

# Admissions

Applicants are subject to a thorough review by the Admission Committee and the dean of the appropriate school or college.

**Admission with Prior Disciplinary Dismissal**

Students who have been dismissed from another college or university due to disciplinary reasons may apply for admission to Saint Louis University. Applicants will be subject to a thorough review by the

Dean of Admission, the Dean of the school or college to which the student is applying.

**Early Entrance**

Students who are recommended by their high school principals will be considered for admission by the Office of Admission and by the appropriate school's or college's academic officials following the completion of their junior year in high school. This provision is intended to serve applicants of unusual academic caliber and promise who will benefit from early entrance to the University. The Early Entrance program will accept qualified candidates with or without a high school diploma, with the intent that the applicant will complete the requirements for and receive a high school

## FRESHMAN APPLICANTS

### Academic Requirements for Admission

Current high school seniors or high school graduates who have never attended a college or university or who have completed fewer than 24 semester hours or fewer than 36 quarter hours of full-time college course work are classified as freshman applicants. This policy does not include any advanced college credits earned while in high school.

Applicants must present an academic transcript of courses attempted and in progress from a

secondary school (and of any attempted and earned college course work).

It is strongly recommended that the applicant present five academic courses each semester for all four years of high school. These academic courses should include the following: four years each of English and mathematics (including Algebra I and II and Geometry) and three years each of natural sciences, social sciences, foreign language and academic electives.

### Application Procedures

The following steps must be taken before a freshman applicant can be considered for admission:

- + An Application for Admission
  - + Through [apply.slu.edu](http://apply.slu.edu)
  - + Through the Common Application.
- + Request that your guidance counselor send your official high school transcript and the recommended

## **INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**

All admission policies and requirements for domestic students apply to international students except the following:

- + Admission of international students is granted mainly on the basis of their past academic performances, and not on their TOEFL scores. However, for non- native English speakers a 525 TOEFL or its equivalent is necessary to begin full-time academic work, and a minimum 4.0 TWE rating is necessary to begin University level composition classes\*. All non-

- + The final grade posted for each potential transfer course is a C letter grade (or above).
- + The Office of Admission has received either
  - + a sealed official transcript or
  - + an official electronic transcript, sent to registrar@slu.edu.

Students may be asked to provide a syllabus containing a written description of the course(s) from the other institution.

Transfer credit may be awarded for which Saint Louis University has no equivalent course. This credit may be accepted as meeting major requirements or as elective credit.

Students seeking to transfer coursework taken more than 10 years previously may, at the discretion of the dean, be required to complete proficiency exams, take additional courses or repeat selected courses if the student's ability to progress through the program of studies would be jeopardized without such remediation. This policy also may apply to coursework fewer than 10 years old for disciplines in which, in the judgment of the faculty and the dean, the body of knowledge (or its

take the Saint Louis University Writing Evaluation (SLUWE) during International Orientation. The admitting department may make exemptions to the SLUWE requirement.

Students scoring a 4+ on the SLUWE meet all English proficiency requirements. Students not scoring a 4+ are required to follow the recommendations by the English as a Second Language department. These recommendations may range from exemption from ESL courses, to concurrent enrollment in ESL and a program, or full-time enrollment in ESL with no registration in graduate-level work until the desired level of English has been achieved. Individual programs may decide to set higher minimums based on the level of English proficiency needed for their respective course of studies.

International applicants may not be admitted to Unclassified status. Documents are required of them that present evidence of visa eligibility and certification of financial support for the full period of study. The Office of International Services provides assistance for international applicants.

## ADMISSION TYPES

**Classified** students have been fully accepted, without conditions or provisions, by a college, school, or center to pursue a degree or certificate.

**Probational Admitted** students are applicants who are temporarily assigned to this status because of deficiencies in their academic backgrounds. For example, students who are below the required GPA or below the required entrance exams scores. The terms of conditions will be specified in the notification of admission and may include, but not limited to, maintaining a specific GPA or a number of credit-hours.

be considered for transfer. The Office of the University Registrar documents final approvals of transfer of credit in the permanent record.

Master's students must complete a minimum of 80% of the advanced work through SLU. For example, within a 30-credit Master's program, a maximum of six credits of work (20%) may be approved for transfer toward fulfillment of degree requirements. Course work that was part of a Master's degree program completed elsewhere will not be approved for transfer, i.e., the same course may not be "double counted" in two separate Master's degree programs. Similarly, a post-baccalaureate course taken in partial fulfillment of undergraduate degree requirements may not also be included in a post-baccalaureate degree program unless specified otherwise by a college, school, center, or program.

## **ADVANCED STANDING FOR DOCTORAL STUDENTS**

Ph.D. students must complete a minimum of 80% of post-baccalaureate work at SLU. Ed.D. students must complete at least 38 credits of credits at SLU. Students admitted for Doctoral study, having previously completed a Master's degree in the same or a comparable major field, may expect at least a portion of that prior work to be recognized as contributing to the overall advanced preparation for the 14 ratributi