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Requirements for High School Graduates

This information pertains to applicants who desire admission as beginning freshman students after graduation from high school and who have not attended an accredited post-secondary institution (excluding Dual Enrollment or Dual Credit coursework). International students should refer to the section on International Student Admissions in addition to this section.

Required Documents

Application for Admission

The application for admission and a nonrefundable $30 fee payable to the University of Alabama in Huntsville should be submitted as soon as possible after the beginning of the senior year. The $30.00 application fee must be in U.S. currency, drawn from a U.S. bank. This fee may also be paid via MasterCard, Visa, or American Express while applying online.

The preferred time for receipt of applications for the fall semester is the preceding August - December 1st. The fee may be waived for applicants who can document that they have received a fee waiver because of economic need as determined by the College Board (SAT) or the American College Testing Program (ACT). It is the policy of the University not to defer or waive other application fees.

For more information please see the Undergraduate Admissions (https://www.uah.edu/admissions/undergraduate/) page.

Admission Requirements

Admission to the University of Alabama in Huntsville requires graduation from regionally accredited high schools or completion of the General Education Diploma (GED), certain high school academic units, a cumulative high school grade point average in those academic units, and test scores as outlined below.

Secondary School Record

An official high school transcript (sent by the high school directly to the Office of Admissions) reflecting work completed from the beginning of the 9th grade through the 12th grade is required.

College Transcripts

Students who have registered for coursework at community colleges, four-year colleges, or universities through dual enrollment or non-degree student status must submit official transcripts from each post-secondary institution attended. Transcripts are considered official when they are sent from a college or university directly to the Office of Admissions and contain an official seal and signature. Transcripts bearing the statement, "Issued to Student," or transcripts faxed or submitted by applicants are not considered official.

Test Scores

The examination offered by the American College Testing Program (ACT) or the Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT) administered by the College Entrance Examination Board is required of all applicants for freshman admission.

Suggested High School Course Units

The Office of Admissions suggests that applicants should earn four units of English; three units of mathematics, (suggested courses include Algebra I, Algebra II, and Geometry. Trigonometry is also highly suggested by the College of Engineering and recommended by all other colleges); three units of natural science; four units of social studies/social sciences (includes history, civics, political science, economics, sociology, psychology, and geography), and four units of electives that may include courses such as foreign language, computer programming, religion, philosophy as well as higher-level science and math courses. These are suggested courses and questions concerning this information should be directed to the Office of Admissions.

English Language Proficiency Requirements

Applicants must demonstrate proficiency in the English language. Applicants whose first language is other than English should refer to the section (https://www.uah.edu/admissions/undergraduate/apply-for-admission/international/) on English language requirements for non-native speakers.

Academic Qualifications

Each applicant is evaluated based on individual merit and demonstrated success in a rigorous academic environment. High school coursework, grade point average, and ACT/SAT scores are weighed heavily; however, these criteria do not constitute the entire foundation for an admission decision. An applicant with a grade point average of 2.9 and a composite score of 20 on the ACT or equivalent SAT, for example, is considered a strong candidate for admission.

UAH will not require new freshman students to submit an ACT or SAT score when applying for admission for the Spring 2024, Summer 2024, or Fall 2024 terms. On the admissions application, students will have the option to select if they wish to have test scores considered for admission and
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scholarship purposes. Students who feel their ACT or SAT test scores accurately reflect their quality of work in high school are encouraged to submit test scores and not apply test-optional.

Learn more about the Test-Optional Policy at uah.edu/test-optional.

Home-Schooled Applicants

Homeschooled high school students are reviewed for admission and scholarships at UAH following the same criteria used for students attending public and private high schools. Admissions decisions will be based on grades and test scores earned within the student’s first four years of high school enrollment.

To be considered for admission homeschooled students completing an accredited homeschool program must submit an official transcript that includes the student’s academic record beginning with grade nine and must be signed by an administrator. If necessary, descriptions of each course completed, textbooks used, and the teaching credentials of the homeschool teacher may be requested.

Homeschooled students completing a non-accredited or self-designed homeschool program are required to provide a full academic record beginning with grade nine using the UAH Non-Accredited or Self-Designed Homeschool Transcript Template. More information can be found here (https://www.uah.edu/admissions/undergraduate/apply-for-admission/freshmen/).

General Education Development (GED) Recipients

Persons who have not graduated from high school may be admitted based on a satisfactory score on the GED test. A score of 170 or higher on each section is required for regular admission status. An official ACT or SAT score report may be requested. An official transcript of completed high school courses is also required. UAH is no longer a testing center for the GED program. Anyone seeking additional information or wishing to take the GED examination should visit GED.com (https://ged.com/).