

# Admission of Freshman (Non-Degree and Early Entry)

Undergraduates may be admitted to the University in one of two categories: Regular Admission (full-time or part-time); and Non-Degree Seeking Admission. See below for definitions of these admission categories. For provisions governing admission to the School of Graduate Studies, Law School and the School of Medicine and Health Sciences, applicants should consult the respective sections for those schools.

## Types of Admission

### Regular Admission

Regular Admission is granted to a student who has been determined to be eligible and is duly enrolled as a candidate for a degree.

### Non-Degree Seeking Admission

Non-degree Seeking Admission is a special admission status reserved for students who wish to enroll in a limited number of courses at UND. Students admitted with this status will be allowed to attempt up to a total of 15 credits at UND and are not eligible for financial aid. Enrollment in courses beyond 15 credits will be contingent upon meeting all admission criteria for regular admission.

## Admission of First-Year Students

### Admission

For first-year students, admission is based on the following minimum criteria:

- High school GPA unweighted of 2.75
- ACT of 22 (fall 2017) or SAT of 1100 (fall 2017) scores based on SAT test taken on March 5, 2016 and after (including sub-test scores)
- Completion of the high school core curriculum for college readiness
- Additional factors will be considered, such as course rigor, grade trends, core GPA, etc.
- Completion of safety and security form

Students are encouraged to apply for admission even if their GPA, ACT and safety and security responses do not meet these admissions guidelines. All applications that are not yet eligible for admission will be reviewed by the Office of Admissions, the Student Academic Standards Committee (transcripts, test scores) or the Admissions Safety and Security Committee (criminal history records) to consider all relevant information and extenuating circumstances in order to make an admission decision that is in the best interest of the student and institution.

Students applying for admission to UND are required to take one of the standardized college entrance exams; however, students 25 years of age or older are not required to submit test scores, but these scores may be requested for admission. The ACT or SAT I: Reasoning Test is accepted. Standardized test scores at UND are used for scholarships, placement, and advisement, as well as admission criterion. It is recommended that students take the ACT late in their junior year. Applicants to UND are exempt from the ACT writing essay component under UND campus procedure.

All students who graduate from high school, whether in North Dakota or in any other state, and who are age 25 or older on the first day of class, are exempt from meeting the required core college readiness curriculum before entering any four-year North Dakota University System institution.

Below is the list of core courses at the secondary level which are **required** for admission for 2017 (total of 14):

- Four units of English, including the development of written and oral skills;
- Three units of mathematics, including Algebra I and above;

- Three units of laboratory science, including at least one unit each in two or more of the following courses: biology, chemistry, physics or physical science;
- Three units of social studies, excluding consumer education, cooperative marketing, orientation to social science and marriage and family.

Note: One additional core course is required for fall 2018 (total of 15).

UND may admit some students who have not completed the required courses. The Student Academic Standards Committee will consider exemptions to the policy because of special circumstances. Students denied admission by the Committee are not permitted to attend UND.

The Office of Admissions may deny applicants who meet the core curriculum requirements but are evaluated to be high-risk candidates for success at UND due to a low ACT, low SAT, low high school grade point average, or any of the other admission criteria listed above.

Students who have not had the required courses are encouraged to enroll in any of North Dakota's colleges/universities. Upon successful completion of 24 transferable semester credits and a minimum 2.0 GPA, these students may transfer to UND and are exempt from meeting the high school core course requirements.

A student who has not graduated from high school may be admitted to the University by completing the test of General Educational Development (GED). Beginning January 2014 the new GED minimum test score of 145 is required for admission. A minimum score of 410 or above on each exam and an overall average of 500 on the entire test for those tested in 2002 or later. For students testing prior to 2002, an average of 45 and subject scores no lower than 40 are required. For more information regarding GED test content and registration, contact UND Testing Services at (701. 777.4157. GED testing scores are posted on the Admissions website.

The University is approved under Federal law to admit non-immigrant alien students. Students whose education has been outside the United States should make early contact with the Office of Admissions for questions concerning admission.

## International students

International students applying for undergraduate admission and all students whose first language is not English are required to earn a score of at least 195 computer-based or 71 Internet-Based on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) and/or 6.0 on the International Language Testing System (IELTS) to be considered for admission to UND as outlined in SBHE policy. The International Programs Office provides assistance and counseling to students from countries other than the United States.

## Canadian students

Canadian students are required to complete Grade XII and to meet high school core curriculum admission requirements. They must also complete the ACT or SAT and request that the official results be sent to UND to be eligible to enter the University as freshmen. All students who graduate from high school, and who are age 25 or older on the first day of class, are exempt from meeting the required core college readiness curriculum before entering any four-year North Dakota University System institution.

## Early Entry High School Students

Early Entry High School Students are applicants who have taken college-level coursework while in high school. Students may receive credit for courses taken at an accredited university/college while in high school if those courses are acceptable for credit at the University of North Dakota. Courses applied toward College requirements must be approved by the Dean of the College. Courses applied toward major requirements must be approved by the Departmental Chair.

