ADMISSION: UNDERGRADUATE

Office of Undergraduate Admissions and Orientation

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Service Hours: The Office of Undergraduate Admissions assists students by, telephone, and on a walk-in basis during posted service hours.

The Office of Undergraduate Admissions has the primary function of recruiting, admitting, and enrolling new undergraduate students to the University. This office also helps to coordinate the recruitment activities of individual departments, alumni groups, and students. The office organizes visits and programs at local high schools and community colleges as well as in the State of Michigan and selected regions outside of the State.

Also included in functions of the Office of Undergraduate Admissions are administration of the Presidential and Wayne State merit-based scholarships.

Application for Undergraduate Admission

An official application for Undergraduate Admission (http://www.apply.wayne.edu) should be completed online. There is a $25.00 application fee.

Freshmen Admission Guidelines

Admission to Wayne State is selective. In order to qualify for admission an applicant must submit an official high school transcript indicating college preparation, standardized test scores (ACT or SAT), and ability to undertake a college degree program. Admission decisions will be based on a full evaluation of each student's academic record. Students still in high school may apply after completion of their junior year.

Special Undergraduate Programs for Admission

The Center for Latino and Latin American Studies (CLLAS) and Academic Pathways for Excellence (APEX) both offer special undergraduate programs with additional admission standards. See descriptive information under the headings for: Center for Latino/a and Latin American Studies and Academic Pathways for Excellence (APEX).

Recommended High School Preparation

1. **English (four years recommended):** Effective use of the English language is central to one's ability to succeed at the University and in the professions and occupations for which our students are preparing. Students entering the University should be able to:
   a. comprehend the main and subordinate ideas in written works, lectures, and discussions; and
   b. conceive ideas about a topic and be able to organize them for presentation in both verbal and written forms.

2. **Mathematics (four years recommended):** While most careers for which University students are preparing require mathematical competency, an increasing number of careers in science and technical curricula require advanced preparation in mathematics. Entering students should be able to:
   a. understand ratios, proportions, percentages, roots and powers; and
   b. perform the mathematical operations of algebra and geometry.

3. **Biological and Physical Sciences (three years recommended):** A basic understanding of the physical and biological sciences is essential for many fields of college-level study and is necessary if one is to comprehend our world and the impact of science and technology on it. Students should be acquainted with:
   a. concepts of matter, energy, motion and force and the natural laws and processes of the physical sciences in general;
   b. the science of life and living matter with special reference to growth, reproduction and structure; and
   c. laboratory methods.

4. **Social Sciences/History (three years recommended):** Students should study different cultures and societies – their social systems, customs, communities, values, economies, governments, and politics. A knowledge of the main events and ideas that have shaped our nation and its place in the world should also be possessed by entering students. They should understand how the past bears upon the present condition and future course of mankind. As the social sciences improve one's appreciation of the scientific method and other approaches to critical analysis, an understanding of history is required for an informed exercise of citizenship in a free society.

5. **Foreign Languages (two years recommended):** Proficiency in a foreign language not only introduces students to non-English speaking cultures but also heightens awareness and comprehension of one's native tongue. Language is the basic instrument of thought, and the ability to read, speak and write in a foreign language permits one to understand another culture in a more fundamental way. Foreign language competency will open up career opportunities denied to those without it.

6. **Fine Arts (two years recommended):** Students entering the University should be acquainted with the visual and performing arts, through study and/or participation. Several academic disciplines at the University require high levels of skill in the arts. Study in this area enriches life and heightens one's sense of beauty and aesthetic perception.

7. **Computer Literacy:** Some formal instruction in the logic and use of computers in problem solving and data retrieval is increasingly important in all fields of study.

Transfer Admission

Transfer students are considered for admission if they meet the following minimum requirements:

A transfer applicant may be admitted, without consideration of high school work, upon completion of at least twenty-four semester credits of transferable college-level coursework from an accredited college or university with an overall grade point average of 2.5 and with no courses below a C grade for transferable credit. If the applicant has fewer than twenty-four semester credits of transferable college-level coursework, the applicant may be admitted provided freshmen admissions guidelines are met, subject to a holistic evaluation of each student's record. Students who have attended unaccredited institutions should consult with an admission counselor to determine admissibility.

The Office of the Registrar governs the polices for the transfer of credit (http://bulletins.wayne.edu/undergraduate/general-information/records-registration) from other accredited institutions of higher education, both community colleges and baccalaureate-granting colleges and universities.
MACRAO Agreement

Wayne State University has signed an agreement making it easier for Michigan community college students to transfer to our institution. By becoming a signatory institution to the MACRAO (Michigan Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers) agreement, WSU formally acknowledges that community college transfers who have select associate degrees or MACRAO-stamped transcripts from a community college will have met University General Education Requirements, thereby expediting these students’ path to graduation. This recognition will commence for students transferring to Wayne State beginning in Fall 2013. The conditions governing this agreement stipulate that Michigan community college students covered by the MACRAO agreement will still need to the senior-level writing intensive requirement and any requirements specific to a particular school/college or department within the student’s major field of study. Information can be found online. (http://www.macrao.org/Publications/MACRAOAgreement.asp)

Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA)

The MTA is a more recent agreement than MACRAO. The MTA will take effect for students who begin their studies in the Fall 2014 semester, and it will eventually replace the MACRAO Agreement. Students who started prior to Fall 2014 will be able to complete the existing MACRAO Agreement until the end of the summer 2019. The thirty credits of lower-level General Education from the sending Michigan community college will be accepted as a block of thirty credits by Wayne State University as long as students earn at least a 2.0 in each course. Students may complete the MTA as part of an associate degree or as a stand-alone package. These thirty credits of lower-level General Education should be met according to the following distribution:

