First Year Students

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 postsecondary institution. 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 on 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.

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 course work at community colleges, four-year colleges, or universities through dual enrollment or non-degree student status must submit official transcripts from each postsecondary 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. Either one or both of these tests should be taken no later than the June testing date after the senior year. Students should feel free to repeat a test, since the highest score will be considered for admission.

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.

Suggested High School Course Units

Applicants should have earned four units of English; three units of mathematics, including Algebra I, Algebra II and Geometry (Trigonometry is also required 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.

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 (http://catalog.uah.edu/undergrad/academic-information/lic) on English language requirements for nonnative 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.

Home Schooled Applicants

High school students who are home schooled are reviewed for admission and for scholarships at UAH following the same criteria used for students from public and private high schools including the required test scores stated above. The official high school record of courses completed should contain the
titles of courses in each subject area, beginning with grade nine. This record should contain annotation of the general content in the academic courses and the textbooks used. The teaching credentials of the home school teacher should be included.

**General Education Development (GED) Recipients**

Persons who have not graduated from high school may be admitted on the basis of a satisfactory score on the GED test. A score of 170 or higher 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).