

**Faculty Senate  
Proposed Catalog Changes  
Effective Summer 2020**

Note from Faculty Senate: There are two changes proposed and they are shown on pp. 6-7 of this document. The first adds the Vandal Gateway Program to the catalog and defines how a student qualifies to apply to the program (via the Admissions Committee). The second updates the requirements for applying via the Admissions Committee. Note that the Admissions Committee website would need to be updated as shown on p.8, but this would only reflect changes to the Catalog and would not be a voting item.

<https://catalog.uidaho.edu/student-services/admission/>

### **Admission to the University**

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Information about the undergraduate admission process and application forms are available from the Office of Admissions or online at [www.uidaho.edu/admissions](http://www.uidaho.edu/admissions). Applicants for admission to the university must present satisfactory evidence of good character.

### **Application Procedures**

All applicants for admission are required to submit:

1. The appropriate, completed application form (i.e., undergraduate, non-degree, or international). Failure to list all institutions attended or submission of inaccurate transcripts or other supporting documents as specified on the application form is considered fraud and subjects the applicant to immediate cancellation of his or her registration and/or dismissal from the university.
2. Official transcripts from the last high school and all colleges or universities attended. (See sections on first-year, transfer, non-degree, or international admission requirements for further details.) **Transcripts submitted in support of an application must be official and must be sent directly to the Office of Admissions by the issuing institution. Transcripts received become the property of the university and cannot be returned, copied, or forwarded.** Official transcripts must be signed by the registrar, superintendent, principal, or other authorized official of the school.

3. Applicants who are still in high school should apply during their senior year and should ask their high school counselor to send a copy of their current transcript and ACT or SAT scores to the Office of Admissions. If qualified, the applicant will be given an early notice of acceptance based on this record. Final acceptance will be granted when the university receives a final transcript mailed directly from the high school verifying that the applicant has graduated from a regionally accredited high school and has satisfied all admission requirements.
4. Scores from the College Board (SAT) or the American College Testing Program (ACT) if applying for admission to the freshman class. This includes transfer applicants with fewer than 14 transferable semester credits. International applicants are not required to submit ACT or SAT scores.
5. A non-refundable application fee of \$60 for domestic applicants, \$70 for international applicants, and \$30 for applicants seeking readmission. Review of the application will be delayed until this fee is received. This fee is not charged to students applying for non-degree admission.

**Application Deadlines.** To provide time for evaluation and for notice of acceptance to reach the applicant, applications and credentials should be submitted to the Office of Admissions at least three weeks prior to the beginning of classes. International applicants have different deadlines (see "International Admission Requirements").

## Priority Dates

Because funds are limited, to receive priority consideration for all available funds, student applicants must submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to the federal processor by the priority date each year. The priority date for 2019-2020 is December 1. This priority date applies to incoming and continuing students, and students starting both fall and spring semesters. The link to the FAFSA page can be found on the Financial Aid homepage, <https://www.uidaho.edu/financial-aid>. In addition to the FAFSA, students who are new to the university must also have a complete application for admission on file by the December 1 priority date. Students who meet both priority dates will receive first consideration for funds for which they qualify. Students who do not meet both priority dates will still be considered for the guaranteed scholarship programs, Federal Pell Grants, and Federal Direct Loans which are available throughout the year.

## Enrollment

Financial aid during the academic year is usually awarded in expectation of full-time enrollment: 12 credits per semester for undergraduate students, 10 credits per semester for law students, and 9 credits per semester for graduate students. If a student is receiving aid as a full-time student, he or she must be registered as a full-time student to receive the aid on the first day of class. Students are required to enroll full-time to receive scholarships, unless the donor specifies special circumstances allowing part-time enrollment. All students must enroll at least half-time (6 credits per semester for undergraduate students or 5 credits per semester for graduate and law students) to be eligible for Direct Loans. Students must be enrolled in the required number of credits through the 10<sup>th</sup> day of classes (census date) of the semester to continue receiving financial aid and scholarships for the semester. For federal loan eligibility determinations, the following enrollment classifications will be used. Undergraduate enrollment will be 6-8 credits for half-time, 9-11 credits for three quarter time, and 12 or more credits for full time. Graduate enrollment will be 5-6 credits for half time, 7-8 credits for three quarter time, and 9 or more credits for full time. Law enrollment will be 5-6 credits for half time, 7-9 credits for three quarter time, and 10 or more credits for full time.

