Admissions

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Admissions Policy

Undergraduate Admissions

Utah Valley University maintains an open admissions practice, admitting all applicants whose qualifications indicate they may benefit from the instructional programs offered.

The University does, however, have enrollment standards. In order to help students enroll in courses that match their academic preparation and ability, admission to the University requires that every student adhere to the established admission deadlines and provide all application materials as stipulated by the university including: English placement scores, an official high school and/or college transcripts, and a $35 application fee. Returning/Transfer students are required to submit transcripts from all colleges/universities they have attended. After being admitted, most students are required to attend orientation and meet with an advisor to be guided through a personalized enrollment process.

State Authorization Requirements for Online courses and programs

Utah Valley University delivers online education programs and courses throughout the United States and abroad. Recent amendments to the Higher Education Act of 1965 include changes to a regulation on State authorization that impacts online and distance education providers. The regulation changes are designed to address the growing population of students residing at a distance and pursuing university-level education online by requiring institutions to meet any State requirements to be legally offering online education in that State.

Utah is a member of the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA) and Utah Valley University is an approved SARA institution which means we adhere to established standards for offering post-secondary online programs in all member states. UVU is authorized to offer online education in all states and a few territories with some restrictions on internships and practicums. For more information and access to an interactive map visit http://www.uvu.edu/otl/state-authorization.html. To review the authorization information, click on the state you intend to reside in while pursuing your degree or program through UVU.[KC1]

Graduate Admissions

In order to be admitted to the University as graduate students, applicants must meet the following minimum requirements:

1. A bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited college/university, a nationally accredited program, or an international college or university recognized by a Ministry of Education. International Admissions officers shall determine if applicants with international degrees meet the graduate program’s requirement of a recognized bachelor’s degree or equivalent.
2. A 3.0 cumulative undergraduate GPA or a 3.0 GPA calculated on the last 60 semester hours (90 quarter hours) of undergraduate work.
3. Any additional or more stringent admissions criteria established by specific graduate programs in addition to the minimum required by the University. (Policy 510, Section 4.5).

Admissions Procedure

UVU is committed to equal opportunity in admissions and access to educational programs and activities without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age, disability status, veteran status, pregnancy, childbirth or pregnancy-related conditions, citizenship, genetic information, or other bases protected by applicable law.

Age Exception

New freshmen under the age of 17 and who have not graduated high school seeking admission must apply for exception through the Admissions Office. The student must submit all required documents for admission and demonstrate through assessment testing the ability to succeed. After meeting with the student and at least one parent or guardian in person, the Director or Associate Director of Admissions will make the final determination for admittance.

Students are required to be in the non-degree seeking status High School Concurrent Enrollment (HSCE) until they graduate from high school, receive a GED or are beyond compulsory high school age. Students are required to take ACT/ACT-R or SAT testing and at a minimum must qualify to enter English and Math at a college level (1010 or above.) Students that do not meet testing minimums, are under the age of 15, or are otherwise found to not be college ready will not be granted an exception to policy.

Enrollment

Admission to the University does not constitute admission into an individual major or program of study. Some programs of study may require an additional program admission process. In programs or courses with limited openings (or seats), enrollment is based on a “first-come, first-served” procedure, assuming prerequisites have been satisfied.

Specific Program Screening

Some programs or majors of the institution are accredited by professional or technical organizations which may recommend certain minimum standards for entrance into the program. Other programs may require prerequisite skills or knowledge that are specific to entry-level courses required for that major.

Undergraduate Admission Steps

To be officially admitted to the University, an applicant must submit the following to the Office of Admissions:

1. Complete the online Application for Admission available at: www.uvu.edu/admissions.
2. Application Fee: Nonrefundable, $35 application fee accompanying first undergraduate, $15 for each returning/readmitting undergraduate application for admission, and, $100 for international application for admission. Application deadline for undergraduate admissions: fall semester, Aug. 1st; spring semester, Dec. 1st.
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3. Official Transcripts: All High School/College/University transcripts must arrive at UVU in an unopened envelope from the sending institution and must be printed with in the last six months to be considered official. High school transcripts can be considered official if they are emailed from the high school counselor to admissions@uvu.edu or faxed, with a cover sheet from the high school, to 801.863.8913. Items must be received or postmarked before the admissions deadline.

4. Official ACT or SAT scores: ACT or SAT test scores are not required for admission to the university but may be a requirement for scholarship consideration. The ACT-R can be taken at Testing Services in the Wolverine Services Center. Expired test scores (two years for math and five years for English) will not prohibit admission to UVU. However, current placement scores may be required prior to registration of math or English courses.

Acceptance and resident status will be determined by the Office of Admissions. A declaration of major is accomplished through the Application for Admission. Students desiring to change their major after acceptance to the University are required to do so with the academic advisor for their newly desired major.

Graduate Admission Steps

1. Complete the online Application for Admission available at: www.uvu.edu/admissions.
2. Application Fee: Nonrefundable $45 fee for each graduate admission application, $145 fee for each international graduate admission application.
3. Admission Documentation: Submit documentation necessary for admission consideration by deadline published by program being applied to.
4. After receipt and review of necessary documentation each program will decide whether or not to offer admission to the program.

Acceptance of undergraduate students and resident status of all students will be determined by the Office of Admissions. A declaration of major is accomplished through the Application for Admission. Students desiring to change their major after acceptance to the University are required to do so with the academic advisor for their newly desired major.

