

**Office of Admissions
Proposed Catalog Changes
Effective Summer 2020**

First-Year Admission Requirements

First-year applicants graduating from high school prior to 1995 must meet the requirements in effect for their graduation year. A degree-seeking applicant applying directly from high school or with fewer than 14 semester credits of transferable college work earned after high school graduation must:

1. Submit ACT or SAT scores.
2. Graduate from a regionally accredited high school with a combination of cumulative GPA¹ and test scores² as defined in the following table:

Test Scores			
High School GPA	ACT Composite	SAT Critical Reading Verbal + Math (SAT taken prior to March 2016)	SAT Evidence Based Reading & Writing + Math (SAT taken March 2016 and after)
3.00 - 4.00	Any test score	Any test score	Any test score
2.60 - 2.99	15 - 36	740 - 1600	830-1600
2.50 - 2.59	17 - 36	830 - 1600	910-1600
2.40 - 2.49	19 - 36	910 - 1600	990-1600
2.30 - 2.39	21 - 36	990 - 1600	1070-1600
2.20 - 2.29	23 - 36	1070 - 1600	1140-1600

¹ Unweighted

² Written sections of the test not required for admission.

3. Complete specified high school courses with a minimum 2.00 GPA as listed below. A credit is defined as a course taken with a minimum of 70 hours of classroom instruction. A high school credit can be counted in only one category.
 - a. **English:** A minimum of 8 credits (4 years), selected from composition and literature courses or courses that integrate composition, language, and literature.
 - b. **Mathematics:** A minimum of 6 credits (3 years) including algebra I or applied math I, geometry or applied math II, and algebra II. An additional 2 credits are strongly recommended. Other courses may include probability, discrete math, analytic geometry, calculus, statistics, and trigonometry. **Four of the required mathematics credits must be taken in the 10th, 11th, and 12th grades.**
 - c. **Social Science:** A minimum of 5 credits (2 ½ years), selected from American government (state and local), geography, U.S. history, world history, psychology, sociology, and

economics (consumer economics courses approved by the Idaho State Board of Education may be counted toward this requirement).

- d. **Natural Science:** A minimum of 6 credits (3 years), selected from anatomy, biology, chemistry, geology, earth science, physical science, physiology, physics, zoology, and applied science courses jointly approved by the State Department of Education (SDOE) and the State Department of Professional-Technical Education (DSPTE) (maximum of two credits in this category). Ecology will count if SDOE approved. At least two credits must involve laboratory science experience. Note: A laboratory science course is defined as one in which at least one class period each week is devoted to providing students the opportunity to manipulate equipment, materials, or specimens; develop skills in observation and analysis; and discover, demonstrate, illustrate, or test scientific principles or concepts.
- e. **Humanities/Foreign Language:** A minimum of 2 credits (1 year), selected from literature, history, philosophy, foreign language, fine arts, and interdisciplinary humanities (related study of two or more of the traditional humanities disciplines). These courses should emphasize history, appreciation, theory, analysis, and/or critique. History courses beyond those required for state high school graduation may be counted. Foreign language study is strongly recommended. Native American language (five Idaho tribes) may meet this requirement if taught by certified high school faculty.
- f. **Other College Preparation:** A minimum of 3 credits (1 ½ years), of which no more than one credit may be in speech or debate (debate must be taught by a certified teacher). Other courses may include studio/performing arts (art, dance, drama, and music) or foreign language (beyond any foreign language credit applied in the humanities/foreign language category). May include no more than two credits in SDPTE-approved classes in agricultural science and technology, business and office education, health occupations education, family and consumer sciences education, occupational family and consumer science education, trade, industrial, and technical education, and individualized occupational training.
Applicants with fewer than 14 semester hours of transfer credit completed after high school graduation must meet both first-year and transfer admission requirements, including submission of the required test scores. (See "First-Year Admission Requirements" above.)

Students who have participated in running start, dual credit or accelerated learning programs who concurrently enroll in college credit courses while still in high school need to meet first-year requirements for admission and submit all of the appropriate high school documentation regardless of the number of transferable credits completed. See First-Year Admission Requirements.

If a first-year applicant does not qualify for regular admission or satisfies one of the criteria below, he or she may apply to the Admissions Committee for consideration (see Applying to the Admissions Committee).

1. Graduates from a non-accredited high school,
2. Is home schooled,

3. Obtains a General Educational Development (GED) certificate,
4. Deserves consideration because of special circumstances (i.e. disadvantaged or minority status, delayed entry, returning veteran, a talented student wishing to enter college early, and/or similar situations).