

Admission Standards

Success at the university level requires proficiency in a number of academic skills areas. Preparation for university study is best achieved by completion of a rigorous high school program. In order to be assured that students are prepared to successfully complete college-level work, UW-Green Bay is guided by a philosophy of personalized admission and comprehensive applicant review.

High School Coursework

Freshman applicants will typically meet or exceed the following college-preparatory unit standards:

- English, 4 credits
- Science, 3 credits
- Math, 3 credits
- Social Studies, 3 credits
- Academic Electives*, 2 credits
- Other Electives**, 2 credits
- **Total: 17 credits**

* From the areas of English, science, math, social studies, or foreign language.

** From the above areas and/or in the fine arts, computer science, business or other areas.

Please note that most freshmen exceed these standards by a significant amount.

Consideration for admission is based on a number of factors: cumulative grade point average, GPA trends, GPA in core courses, ACT/SAT scores, strength of college-preparatory curriculum in high school, special talent/circumstances, leadership and extra/co-curricular participation, socio-economic background, the personal statement, and other materials requested as part of the application process.

Criteria may be guided based on enrollment targets, application volume, and institutional capacity.

Home Schooled Students

The Admissions Review Committee will consider students individually based on the same criteria used for other applicants.

GED/HSED Applicants

The Admissions Review Committee will consider students who have completed the tests for the General Education Development (GED) or the High School Equivalency Diploma (HSED). Factors considered in these decisions include:

- Review of high school coursework completed
- Review of total GED/HSED score, plus review of individual test scores
- Review of ACT/SAT scores

Students with GED/HSED scores below admissible standards may be considered if additional coursework has been taken to improve ability in that area. Since a GED/HSED test may be taken only once if a passing score is earned, successful additional work may be presented as evidence of ability.

Transfer Admission Requirements

Students who have attended college after high school graduation may transfer to UW-Green Bay if the college work has been successful. All transfer applications receive a comprehensive review. Admission decisions are based on GPA, number of credits earned, rigor and breadth of curriculum, and other predictors of success. Generally, students with a cumulative transfer GPA of 2.5 or above have the highest likelihood of admission. Based on the comprehensive review, students with less competitive academic records may be placed on a waiting list or may be denied admission.

Extra consideration will be given to students whose most recent college experience is at the UW Colleges and who have earned a UW Colleges Associate Degree.

Admission to UW-Green Bay does not guarantee admission to all majors. A number of majors have competitive program admission requirements. To see if your proposed major has additional admission requirements, refer to the Undergraduate Programs section of this catalog.