

# Admission

Tulane University welcomes applications from students of good character, intelligence, motivation, and achievement. Students may apply for admission to the fall or spring semester. Through its Committee on Admission, Tulane selects students who are considered best able to participate profitably and successfully in the academic program to which they are seeking admission and who are most apt to enrich the educational experience of their fellow students. An ability to contribute constructively to campus life outside the classroom is valued as well, and Tulane is strongly committed to the notion that diversity among its students is an educational enhancement.

## APPLICATION PROCEDURES

All full-time applicants must submit a completed application form, an essay, a secondary school transcript, a letter of recommendation, a non-refundable application fee, and official results of either the SAT or ACT examination.

Transfer students also must submit official college transcripts from all colleges they have attended and a statement of good standing from the last college attended. Individuals may apply for admission under the provisions of either Early Action, Early Decision, or Regular Decision.

Completed applications should be on file as early in the senior year as possible and no later than January 15.

Students applying for a Deans' Honor Scholarship are required to submit their admission and scholarship applications by December 15. Applicants are informed of the admission decision no later than April 1. Students applying for mid-year admission follow the same procedure as fall applicants, but all materials must be on file in the admission office no later than November 1. Notification of the decision is sent as soon as possible after the file is complete. (See divisional sections for further information.)

Individuals interested in applying for admission may do so by completing the Application for Undergraduate Admission published by the Office of Undergraduate Admission, the Common Application ([www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org) and available in secondary school guidance offices), the Tulane University On-Line Application For Admission that can be obtained from the Tulane University Website, [www.tulane.edu/~admiss](http://www.tulane.edu/~admiss), or any one of several commercially sponsored websites that allow students to complete college admission applications on-line.

The deadlines for applying for admission as an undergraduate student vary by the semester for which the applicant seeks admission, the admission option selected, and the type of admission sought (e.g. as a freshman or as a transfer student.) The table following summarizes the deadline dates.

*Early Action*

<b>Fall</b>	<i>Freshman</i> November 1	<i>Transfer</i> Not Applicable
<b>Spring</b>	<i>Freshman</i> Not Applicable	<i>Transfer</i> Not Applicable

*Early Decision*

<b>Fall</b>	Freshman November 1	Transfer Not Applicable
<b>Spring</b>	Freshman Not Applicable	Transfer Not Applicable

*Regular Decision*

<b>Fall</b>	Freshman January 15	Transfer June 1
<b>Spring</b>	Freshman November 1	Transfer November 1

**EARLY ACTION ADMISSION OPTION**

Students who wish to complete the admission process early in their senior year may apply through the Early

Action Plan. Applicants must submit all application material and supporting credentials by November 1, and will be informed of the admission decision by December 15. Students who are offered admission under the Early Action Plan will have until May 1 to respond.

**EARLY DECISION ADMISSION OPTION**

Students who have decided that Tulane University is their first choice and wish to complete the admission process early in their senior year may apply through the Early Decision Plan. Early Decision is binding. Applicants must submit all application material and supporting credentials by November 1, and will be informed of the admission decision by December 15. Students who are offered admission under the Early Decision Plan agree to attend Tulane if offered admission, withdraw all other college applications, and submit a deposit by January 15.

## CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION

### For Those Seeking Admission Directly From Secondary School

The Committee on Admission seeks students who have had strong high secondary school preparation. The committee carefully reviews each applicant's secondary school record examining grades earned, the type of courses completed (i.e. Honors, Advanced Placement, etc.), and class rank. The committee is interested in evidence of a student's intellectual ability as demonstrated by a strong performance in a rigorous curriculum of traditional college preparatory subjects. The committee supplements its evaluation of the secondary school record with recommendations from the secondary school principal, headmaster, or guidance counselor.

The recommended secondary school program for those seeking admission to Tulane University is shown following.

**Subject:** English **Years of Study:** 4 years

*Comment: Extensive focus on reading and writing*

**Subject:** Mathematics **Years of Study:** 4 years

*Comment: College preparatory mathematics. For students majoring in the sciences, engineering, and business pre calculus and calculus are recommended*

**Subject:** Foreign Language **Years of Study:** 2-3 Years

*Comment: Classical or modern foreign language*

**Subject:** Laboratory Science **Years of Study:** 3-4 Years

*Comment: For students majoring in the sciences or engineering chemistry and physics are recommended*

**Subject:** Social Studies **Years of Study:** 3 Years

*Comment: With an emphasis on history*

**Subject:** Electives **Years of Study:** 2-3 Years/Courses

*Comment: Focus on academic electives*

While a student's academic record is the most important criterion for admission, the committee can make a more thorough evaluation of a prospective student by also considering scores on standardized tests. Applicants for admission must present either the Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT I) of the College Entrance Examination Board or the assessment of the American College Testing Program (ACT). Although not required for admission, applicants are encouraged to take three of the College Board SAT II Subject Tests, including English composition and foreign language. The results are sometimes used to determine a student's placement level in a particular subject area.

