

Administrative Regulation — Admission to the University

I. General Principles of Admissions

To ensure consistency and alignment with the University's mission and strategic goals, all applicants meeting the appropriate academic requirements are eligible for admission to the University. All applicants are evaluated solely on their academic achievements, leadership and potential for success. Socioeconomic status, ability to pay and criminal history do not prohibit admission to the University.

The Vice President for Student Success shall maintain detailed policies and procedures governing the specific criteria, review processes and decision-making protocols for admissions.

II. Responsibility of Decision-Making Authority

A. Undergraduate

- Each college or school, if not housed in a college, in consultation with the Provost and the Vice President for Student Success, determines the specific admission requirements for their respective programs.
- The Vice President for Student Success has responsibility for setting application procedures, general deadlines, required application components and readmission processes.
- The Board of Trustees is responsible for setting the standard University admissions criteria.

B. Graduate

- In collaboration with college leadership, individual programs determine the admission requirements to their programs.
- Each college or school, if not housed in a college, in consultation with the Provost and the Vice President for Student Success, has responsibility for setting application procedures, automatic admissions criteria, general deadlines, required application components and readmission processes.
- Individual departments may have admissions deadlines that are earlier than the general graduate admissions deadlines. Department administrators are responsible for conferring with college leadership and the Graduate School regarding any change or alternative admissions criteria or deadline.

C. Post-Baccalaureate Professional

Each college or school, if not housed in a college, in consultation with the Provost, has responsibility for setting the application procedures, automatic admissions criteria, general deadlines and required application components as informed by individual accreditation bodies.

D. Process for Documenting Changes, all Admissions Levels

College and departmental changes to admissions criteria, selectivity and application requirements must be approved by the Provost, and documentation for those changes must be provided to the Vice President for Student Success.

III. Approach to Admissions Decision-Making

A. Review and Decision-Making

All admissions decisions across undergraduate, graduate and post-baccalaureate professional levels may utilize automatic admissions criteria and/or a holistic review process that considers a wide range of factors beyond academic metrics alone, including, but not limited to, personal achievements, leadership potential, experience and alignment with the University's mission.

B. Consistency and Fairness

Admissions committees at all levels must ensure consistency and fairness in decision-making by adhering to the established criteria and guidelines outlined in the respective admissions policies.

The committees are required to document their decision-making processes to maintain transparency and to provide a basis for appeals, if necessary.

IV. Special Admissions

The University may admit non-degree-seeking students. Non-degree/non-matriculating status is designed for students who seek to take courses for personal or professional development without pursuing a formal degree. Examples include the Donovan Scholars program, visiting students and lifelong learners.

The admissions requirements of non-degree-seeking students are determined by the respective programs, unless otherwise determined (e.g., Donovan Scholars program admissions criteria are determined by state statute). Transitioning to a degree-seeking status requires an application, and students must meet established admissions requirements.

V. Admission Decision Appeal

Students denied admission may submit an appeal by following the processes outlined in undergraduate, graduate or professional policy as maintained by the respective college. The appeal will be reviewed by a standing admissions appeal committee appropriate to the student's program level. The respective committee's decision is final.

VI. Admission Decision Reversal

The University reserves the right to reverse the admission of any student — undergraduate, graduate or professional — under circumstances including, but not limited to, falsification or misrepresentation of application materials, failure to meet any conditions attached to the student's acceptance, discovery of prior academic or disciplinary violations not disclosed through the application process or any conduct that violates University policies.

If an offer of admission is reversed, the student will be notified in writing. Reversal may occur at any time before enrollment until the student has registered for courses for the first term in which they are admitted.

VII. Readmission

Students who left the University in good academic standing must apply for readmission. Students under suspension from the University are not eligible for readmission until they have been reinstated to the University.

If the suspension is for academic reasons, students should request reinstatement which will be approved by the dean of the college or their designee.

If the suspension is for nonacademic reasons, reinstatement should be requested from the appropriate University official.

Reinstated students must file an application for readmission by the stated deadline.