Resident Classification

Resident tuition applies to residents of the State of Utah.

Utah Valley University will determine student residency in accordance with Utah Law and the State Board of Regents Policy R512.

Nonresident students should note that residency does not change automatically. Students are required to submit a Residency Application with appropriate documentation to the Office of Admissions for review and approval before residency status can be changed.

Applicants for residency classification should allow three to four weeks for a review and determination of his/her residency. All communication regarding residency will be through myUVU. Students should check their myUVU account regularly, for updated information or documentation requests.

Applications for residency for any given semester must be received before the deadline posted on the Residency Application. In accordance with the residency policy, all changes in residency classification must be completed before the 3rd week of each semester. Applications/Supporting documentation received after advertised deadlines will not be considered until the next semester. Residence changes are not retroactive. Check your status and deadlines before registering for classes.

Returning Students

Undergraduate students returning to UVU after a break of seven semesters or more are required to reapply for admission. A $15 readmission fee will be assessed to returning students. If the student has attended a College/University since their last attendance at UVU an official transcript from each institution attended is required before acceptance back into UVU.

Veterans

Veterans considering enrollment are encouraged to contact the UVU Veterans Services Office (WB 100) during the admissions process to receive assistance in planning programs of study and applying for educational benefits.

Senior Citizens

Utah residents, age 62 and over, may enroll on an audit basis in any University class offered (as space is available) by completing an application for admission but are not charged an application fee. The Office of Admissions will issue an audit form to be signed by the instructor. A $20 registration fee, which covers all costs except books and special lab and course fees, is required each semester. This policy does not apply to specialized workshops.

Senior citizens desiring credit for courses taken must apply and register according to regular policies and procedures.

Non-Degree Seeking Students

Students that desire to attend courses at UVU for personal or professional enrichment only or to gain credit to transfer back to their home institution and are not seeking a formal degree or award from UVU may enroll as non-degree seeking students for three consecutive semesters. After this time period, non-degree seeking students must reapply following regular admission procedures if they wish to continue enrolling in courses at UVU. Non-degree seeking students are not eligible to receive financial aid or apply for graduation from UVU.

International Students: F-1 Immigration Status

The University is authorized under federal law to enroll non-immigrant alien (international) students. An international student is defined as an individual who is legally domiciled in a country other than the United States of America at the time of application for admission to UVU. International students must be 18 years or older for admittance.

Change of Status

Due to regulations involved with the change of Visa status for those holding a B1 or B2 Tourist Visa, Utah Valley University does not facilitate the change of status for this Visa type.

I-20 Certificate of Eligibility
This document issued by the designated international student admissions officer to international students with non-immigrant status, is to be used to apply for an F-1 Visa to the United States.

Only persons who do not intend to remain permanently in the United States and who have adequate financial resources are eligible for such status.

Educational Costs
An estimate of an academic school year costs, as determined by UVU, is stated on the I-20 form prior to issuance to the student. The American Consul uses this information to determine the adequacy of the applicant’s financial resources.

Affidavit of Support
UVU requires international applicants (with their sponsors) to submit an "Affidavit of Support" for an International Student at UVU. The affidavit states that a sponsor is legally bound to financially support the applicant. Upon satisfactory completion of other admission requirements, the affidavit is returned to the prospective student with the I-20, which may then be presented to an American Consul or Embassy to gain an F-1 Visa.

Transcript of Credits
This is an official copy of the permanent academic record of the student’s high school (12th grade equivalency) and/or college grades. It is used by UVU to determine admission qualifications.

TOEFL or IELTS
The TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) is a confidential examination given through procedures designed to protect its security before, during, and after its administration. Scores over one-year old are not acceptable. Information for TOEFL may be obtained by contacting www.ets.org/TOEFL. We will also accept the IELTS test for English proficiency. Information for IELTS can be obtained at www.ielts.org.

A minimum score of 520 written test, 184 computer based, or 66 for internet based test for TOEFL an IELTS score of 6.0 is required for admittance to an undergraduate level program at UVU. No scores are needed for admittance to the Intensive English program. Certain majors may require higher scores before acceptance into major.

Graduate level programs require a minimum TOEFL score of 550 paper based test or 80 internet based test or 6.5 IELTS score. Individual programs may require more than University minimums as an admission requirement.

Note: Assessment tests are administered to all incoming students. The results of that exam determine first semester classes.

Financial Aid & Scholarships
International students are not eligible for scholarships or financial aid from the United States Government.

Academic Load
An international student is required to carry a full time course load (minimum of 12 hours of credit for undergraduate students and minimum of 9 credits for graduate students) that applies toward a major each academic semester of fall and spring. Summer is optional unless it is the student’s first semester at UVU or the student has attended school for more than one year and uses a semester other than summer as a vacation. The 12 credit-hour requirement may not include repeated classes or audit classes.

Hospitalization & Health Insurance
UVU recommends that international students acquire appropriate insurance while in school. Information can be obtained at the UVU Student Health Services Office.

Tuberculin Skin Test
Each international student must independently acquire a Tuberculin Skin Test after entering the United States. This may be obtained at the Student Health Services office on campus or the Utah County Health Department. Written results must be submitted to Student Health Services prior to registering for classes. An international student transferring from another institution within the United States may present written results from a previous skin test.