**Home Schooled Students**

Home Schooled students seeking admissions to Tulane University should submit the following: 1.) a completed application for admissions, 2.) Four SAT II test (English, science, math, foreign language), and 3.) a comprehensive explanation of their curriculum. This explanation must include citations of books used in coursework, accreditation of the home school program, and through descriptions of classes taken.

**For Those From Other Countries**

Students from other countries who possess sufficient command of written and oral English to profit from college instruction conducted in English are welcome at Tulane University. Complete information and applications for international students may be obtained on request from the Office of Undergraduate Admission.

In addition to submitting complete, translated, notarized credentials of all secondary school and university work completed by the applicant, international students applying as freshmen are required to take the SAT I or ACT examination. These tests should be taken in time to allow the results to be sent to the admission office no later than February 15. Applicants whose native language is not English also must take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). An application to take the test should be requested at an early date from the Educational Testing Service, Princeton, New Jersey 08540 USA.

International students also must submit a certified financial statement indicating that sufficient funds are available for all of their college expenses. Applicants are advised to apply before February in order to have all materials in their application file by February 15.

Like other students, international students are required to maintain acceptable standards of English in all their work. Academic, governmental, and personal counseling is available to students from other countries through the Director of the Center for International Students and Scholars.

### **For Those Transferring From Other Institutions**

A student who has satisfactorily completed some work at another accredited college or university may be admitted to Tulane University as a transfer student, with credit toward degree awarded for relevant college-level work done elsewhere. Tulane University recommends that transfer applicants present a cumulative grade point average of approximately 3.0 (B average) in all college level coursework with greater strength in coursework closely related to the intended field of study. While coursework in technical areas is considered, the Committee on Admission looks for A's and B's in coursework that is challenging and academic in nature, including English composition, mathematics, and liberal arts and sciences. Students applying for transfer to Tulane must meet the same standards for admission required of freshmen, which includes satisfactory scores on either the SAT I or ACT. All parts of the application, including transcripts from high school and each college attended, and a statement of good standing from the last college attended, should be received by the following deadlines: June 1 for the fall semester; November 1 for the spring semester. All transfer applicants must be in good standing at the colleges attended and eligible to continue or reenter these colleges at any time. Transfer applicants are requested to send a course catalog or photocopies of course descriptions for all college courses they have taken.

The divisions grant transfer credit only for courses completed at regionally accredited institutions and which are applicable toward the degree sought in the division. (See divisional sections for further information.) A candidate for a degree must complete a minimum of 60 credits at Tulane University.

The maximum value or amount of acceptable credit shown on the official transcript from the institution(s) previously attended is the maximum transferable amount. Tulane University utilizes a semester-hour system and all transferable credits will be evaluated on a semester-hour basis. For example, a transferable three semester-hour course will be accepted as three credits, a transferable four quarter-hour course will be accepted as 2.70 credits. (See divisional sections for further information.)

If, at the time of application the student is enrolled in another institution and is acceptable for admission, acceptance is tentative until an official transcript is presented showing successful completion of courses the student was taking at the time of application as well as all courses attempted and completed previously. Graduates in liberal arts curricula of accredited junior colleges who wish to transfer to Tulane University to complete a bachelor's degree are encouraged to apply.

Correspondence and CLEP (College Level Examination Program) credits are not accepted as credit toward degree. Credits and advanced placement granted by other institutions are not acceptable unless the official College Board AP or Foreign Language SAT II Test scores are validated. Credit and placement will be awarded as recommended by the appropriate Tulane academic departments.

Transfer credits are not included in the computation of Tulane University grade point averages. Tulane-sponsored programs such as Junior Year Abroad, Washington Semester, and geology field camps award Tulane credit, not transfer credit.