**Notification of Admission.** When all of an applicant's credentials have been received and he or she has been found eligible, a letter of acceptance will be sent. Acceptance is granted for a specified semester or summer session. If an applicant does not register for the term for which he or she applied and was accepted, it will be necessary to file a new application if entrance at a later time is desired.

## 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 GPA<sup>1</sup> and test scores<sup>2</sup> as defined in the following table:

High School GPA	ACT Composite	SAT EBRW + Math (March 2016 and after)	SAT Critical Reading + Math (pre-March 2016)
3.00-4.00	Any test score	Any test score	Any test score
2.60-2.99	15-36	830-1600	740-1600
2.50-2.59	17-36	910-1600	830-1600
2.40-2.49	19-36	990-1600	910-1600
2.30-2.39	21-36	1070-1600	990-1600
2.20-2.29	23-36	1140-1600	1070-1600

<sup>1</sup> Unweighted

<sup>2</sup> Written sections of the test not required for admission.

4. 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).

## Transfer Admission Requirements

Applicants who have been enrolled in other colleges or universities accredited by one of the regional accrediting agencies, such as the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, and who have satisfactorily accumulated 14 or more transferable credits after high school graduation may be admitted with advance standing as transfer students.

In addition to a completed undergraduate admission application form, transfer applicants must submit the following credentials to the Undergraduate Admissions Office:

1. Official transcripts from each college or university previously attended. To be considered official transcripts must be mailed directly to the University of Idaho Undergraduate Admissions Office by the issuing institution. **Transcripts received become the property of the university and cannot be returned, copied or forwarded.**
2. Applicants with fewer than 14 semester hours of transfer credit since high school graduation must meet both first-year and transfer admission requirements, including submission of the required test scores. (See "First-Year Admission Requirements".)
3. Students participating in running start, dual credit or accelerated learning programs who are concurrently enrolled in college credit courses while still attending high school need to meet first-year requirements for admission and submit all the appropriate high school documentation regardless of the number of transferable credits completed. See First-Year Admission Requirements.

Transfer students are selected from those applicants who present a cumulative grade-point average of at least 2.00 (C) for all college-level study attempted in all accredited colleges attended, exclusive of courses for which credits are not allowed. Students transferring from out-of-state schools into the College of Engineering must have a cumulative grade-point average of at least 2.80. Admission of transfer students to the landscape architecture program will be based on GPA (typically limited to 2.5 or above), test scores (ACT/SAT), and a portfolio with a letter of intent submitted to the department.

Students admitted to the University of Idaho from other collegiate educational institutions must have complied with the academic regulations for continuance in the institution(s) that they have attended in addition to the academic regulations that are applied to students enrolled in this institution.

An applicant with previous college work who does not qualify for regular admission may also seek provisional acceptance by applying to the Admissions Committee for consideration (see Applying to the Admissions Committee).

## Readmission Requirements

Students returning after two years from last attendance must complete an Application for Readmission and submit a \$30 application fee and official transcripts from all colleges or universities attended since last enrolling at UI. (Also see regulation B-1) Application forms are available online at [www.uidaho.edu/admissions](http://www.uidaho.edu/admissions).

Returning students who were not in good academic standing when they left the university need to submit the above materials and follow the appropriate reinstatement procedures as stated in regulation L-4. Contact the Admissions Office for more information (208-885-6326, [admissions@uidaho.edu](mailto:admissions@uidaho.edu)).

## [Vandal Gateway Program](#)

[The Vandal Gateway Program provides academic support to qualifying applicant who do not meet the First-Year Admission Requirements stated above. Students may apply for admission to the Vandal Gateway Program if they meet the following criteria:](#)

