

3341-3-27 Admission to BGSU – Undergraduate.

Applicability	All University units – Undergraduate Students
Responsible Office	Office of the Provost
Responsible Administrator	University Registrar

(A) Policy Statement and Purpose

This university policy is part of the Undergraduate Catalog. The Undergraduate Catalog provides university academic policies and information about program requirements. The Undergraduate Catalog is updated each semester and can be found at <http://www.bgsu.edu/catalog/academic-policies.html>. Colleges and departments may have additional or more specific requirements or policies that relate to an individual program. Students are advised to become familiar with the Undergraduate Catalog as well as specific requirements and policies related to their degree program.

(B) Policy

For admission to Bowling Green State University a freshman applicant must:

- (1) Be a graduate of a senior high school approved or accredited by the department of education of the state in which it is located; or
- (2) Have earned high school equivalency through the General Educational Development (GED) testing program (issued by the state department of education); or
- (3) Present GED test results and ACT or SAT test results, if the student completed secondary education through an alternative program such as home schooling; or

- (4) Present an International Baccalaureate diploma or certificate.

Applications for admission are accepted and processed each semester of the academic year until the capacity of the freshman class is reached on the Bowling Green campus and at BGSU Firelands in Huron, Ohio. Admission is competitive and is based on the high school curriculum, cumulative grade point average, standardized test scores, and class rank.

High school students are encouraged to apply for admission beginning April fifteenth of their junior year. Because housing accommodations and classroom facilities are limited, students should submit their applications as soon after receiving them as possible. All credentials should be on file by February first of the senior year to assure consideration for admission.

Although the largest number of new students enters in August, it is possible to enter in the spring or summer semester. The application deadline (freshmen and transfer, main campus) for the spring semester is December fifteenth, and for the summer semester May fifteenth. Students applying to the fall have until August first to submit the application. All admission credentials must be received by the Office of Admissions fourteen days before the semester or fourteen days before the beginning of classes for the summer sessions to allow sufficient time for processing, notification, academic advising, and registration for classes. For international applicants, the application deadline for spring semester is November first, for the summer semester April fifteenth, and for the fall semester the deadline is July fifteenth. For BGSU Firelands, the regional campus of Bowling Green in Huron, Ohio, applications for admission are accepted up to two weeks before the beginning of classes.

An admissions application packet is available online at www.bgsu.edu or by contacting the Office of Admissions, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH 43403. To be considered for admission, applicants are required to submit the Application for Undergraduate Admission, a forty-five dollars nonrefundable application fee for the online application (fifty dollars for the paper application), and an official transcript with ACT or SAT test results. All transcripts, test results, and other academic credentials must be mailed from the school or agency to the Office of Admissions to be accepted as official. Academic credentials mailed by a student will be inadequate for evaluation for an admissions decision. All admission credentials submitted to the Office of Admissions become the property of Bowling Green State University and cannot be returned. Any

misrepresentation of credentials will be cause for refusal or cancellation of admission or expulsion from the university if discovered subsequently.

Applicants who have already graduated from high school may send their completed applications and application fee directly to the BGSU Office of Admissions. An official final high school transcript should be sent from the high school to the Office of Admissions.

Applicants who have earned high school equivalency through the General Education Development (GED) testing program should send their completed applications and application fee directly to the BGSU Office of Admissions. Both an official copy of the GED results and an official high school transcript of all work completed must be sent to the Office of Admissions.

A student who has not taken coursework anywhere (high school or college) during the past five years prior to enrollment is eligible for admission to the university. Under this five-year admission policy, a student receives admission and is required to take courses under the close supervision of his or her college academic advisor.

Applicants may fulfill the requirements for admission by presenting an International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma or Certificate. Grades of four through seven in higher-level subjects may be considered for individual course credit. Students with questions about the IB should contact the Office of Admissions.

The ACT or the SAT is required of all freshmen except those who have been out of high school for three or more years. Either test will fulfill this requirement. International applicants are not required to submit ACT or SAT results.

All non-native speakers of English are required to take the TOEFL test, or if unavailable, the Michigan Test. This is required of international students issued immigrant visas, those transferring from another American college or university, those (with English as a foreign language) coming from U.S. territories (such as Puerto Rico), and those granted U.S. citizenship within recent years.

As a condition of admission to the university and reflecting the educational philosophy of the institution, all freshman- and sophomore-

level students are required to live in university residence halls. This policy does not apply to students over the age of twenty-three or to students commuting daily from the home of a parent, legal guardian, or spouse (commuters must live within fifty miles of Bowling Green), or to students who have attained sixty academic semester hours or four semesters of campus residency on or before their first day of classes. See the Office of Residence Life for more details.

For residency requirements for Ohio residents and nonresidents, refer to residency regulations under Office of Registration and Records.

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