## Admission Tests

It is required that each applicant for admission who completes the ACT request that official scores be sent directly from ACT to the Office of Admissions. Students who complete the SAT I: Reasoning Test (SAT) may request official test scores be mailed to the Office of Admissions. The University prefers the ACT report since it provides information, in addition to test results, which is

helpful in advising students. It is to the student's advantage to take the test at the earliest possible test date during the latter part of the junior year.

Information on test dates may be secured from the high school principal, counselor, or the UND Testing Center or any of the colleges in the state.

## Advanced Placement

A student from a high school which offers college-level courses through the College Entrance Examination Board Advanced Placement Program may be given University credit and/or advanced standing in individual subjects. This may be especially desirable if he or she wishes to proceed to the next higher level. Under this plan the student takes an advanced placement examination given at his or her school by the College Board. These examinations are scored by the College Board and are forwarded to the college of the student's choice. The amount of credit given will then be determined by the department best qualified to evaluate the material. Students with special preparation in academic areas (foreign language, etc.) are urged to take advantage of the Special Examinations for credit available in selected disciplines. See the Special Examinations for Credit (<http://und-public.courseleaf.com/undergraduateacademicinformation/undergraduateacademicinformation/commoncoursenumbersspecialexams>) section.

## International Baccalaureate Diploma

The International Baccalaureate Diploma is recognized for the purpose of admission to the University of North Dakota. Specific course credit for advanced standing will be evaluated and determined by the department and college in which the course is offered.

**Note to students intending to enroll in mathematics courses:** Students planning to take entry-level mathematics courses at UND MATH 92 Algebra Prep II\*, MATH 93 Algebra Prep III\*, MATH 103 College Algebra, MATH 105 Trigonometry, MATH 146 Applied Calculus I, MATH 165 Calculus I, MATH 208 Discrete Mathematics shall be enrolled in their beginning mathematics courses only after taking a math placement test or receiving a sufficiently high score on the ACT Mathematics test. Students who have received college mathematics credit need not take the placement exam. UND's Mathematics Department strongly advises all transfer students who plan to take courses in or major in math, to take UND's Math Placement Exam and to consult with their advisor at UND to help determine the best starting point in UND's math curriculum.

The mathematics placement tests are used for placement purposes only. Passing these tests does **NOT** grant credit. Credit for MATH 103 College Algebra and/or MATH 105 Trigonometry without taking the course(s) is available only through CLEP examinations. Two placement exams are used. Students planning to take MATH 165 Calculus I should take the Trigonometry and Elementary Functions Exam. All other students should take the Algebra Exam. Placement test results will determine beginning placement in MATH 92 Algebra Prep II\*, MATH 93 Algebra Prep III, MATH 103 College Algebra, , MATH 105 Trigonometry, MATH 146 Applied Calculus I, MATH 208 Discrete Mathematics, MATH 165 Calculus I, or MATH 277 Mathematics for Elementary School Teachers. Ask your advisor, or contact the mathematics department, concerning time and place of these tests. \* **MATH 92 Algebra Prep II and MATH 93 Algebra Prep III credits do not count toward graduation.**

## Credit by Examination Through CLEP

CLEP stands for College-Level Examination Program of the College Board. It is a national program that offers the opportunity for a student to obtain recognition for college-level achievement based on intensive reading in a particular field, adult school courses, correspondence courses, television or radio courses, courses on tape, or other means of formal or informal preparation. UND accepts credit on CLEP subject examinations only. See the section on CLEP (<http://und-public.courseleaf.com/undergraduateacademicinformation/undergraduateacademicinformation/commoncoursenumbersspecialexams>) for additional information.

## Enrollment in the University

All students will be enrolled, based on their declared major, in one of UND's academic colleges. Students who have an undeclared major will receive assistance from the Student Success Center. Once a student declares a major, he/she will be enrolled in the appropriate academic college. Enrollment in an academic college does not guarantee admission to the college or specific

academic programs. (For more information regarding additional requirements for admission to colleges and programs, see the listings for individual colleges).

### How to Apply:

1. The online application for admission can be located on the web at: [go.UND.edu](http://go.UND.edu) (<http://und.edu/admissions>). The application priority deadline is March 1.
2. **All applicants** are required to complete the online application and submit the non-refundable \$35 application fee. In addition, freshmen must request their high school send an official transcript of their records directly to the Office of Admissions.
3. The freshman applicant is required to take the ACT or SAT and request that the official scores be sent to 3501 University Avenue, Stop 8357, Grand Forks, ND 58202. ACT Scores = UND Code #3218. SAT Scores = UND Code #6878
4. All applicants are required to complete the safety and security questions on the online application.
5. Each applicant must provide the Health History & Immunization Form completed by his or her family physician or mailed from his/her high school. This form is provided online to each accepted student and should be returned to the Student Health Service before enrollment.
6. Beginning fall 2016, all new admitted full-time students who wish to enroll at the University are required to submit a non-refundable \$200 confirmation deposit, by May 1 (set by the National Association for College Admission Counseling) to reserve their seat. The deposit will be applied to their tuition bills. Students can still confirm after May 1 priority deadline, space permitting.

**When to Apply:** UND will accept applications up to one year in advance of the semester students plan to start.