<a href="#">High School GPA (unweighted)</a>	<a href="#">ACT Composite</a>	<a href="#">SAT EBRW + Math (March 2016 and after)</a>	<a href="#">SAT Critical Reading + Math (pre-March 2016)</a>
<a href="#">3.00-4.00</a>	<a href="#">Any test score</a>	<a href="#">Any test score</a>	<a href="#">Any test score</a>
<a href="#">2.60-2.99</a>	<a href="#">11-36</a>	<a href="#">650-1600</a>	<a href="#">570-1600</a>
<a href="#">2.50-2.59</a>	<a href="#">14-36</a>	<a href="#">780-1600</a>	<a href="#">690-1600</a>
<a href="#">2.40-2.49</a>	<a href="#">15-36</a>	<a href="#">830-1600</a>	<a href="#">740-1600</a>
<a href="#">2.30-2.39</a>	<a href="#">17-36</a>	<a href="#">920-1600</a>	<a href="#">840-1600</a>
<a href="#">2.20-2.29</a>	<a href="#">19-36</a>	<a href="#">990-1600</a>	<a href="#">910-1600</a>
<a href="#">2.00-2.19</a>	<a href="#">20-36</a>	<a href="#">1030-1600</a>	<a href="#">950-1600</a>

[Students who qualify for the Vandal Gateway Program may apply via a petition to the Admissions Committee. All Vandal Gateway Program students shall be enrolled in the Bachelor of General Studies Program for their first two semesters.](#)

## Applying to the Admissions Committee

Applicants who do not qualify for admission to the University of Idaho may petition the Admissions Committee. Such applicants must submit to the Undergraduate Admissions Office an application for admission, the appropriate fee, all required official transcripts and test scores, [and a written statement or interview from the student that includes the student's goals, educational and/or professional objectives, an explanation of past academic performance, information and/or documentation regarding any extenuating circumstances, and any other information the student wishes to have considered. The student may also submit letters of reference if they choose.](#) ~~three signed letters of recommendation, and a signed written statement of the student's objectives.~~

This information should be received in the Undergraduate Admissions Office by August 1 for fall semester and December 1 for spring semester.

Students admitted through the Admissions Committee may be granted regular [admission](#), ~~or~~ provisional admission, [or admission to a special program](#) and will be subject to the regulations on academic probation, disqualification, and reinstatement (see regulation L). The Admissions Committee may assign provisionally admitted students a primary advisor. These students, while on provisional status, will need this advisor's approval before registering and when making any changes to their registration. They may be required to attend pre-academic planning within an office or a program of the University.

Freshmen admitted provisionally may change to regular admission status upon satisfactory completion of 14 credits, 12 of which must be in four different categories of the general education requirements (see regulation J-3). Regular admission status must be attained within three semesters or the student will be dismissed, subject to the Admissions Committee's appeal procedures.

Transfer students admitted provisionally must enroll on probation, meet all conditions imposed by the committee, and complete the first semester with at least a 2.00 grade-point average or they will be dismissed, subject to the Admissions Committee's appeal procedure.

***NOTE: THERE ARE NO CHANGES TO THE SUBSEQUENT SECTIONS OF THE ADMISSIONS SECTION OF THE CATALOG***

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**THE FOLLOWING CHANGES ARE RECOMMENDED TO THE ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE WEBPAGE (PART OF THE UI ADMISSIONS WEBPAGE).**

<https://www.uidaho.edu/admissions/apply/first-year/admission-requirements/admissions-committee>

### **Admissions Committee**

Any applicant who does not meet the standard admissions criteria, regardless of category, may appeal to the Admissions Committee.

In addition to all regular application materials, students also need to submit the following information:

- A written statement [or video document](#) from the student that includes the student's goals, educational and/or professional objectives, an explanation of past academic performance, information and/or documentation regarding any extenuating circumstances, and any other information the student wishes to have considered.
- ~~Three signed letters of recommendation from individuals who attest to the student's academic ability.~~  
[The student may also submit letters of reference if they chose.](#)
- [The student may request an online interview with the Admission Committee if they chose.](#)

The Admissions Committee may grant students regular admission, [provisional admission](#) or may recommend that a student attend a community college and earn 14 transferable credits with a 2.0 minimum GPA (see [transfer requirements](#)) before reapplying to the University of Idaho.

**Important Note:** All necessary materials **must arrive in the Admissions Office one week prior to the meeting** in order to be reviewed by the Admissions Committee.

#### Admissions Committee Meetings

Meeting Dates	Materials Due
Feb. 11	Feb. 4
March 3	Feb. 25
March 24	March 17
April 14	April 7
May 5	April 28