- One course in English Composition
- A second course in English Composition or 1 course in Communication
- One course in Mathematics
- Two courses in Social Sciences (from two disciplines)
- Two courses in Humanities and Fine Arts (from two disciplines and excluding studio and performance classes)
- Two courses in Natural Sciences including one with laboratory experience (from two disciplines)

If these courses do not add up to thirty credits then the student must take an additional course from one of these groups. The MTA’s block of thirty transfer credits will fulfill the majority of Wayne State’s General Education curriculum, and all courses will count toward students’ overall degree requirements. All Wayne State lower-level General Education requirements will be fulfilled by the MTA with the exception of either oral communication or intermediate composition. Because the MTA applies only to lower-level General Education, students will still need to satisfy our upper-level requirement for the Writing Intensive (WI), which is fulfilled in the student’s major field of study. Additionally, students must fulfill all requirements specific to school/college and academic programs.

Special Requirements and Professional Admission

The following Schools, Colleges and programs have requirements beyond those of regular undergraduate admission:

- Business (http://bulletins.wayne.edu/undergraduate/school-business)
- Engineering (http://bulletins.wayne.edu/undergraduate/college-engineering)
- Fine, Performing and Communication Arts (http://bulletins.wayne.edu/undergraduate/college-fine-performing-communication-arts/academic-regulations)
- Nursing (http://bulletins.wayne.edu/undergraduate/college-nursing/nursing-ban)
- Pharmacy and Health Sciences (http://bulletins.wayne.edu/undergraduate/college-pharmacy-health-sciences/academic-regulations)
- Social Work (http://bulletins.wayne.edu/undergraduate/school-social-work/social-work-bsw)

International Undergraduate Students

A student from another country desiring admission who is not a permanent resident or citizen of the U.S. should complete the International Admissions Application (https://wayne.edu/admissions/international). There is a $25.00 non-refundable application fee. A student from a country in which English is not the native language must take an English Language Proficiency Examination prior to admission or have a minimum Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score of 550 (213 on computerized version). See the Office of International Programs for more information.

Canadian Applicants

Applicants who are a citizen or permanent resident of Canada should complete the Canadian Admissions Application (https://wayne.edu/admissions/canadian). There is a $25 non-refundable application fee.

Non-Matriculated Status

Non-matriculated status enables students to take undergraduate courses for which the prerequisites are met. Courses, credits and grades will be posted to the University’s transcript. However, these will be used toward fulfillment of a degree only after formal admissions is granted through the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. Students are encouraged to meet with an academic advisor prior to registering for courses. The non-matriculated application should be completed online (https://wayne.edu/admissions/non-matriculate). There is a $25.00 non-refundable application fee. The holder of non-matriculated status is ineligible for any type of loan, grant or scholarship that is administered by Wayne State University.

Post-Bachelor

Post-bachelor admission is an optimal choice for students who have already completed a bachelor’s degree and are interested in either earning college credit without intending to use it toward another degree, and those students needing to complete prerequisite course work to gain admission to a graduate program.

Undergraduate Guest Admission

Students currently attending an accredited institution of higher education who are interested in taking undergraduate courses at Wayne State for one semester, or who wish to register for courses concurrently, are eligible to apply for Guest Admission (https://wayne.edu/admissions/guest). Requirements include the completion of twelve semester credits at the home institution and a minimum cumulative ‘C’ grade point average (equivalent to a 2.0 grade point average at Wayne State).
Re-Entry Following an Interruption in Attendance

Undergraduate students who were previously admitted and registered at Wayne State University and whose attendance has been interrupted need not reapply at the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. It is expected that students who left in good standing report to the College of their choice for any special instructions regarding their return to classes.

University of Windsor Exchange Agreement with Wayne State University

Wayne State University and the University of Windsor have entered into an exchange agreement whereby students from each institution may enroll in selected courses at the other institution. Courses available are limited to those not offered at the student's home institution. Limitations also apply to the number of courses and credits a student may take under this agreement. Wayne State University and the University of Windsor students who wish to participate in the program must be in good standing at their home institution and must have prior approval of the appropriate academic unit that the course(s) will be accepted as part of the student's course of study. Students who participate in the Wayne State University/University of Windsor program pay tuition and fees at the home institution and receive credit for the course(s) only at the home institution. Students should consult the Director of the Office for Study Abroad for further information.

Phoenix Program (Second Start)

The Phoenix Program provides undergraduate students who left Wayne State University on Probation or Dismissal with the opportunity to petition for return under a second-start policy. To be eligible for such admission, the student must not have enrolled at Wayne State University for at least five consecutive years, immediately prior to petition for the Phoenix Program. Petitions for re-entry are decided by the Dean of the School or College in which the student is matriculated or seeks to enter. With the approval of the Dean, the student and an academic advisor develop an academic contract, and the advisor closely monitors the student through the first twelve credits of course work.

To return to regular status, students must complete twelve semester credits with a grade of C or better within two years under the Phoenix Program (NOTE: a grade of C-minus is considered to be lower than a C). Students will be expected to complete degree requirements in effect at the time of their return to the University. Should students earn any grade below C in their first twelve credits in the Phoenix Program, they will be excluded from the University. To maintain the integrity of students' academic records, previous course work will remain on the transcripts; however, the credits and grade point average (g.p.a.) will be adjusted to reflect the grade point average earned since the start of the Phoenix Program.

For information about the Phoenix Program, students should contact the Dean's office of the School or College in which they have matriculated or wish to enter.