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# Requirements for college admission

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## FOUR WAYS TO GAIN ADMISSION TO A MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC UNIVERSITY

1

Complete the College Preparatory Curriculum (CPC) with a minimum 3.2 high school grade point average (GPA) on the CPC; or

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Complete the College Preparatory Curriculum (CPC) with a minimum 2.50 high school GPA on the CPC or a class rank in the top 50% and a score of 16 or higher on the ACT\* (Composite); or

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Complete the College Preparatory Curriculum (CPC) with a minimum 2.00 high school GPA on the CPC and a score of 18 or higher on the ACT\* (Composite); or

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Satisfy the NCAA standards for student athletes who are “full-qualifiers” under Division I guidelines.

## WHAT IF YOU DO NOT MEET THE CRITERIA?

Students who do not meet the above criteria are nonetheless eligible for admission. Such students must participate, however, in an on-campus placement process at the university of their choice. The process will determine whether the student may be enrolled in regular freshman-level courses or be required to enroll in the summer semester with mandatory participation in the Summer Developmental Program. Successful completion of the summer semester entitles the student to continued enrollment in the fall semester at the university of his or her choice.

\*In lieu of ACT scores, students may submit equivalent SAT scores.

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# FRESHMAN ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR UNIVERSITY SYSTEM INSTITUTIONS (COLLEGE PREPARATORY CURRICULUM)

16½  
Carnegie  
units

The minimum **required** CPC for full admission into a Mississippi public university is as follows:

**ENGLISH:** 4 Carnegie units

- All must require substantial communication skills (i.e., reading, writing, listening, and speaking). Compensatory Reading and Writing may not be included.

**MATHEMATICS:** 3 Carnegie units

- Algebra I or its equivalent
- Math higher than Algebra I (2 units)

**SCIENCE:** 3 Carnegie units

- Biology I or its equivalent
- Science higher than Biology I (2 units)

**SOCIAL STUDIES:** 3 Carnegie units

- U.S. History
- World History
- U.S. Government (½ unit)
- Economics (½ unit) or Introduction to World Geography (½ unit)

**ARTS:** 1 Carnegie unit

- Includes any one Carnegie unit (or two ½ units) of visual and performing arts course(s) meeting the requirements for high school graduation.

**ADVANCED ELECTIVES:** 2 Carnegie units

- Option 1: Foreign Language I and Foreign Language II
- Option 2: Foreign Language I and Advanced World Geography
- Option 3: Any combination of English, Mathematics higher than Algebra I, Science higher than Biology I, Advanced Elective category, any AP course, any IB course

**TECHNOLOGY:** ½ Carnegie unit

- A course that emphasizes the use of technology as a productivity tool. Instruction should include utilizing various forms of technology to create, collaborate, organize, and publish information. The application of technology as a productivity tool, rather than specific hardware and/or software packages should be the focus of the course.

**NOTES:**

- **Pre-High School units:** Courses taken prior to high school will be accepted for admission provided the course earns Carnegie credit and the content is the same as the high school course.
- **Substitutions:** Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) courses can be substituted for each requirement in the College Preparatory Curriculum.

19½  
Carnegie  
units

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**MATHEMATICS:** 4 Carnegie units

- Algebra I or its equivalent
- Math higher than Algebra I (3 units)

**SCIENCE:** 4 Carnegie units

- Biology I or its equivalent
- Science higher than Biology I (3 units)

**SOCIAL STUDIES:** 4 Carnegie units

- U.S. History
- World History
- U.S. Government (½ unit)
- Economics (½ unit)
- Introduction to World Geography (½ unit)
- Mississippi Studies (*or state/local government course in any other state*)

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**Course Acceptance:** A course may not be used to satisfy more than one requirement.

- The Required and Recommended College Preparatory Curricula (CPC) are approved by the IHL Board of Trustees, and the IHL Office of Academic and Student Affairs maintains a complete list of courses that can be used to satisfy the CPC requirements. See [www.mississippi.edu/admissions/](http://www.mississippi.edu/admissions/).