Transfer students should arrange for the Office of Undergraduate Admission to receive transcripts and course descriptions for courses in progress at the time of application well in advance of the beginning of classes to allow a timely evaluation of credits. Transcripts that arrive late may result in students repeating courses for which they already have earned acceptable credits. In such cases, the Tulane credit is disallowed when the transcript shows completion of the equivalent transferable course.

Housing is generally available for transfer applicants. Interested candidates should contact the Office of Housing and Residence Life.

### **For Those From Other Divisions of Tulane**

Students enrolled in other divisions of the University may be admitted to another division of the university as interdivisional transfer students on recommendation and approval by their dean and the dean of the division to which they are applying.

Students who have been denied further registration in one division ordinarily are not admissible to another division of Tulane University. Applicants for interdivisional transfer must have been admitted to a full-time program of the University by the Office of Undergraduate Admission, should have taken courses applicable to a degree program, and should be prepared to take the last 27 of the credits required for graduation in the division to which they are applying. The A. B. Freeman School of Business requires that at least 30 hours be earned at the Freeman School and that the last 24 credits be earned in residence at Tulane University.

Interdivisional transfers apply for admission at their current dean's office. Applicants who are in or beyond their fourth semester of college attendance are required to indicate the proposed major when they apply for interdivisional transfer. Work completed in the previous college will be interpreted to reflect the policies and degree requirements of the new division. These changes may affect grade point average and number of credits counting toward the degree.

For students transferring from other divisions of Tulane, all work attempted at the University is counted in the cumulative grade point average. A grade point average of at least 2.000 at Tulane is required for graduation.

## **ADVANCED STANDING FOR FRESHMAN APPLICANTS**

### **Advanced Placement**

The University offers advanced placement or credit toward degree to entering freshmen demonstrating superior training and ability by earning high scores on the College Board Advanced Placement (AP) Tests. The individual academic departments determine the placement or credit in each subject area. Departments usually award a minimum of three credits for scores of "4" or better and may award advanced standing in the subject area for a score of "3." A list of approved credit and placement for AP subject areas can be obtained from the Office of Undergraduate Admission.

### **International Baccalaureate**

Tulane will award credit toward degree or advanced placement for IB scores of 5 or greater on a higher-level test. No credit or placement will be awarded for the subsidiary tests.

Academic departments make the final decisions regarding credit awarded toward degree requirements.

## **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR NEW STUDENTS**

### **Need-Based Financial Aid**

Tulane University administers a need-based financial aid program to assist the families of qualified applicants who, because of resource limitations, would not be able to attend Tulane University. To be considered for need based financial aid, students must file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) with the federal processor and the Profile with the College Scholarship Service. (Please refer to the Financial Aid section for details regard policies regarding applying for need-based financial aid.)

### **Merit Scholarships**

Each year Tulane University recognizes a number of applicants for freshman admission as outstanding scholars and awards a variety of merit-based scholarships to these individuals. All scholarships are awarded on a competitive basis.

### **Deans' Honor Scholarships (DHS)**

Approximately 100 outstanding freshmen annually are offered a Deans' Honor Scholarship. The amount the DHS award is the cost of tuition. The award is renewable for four years (five years if the student is in the Architecture School.) The award is adjusted annually to reflect any increases in the amount of tuition. Continuation as a Deans Honor Scholar requires that the student maintain the specified level of academic achievement as stipulated in the award notification. These awards are granted without regard to financial need. To be considered, applicants must submit the Deans' Honor Scholarship Application, included with their application for admission, by December 15.

**Distinguished Scholars Awards (DSA)**

Tulane offers the Distinguished Scholars Awards to entering freshmen who have outstanding academic qualifications. The scholarship provides a \$16,000 tuition waiver and a \$2,000 waiver of campus housing costs. The award is renewable for four years (five years if the student is in the Architecture School.) Continuation as a Distinguished Scholar



students who involuntarily left the university or are readmitted after having been away more than one year are subject to the curricular requirements in effect at the time of readmission. All readmitted students must complete the last 27 credits for the degree while in residence in the division. They may not participate in priority registration and will not receive registration materials until after their readmission has been processed.

**For Those Returning to Tulane After a Break in Attendance Caused by a Medical Condition**

Students whose enrollment is interrupted by a medical withdrawal may be required to receive medical clearance from a physician at the Student Health Center before they can register for a subsequent semester. The university also may require a medical clearance before a student can continue studies in a semester that begins subsequent to administrative action (leave of absence, voluntary withdrawal, extension of I grades, course-load reduction) that has been taken on behalf of the student for medical reasons.