

NORTH DAKOTA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM - ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

This memorandum provides information regarding North Dakota University System admission requirements, including information on general admission requirements and individual higher education institution admission requirements.

GENERAL ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

An individual who wants to attend any of the 11 higher education institutions in the North Dakota University System must meet the following **minimum standards** in order to qualify for admission:

- An individual must have a high school diploma or a General Educational Development (GED) certificate.
- An individual must have completed the American College Test (ACT) or the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT), unless the student is age 25 or older on the first day of class, is from a foreign country other than Canada, is transferring 24 or more semester credits acceptable at the receiving campus, or is exempted through an established campus policy.

An individual who plans to attend one of the North Dakota University System's four-year institutions and who graduated from high school in 1993 or later must have completed the following core curriculum:

- Four units of English, including the development of written and oral communication skills.
- Three units of mathematics, Algebra I and above.
- Three units of laboratory science, including at least one unit each in two or more of the following: biology, chemistry, physics, or physical science.
- Three units of social studies, excluding consumer education, cooperative marketing, orientation to social science, and marriage/family.

The State Board of Higher Education also strongly recommends that high school students intending to enroll in four-year institutions take Algebra II and two units of a single classical or modern language, including American sign language or Native American languages.

The North Dakota University System's four-year institutions may provide a student an exemption to the high school core curriculum requirements and may admit such a student through a review procedure established by the campus. For Dickinson State University, Mayville State University, Minot State University, and Valley City State University, the number of exemptions allowed for the academic year is equal to 10 percent of the previous academic year's incoming freshmen. For North Dakota State University and the University of North Dakota, the number of exemptions allowed for the academic year is equal to 5 percent of the previous year's incoming freshmen.

INDIVIDUAL HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

An individual who wants to attend any of the 11 higher education institutions in the North Dakota University System must complete the following admission requirements:

- Application for admission form and related fee.
- High school diploma and transcripts, college transcripts, or GED certificate information, as appropriate.
- ACT or SAT examination.
- Medical history information form.

The North Dakota University System's two-year institutions--Bismarck State College, Lake Region State College, Minot State University - Bottineau, State College of Science, and Williston State College--are open-door institutions in which all students who complete the admission requirements are allowed to enroll. The institutions use a student's ACT or SAT examination scores for advisement and course placement purposes only. In selected instances, an individual who fails to meet the high school graduation or GED requirements may be admitted on a probational basis.

An individual who wants to attend one of the North Dakota University System's four-year institutions--Dickinson State University, Mayville State University, Minot State University, North Dakota State University, University of North Dakota, and Valley City State University--must complete, in addition to the admission requirements, a high school core curriculum form in relation to the high school core curriculum requirements.

In regard to exemptions to the high school core curriculum requirements, any student who applies for admission to Minot State University and fails to meet the requirements and any student who is applying for admission to Valley City State University and is missing no more than two of the requirements may appeal by filing a special form with the respective university's admission office. A special committee at each of the universities will review the form and determine if an exemption to the high school core curriculum requirements should be made. If an exemption request is denied, each of the universities encourages the student to enroll in one of the state's two-year higher education institutions. Any student who applies for admission to Dickinson State University or Mayville State University and fails to meet the requirements may receive an exemption from the institution. However, if an exemption is denied, the student may enroll in a two-year associate degree program at each of the universities. After completion of 24 credits, the student may request a transfer into a four-year bachelor's degree program.

In regard to other admission requirements, North Dakota State University and the University of North

Dakota use selective criteria in making admission decisions for freshmen admission and transfer admission.

For North Dakota State University:

- The general guideline for freshmen admission includes a cumulative high school grade point average of 2.5 with a strong consideration given to grades earned in the core curriculum courses and an ACT composite score of 21 or higher or a SAT score of 970 or higher.
- Students interested in transferring to North Dakota State University must have a minimum college grade point average of 2.0.
- The applications for students who do not meet the selective criteria but show potential are reviewed and decisions are made on a case-by-case basis. The university may admit a student conditionally to allow them to take a limited number of classes, or if a student is not admitted, the university recommends students enroll in a two-year higher education institution or continue on at the present school.

For the University of North Dakota:

- The general guideline for freshmen admission includes a minimum cumulative high school grade point average of 2.25 or higher and a minimum ACT composite score of 17 or higher.
- Students interested in transferring to the University of North Dakota must meet a minimum college grade point average standard that is dependent upon the number of transferable credits.
- The applications for incoming freshmen students and transfer students with less than 24 credits in transfer who do not meet the general guidelines are reviewed by the university's Student Academic Standards Committee. The applications for transfer students with more than 24 credits in transfer who do not meet the general guidelines are reviewed by either a dean's office or the director of admissions. Students who do not meet the high school core curriculum requirements are encouraged to enroll in any of the state's two-year higher education institutions.