

Admissions

UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The University of Sioux Falls welcomes applications from prospective students of any age who would like to study, grow and pursue their educational goals in this academic and spiritual community. The University considers a variety of credentials for acceptance and admits qualified students as judged by ACT/SAT scores, cumulative grade point average, and high school class rank.

Recommended High School Courses:

1. Math: Algebra I & II, Geometry
2. English: 4 years
3. History: 3 to 4 years
4. Science: 2 years
5. Computer Science: 1 year

APPLICATION PROCESS

Those seeking admission should write, call or access USF's web site.

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Students who prefer to apply online may do so at:
www.usiouxfalls.edu/admissions/OnlineApp/Apply.html

Online applicants must also submit a signature page with their application.

Applicants must submit the following materials:

1. A completed application for admission
2. A \$25 matriculation fee which must accompany the application (non-refundable)
3. Academic credentials:
 - a. Official high school transcript listing credits, rank in class and cumulative grade point average, or certificate of GED cores
 - b. High school juniors and seniors are required to supply the American College Test (ACT) or Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) results if they are not already included on their official high school transcript. The USF code number for the ACT is 3920 and for the SAT is 6651
 - c. Official transcript from any post-high school coursework or institutions

Notice to Applicants

The University will promptly consider all applications when items 1-3 have been received. A notice of action taken will be sent to

the prospective student immediately.

Non-Discrimination Policy

The University of Sioux Falls accepts students without regard to race, color, national or ethnic origin, gender, handicap or age. The University policy of non-discrimination, which is in compliance with Title IX of the Education Amendment of 1972, includes admission practices, the administration of financial aid, educational and adjunct services and employment.

Early Admission for High School Students

The University of Sioux Falls welcomes the application of students prior to completing their senior year of high school.

An early admission decision will be granted to students who submit:

1. A completed application for admission
2. A \$25 matriculation fee which must accompany the application (non-refundable)
3. A high school transcript of credits for not fewer than six complete semesters (Grades 9-11) that demonstrates the achievement of two out of the three following academic credentials:
 - a. Class rank in upper half or better
 - b. 2.5 cumulative grade point average
 - c. ACT profile report showing a composite score of 19 or better, or an SAT score of 900 or better

The student is responsible for completion of the application process as outlined on this page and must provide a final transcript showing that he or she has graduated from high school prior to enrollment at the University of Sioux Falls.

Transfer Admission Requirements

The University of Sioux Falls welcomes transfer students to the campus. Transfer students should follow the same application process as other students applying to the University of Sioux Falls, except all official transcripts from each post-secondary institution previously attended must also be submitted. An official audit of courses will be conducted by the Registrar's office soon as the application process has been completed and an acceptance decision has been rendered. A student is considered to be a transfer student if he/she has attended a post-secondary institution after graduation from high school. New freshmen who take summer courses prior to entering college are not considered transfer students.

Any student who has not yet completed 24 s.h. of college coursework will be admitted on the basis of his/her high school record. Those students who have of at least 24 s.h. to transfer and have a minimum grade point average of 2.5 may be fully admitted to the university. Transfer students who have been dismissed from a previous institution will not be considered for admission at the University of Sioux Falls until they have been out of college for at least one fall or spring semester after being dismissed.

All transfer students must complete at least one half of the major and the last 30 s.h. in residence. Graduates of a junior college program may receive a maximum of 64 s.h. to apply towards a B.A. or B.S. degree. Coursework and/or blanket credit electives may also

be transferable from vocational technical institutions. Transfer credit is determined through current articulation agreements or through other evaluations processes whereby the institution and coursework involved are examined for possible transfer credit. In some cases, a completed 2-year vocational program may be transferred in as 30 s.h. of elective credit or a complete 1-year vocational program for 15 s.h. of elective credit.

Reactivation for Returning Students

Any student who has withdrawn or been academically suspended must complete the Student Reactivate Application and contact the Director of Recruitment and Retention for further registration instructions. Students who are readmitted from academic suspension will re-enter on academic probation, unless they have taken coursework at another institution and the new cumulative GPA is 2.0 minimum or above. Students who are readmitted after academic suspension must present a plan for overcoming previous issues and commit to completing a semester with acceptable grades.

