ADMISSION GUIDELINES

The credentials of undergraduate applicants for admission to degree status are reviewed on an individual basis. Because the number of applicants who meet the requirements for admission may exceed the number that can be admitted, the university selects those candidates who present the strongest qualifications in scholastic achievement and potential as reflected on transcripts and test scores. Applicants interested in enrolling as nondegree-seeking students should read the Nondegree-seeking student guidelines section, which appears in the Academic regulations and general degree requirements section of this bulletin.

Freshman undergraduate admission guidelines

An applicant for degree status must be a graduate of an accredited secondary school (or its equivalent) or hold a GED certificate with adequate scores, defined as a composite score of at least 550 on the GED battery. A high school student should submit an application for admission after completion of the junior year, unless applying for the early admission or advanced scholar programs, in which case the application should be submitted after the sophomore year.

All freshman applicants under the age of 22 are required to submit scores from the SAT or ACT, however some situations exist where testing is optional. Additional information on optional and required test scores for freshmen is available on the Office of Admissions website. The college preparatory curriculum is highly preferred, and a minimum of 20 units is required for admission to all programs on the Monroe Park Campus, with the following minimum distribution of subjects: four units in English; three units in mathematics, one of which must be algebra I and one of which must be geometry or algebra II; three units in science, one of which must be a laboratory science; and three units of history or social sciences or government. Students are encouraged to present at least three units in a modern or ancient language or two units of two foreign languages.

In addition, preference is given to candidates who submit the Advanced Studies Diploma or its equivalent. This diploma requires four units in English; four in social sciences, including U.S. and Virginia history, U.S. and Virginia government, and two courses in either world history or geography or both; four units in mathematics (algebra I, geometry and algebra II); four units in science drawn from earth science, biology, chemistry, physics or other advanced science courses; and either three units of one foreign language or two units of two foreign languages; two units in health and physical education; one unit of fine arts or practical arts; and one unit in economics and personal finance.

Freshman applicants planning to pursue postgraduate studies in the health professions (dentistry, medicine, occupational therapy, pharmacy and physical therapy) are advised to choose a pre-health advising track in addition to their academic major. For more information about professional health advising tracks and majors, please see the Academic advising section.