

English	4 units
Mathematics (Geometry and two additional courses including one full year of Algebra I or its equivalent or any other courses above Algebra I*)	3 units
Social Studies	2 units
Science (one with lab)	2 units
Foreign Language, or Computer Science, or Music/Art with courses from two of the three areas)	3 units
Electives	3 units
TOTAL	17 units
- Grade point average of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale
- Class rank in the upper 50th percentile
- Satisfactory score from either the ACT (American College Test) or SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test) Note: 20 or higher ACT Composite or 930 or higher SAT combined Reasoning and Math)

Procedures for Application for Admission as a Freshman Student

- Submit a completed freshman admission application, either the traditional hard copy or online accessed on the University website, www.stfrancis.edu, with a \$30 non-refundable application fee, check, or money order
- Have an official transcript of credits sent from the high school last attended
- Submit ACT or SAT scores.

Applicants will be considered for admission as soon as their application process has been completed. Decisions are made on a rolling basis starting October 1. If there are no unusual circumstances, applicants will be notified within two weeks after completing the process.

Provisional Admission

Students not meeting admission requirements can be considered for provisional admission by the Admissions Committee once they have submitted a personal statement and teacher recommendations. The Admissions Committee is comprised of University faculty and administrators. Provisional admission is granted on the basis of each applicant's individual potential as indicated in the required documentation. To aid in a provisionally admitted student's first year success, the Admissions Committee usually stipulates the following provisions:

- Students are limited to a maximum of 14 semester hours during the first semester at the University. The limit of 14 hours is specified to help avoid the problems that can arise when students new to college sign up for too many classes at one time. A full-time class load ranges from 12 to 18 hours; by being limited to fewer hours, the student should be better able to concentrate on being successful in each class
- Students may be required to participate in the Academic Resource Center's Academic Achievement Seminar. This course examines the skills and behaviors that are essential to being a successful college student. The class size is small, which allows students to experience frequent interaction with the instructor and other students in the class
- Students may be required to participate in the Academic Resource Center's Academic Coaching Program. This program connects the student to the Academic Resource Center by implementing status check-ups throughout the semester to insure students are making positive progress in their studies
- Students must attain a 2.0 ("C") cumulative grade point average in at least 12 hours at the end of the first semester at USF in order to continue to the next semester. The first two conditions given above are designed to assist the student in meeting this goal.

Successful completion of the first semester, as designated by these possible requirements, will satisfy the provisional admission. Beginning with the second semester, the student will be subject to the academic policies and standards as listed in the University Catalog.