International Students

Students from outside the United States are advised to begin the application process at least nine months prior to the anticipated enrollment date. Applicants must present complete official transcripts from secondary and post-secondary schools. Applicants whose native language is not English (including students with refugee immigration status living in the United States) are required to take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). A minimum score of 500 paper-based score, 173 computer-based score, or 61 internet-based score, is required for full admission; 550 paper-based score, 213 computer-based score or above is recommended. USF does not currently offer an ESL (English as a Second Language) program. An international student who is accepted for admission to the University of Sioux Falls must pay the total amount due in U.S dollars for a semester of education prior to the beginning of the school year. When the application, TOEFL scores, transcripts and affidavit of support have been received and approved, an official I-20 form is provided, permitting the student to apply for a visa to study in the United States.

Applicants Submitting GED Scores

To be considered for full admission (without restrictions), applicants submitting GED scores must score a minimum of 2250. GED tests taken prior to 2001 with scores of 50 or above also meet the requirements for full admission.

Part-Time Students

Part-time students who enroll for more than two classes (6 semester hours) of degree credit in any semester must complete the admission process. Any student who has accumulated 12 semester hours of credit at the University of Sioux Falls must complete the application process and matriculate to continue enrollment. Those who desire to become candidates for degrees must meet all degree requirements prior to graduation. Students planning to apply for financial aid must apply for admission.

Graduate Admission Requirements

Admissions requirements for USF graduate programs are listed within each program's section, beginning on pg. 101.

The American College Test (ACT) & Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT)

The University of Sioux Falls Admissions Office or local high school counselors can advise students on how to register for these tests. While these test results do not always determine the applicant's eligibility for admission, the University requests profile reports from all candidates who apply for admission within one year of their high school graduation date. The University's code for the ACT is 3920 and for the SAT is 6651.

Articulation Agreements

Southeast Technical Institute & Lake Area Technical Institute

The University of Sioux Falls entered into an agreement with Southeast Technical Institute (STI) and Lake Area Technical Institute (LATI) which includes the following provisions. This agreement pertains only to those students who have received an A.A.S. degree from STI or LATI.

- USF will offer an annual scholarship of \$3,000 to any STI or LATI student who is a full-time day student at USF;
- USF will guarantee acceptance of 64 STI or LATI credits (units) of coursework (any courses transferred into STI or LATI will be evaluated separately and may affect the total hours transferrable to USF);
- Students will enter USF with a Junior level status;
- USF will offer immediate entry into the Degree Completion Program;
- Ability to earn a bachelor's degree in only two years*
**Some programs may require additional coursework to meet competencies.*

Further information regarding course equivalences and courses which can transfer when NOT part of an A.A.S. degree may be obtained in the Registrar's Office.

Kilian Community College

Students who transfer from Kilian Community College with an A.A. degree may transfer 64 s.h. and receive junior status at USF. Otherwise, courses are evaluated by the Registrar for possible transfer.

Taylor University College & Seminary

A transfer program has been established with Taylor University College & Seminary (formerly known as North American Baptist College), Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, in which a student completes two years at Taylor and the last two years at the University of Sioux Falls. An associate's degree is awarded by Taylor and a bachelor's

degree by the University of Sioux Falls. Coursework is articulated between the institutions to assure completion of any major within four years.

Veteran Students

Any student who is eligible for veteran's benefits should contact the Office of the Registrar. This office will assist with the certification process. Military credits are evaluated according to guidelines set forth by the American Council on Education and published in the Guide to the Evaluation of Education Experiences in the Armed Services. Students requesting evaluation of military work should provide a DD Form 214 or a course evaluation done by the American Council for Education (ACE) to the Registrar.

Disability Services

The University of Sioux Falls complies with the nondiscrimination requirements of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 to ensure that no qualified person shall, solely by reason of disability, be denied access to, participation in or benefits of any program or activity sponsored by the University. For more information visit the web site at www.usiouxfalls.edu/offices/disability/disabilities.htm.

Students who need accommodations for a disability should contact the Career & Disabilities Services Office at (605) 331-6740.