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ADMISSION PHILOSOPHY
The Office of Admission examines secondary school grades, college admission test scores, co-curricular activities and attempted college course work, as well as other indicators of the applicant’s ability and character. This process respects the non-discrimination policy of the University and is designed to select a qualified, competent and diverse student body with high standards of scholarship and character, consistent with the mission of the University.

POLICIES

Deadlines
Admission consideration and notification are made on a continuing or “rolling” basis, unless otherwise noted below.

Documents
Note to all applicants: The application and all supporting documents become the property of Saint Louis University. By written request, in limited situations, we will forward a transcript to another institution.

Waitlist
An applicant may be placed on a waitlist, at which time additional credentials or information may necessary before an admission decision will be made. waitlist applicant will usually be required to submit additional or more recent college admission test scores, seventh semester grades (or a transcript of the present semester’s grades in progress) or to schedule an interview with the Office of Admission.

Adult Freshman Applicants
An adult freshman applicant who graduated from high school more than five years prior to the date of intended enrollment generally must meet the requirements set forth for all freshman applicants, with the exception of the college admission test score. These applicants must provide satisfactory evidence of preparedness and may be required to submit personal resumes or to meet with an admission counselor for a personal interview. Adult freshman applicants will be reviewed on an individual basis.

Provisional Admission
Provisional admission is a process offered to students who want to enroll for the fall/spring semesters but have not completed their admission files by the established Aug. 1/Jan. 1 deadlines respectively. Copies of transcripts showing academic work attempted at the collegiate level and, if fewer than 24 credits are completed, copies of the high school transcripts are also required to be presented to the Office of Admission for consideration for provisional admission. All admission standards are adhered to during the application review process. All official academic transcripts must arrive in the Office of Admission within four weeks of the first day of classes. Students who fail to comply with this requirement will be withdrawn from the University, and the tuition refund will be issued according to the calendar published in the Schedule of Classes.

Once the Office of Admission receives the official documentation; the student will be notified in writing regarding the official admission decision and the transferability of credits. Because academic credentials are used for academic advising, the student who enters under this policy takes full responsibility for any duplication of courses, extra costs, in-course changes, etc., that result from his/her provisional admission. Students admitted under this policy who withdraw from the University for reasons other than those stated will be subject to the standard refund policy detailed in the Schedule of Classes.

Conditional Admission
Conditional admission may be granted to a student who does not meet the basic academic criteria necessary for admission to the University. Extenuating circumstances must be presented for consideration in such cases. Any student entering under conditional admission status is subject to an evaluation after completion of the first semester’s work by a committee within his/her chosen college or school to determine the student’s eligibility to continue a course of study at Saint Louis University.

Admission with Prior Academic Probation
Students applying for admission to Saint Louis University who are on academic probation at another college/university at which they were most recently enrolled, are subject to a thorough review by the Admission Committee and the Dean of the appropriate school or college.

Admission with Prior Academic Dismissal
Students who have been academically dismissed from another college or university and who are applying for admission to Saint Louis University may be considered one year (two semesters) after the dismissal.
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 diploma. Additional examinations may be required beyond those normally used for admission consideration.

GED Applicants
A high school equivalency diploma will be accepted in place of high school graduation if the applicant has scored at least 550 on each subsection of the General Education Diploma examination (GED). An applicant must submit an official score report.

Non-Degree Seeking Applicants
These students do not plan to pursue a degree at Saint Louis University. These applicants must meet the same requirements as freshman or transfer applicants, respectively.

Readmission
Any Saint Louis University student who has not been enrolled for three consecutive semesters including summer session must reapply for admission following the requirements of a transfer applicant.

Students returning to the University after an absence of 10 years or longer, or students seeking to transfer course work taken more than ten 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 may also apply to course work less than 10 years old for disciplines in which, in the judgment of the faculty and the dean, the body of knowledge (or its interpretation) has undergone significant or rapid change.

Second Bachelor’s Degree Applicants
A student is classified as a second bachelor’s degree candidate if he or she is seeking an undergraduate degree and previously has received a baccalaureate degree. From Saint Louis University or any other institution.

Student Educational Services (SES)
Freshman applicants not meeting the recommendations and requirements for admission for the fall semester may be contacted by SES concerning admission consideration for the Billiken Success Program. If interested in this admission consideration, students must take appropriate screening examinations and be interviewed by SES personnel. After appropriate overall review, freshman applicants may be offered admission to the fall semester on the condition that they participate in the Billiken Success Program.

Admitted Students
Tuition Deposit
A non-refundable enrollment deposit of $450 is required for all students intending to enroll at Saint Louis University for the fall and spring semesters by May 1 and Jan. 1, respectively. Students are advised to submit the deposit once a final decision to enroll at Saint Louis University has been reached. The tuition deposit will be credited on the first semester’s balance.

Student Immunization Record
All admitted students are required to submit proof of required immunizations and screenings to the Student Health Center by August 1 for the fall semester, January 3 for the spring semester, and May 1 for the summer semester. Updated information may be required from current students to keep their records up to date while they are on campus. For more information regarding SLU’s requirements, please visit www.slu.edu/life-at-slu/student-health/required-records-forms.php

Scholarship Deadline
Dec. 1 is the priority scholarship deadline for first-time freshman applicants. To be given priority consideration for University-sponsored scholarships, students must submit the Application for Admission and any other supporting documents.

Some scholarships require an additional application and have published deadlines. Please refer to the specific information in the Application for Admission.

The Presidential Scholarship has a deadline of December 1.

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship has a deadline of February 1.

To be considered for additional financial assistance students must submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
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
  + Through the Common Application.
+ Request that your guidance counselor send your official high school transcript and the recommended Secondary School Report Form directly to the Office of Admission. Your final high school transcript, listing the date of graduation, must be sent to the University by Aug. 15. If you are not a high school graduate, please send an official copy of your high school equivalency exam results and test scores.
+ The University will accept the ACT and/or the SAT. Scores are required for all high school graduates and applicants having graduated from high school within five years of the date of intended enrollment. The University will accept test scores as listed on your official high school transcript. Students may submit as many individual test score reports as you deem necessary.

Application Policies
Applicants who are seniors in high school and offered admission to the University are admitted with the provision that high school graduation requirements will be completed and admissions requirements be maintained prior to enrollment at the University. A final transcript showing all grades and date of graduation must be submitted by Aug. 15.

Home-Schooled Applicants
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.

TRANSFER APPLICANTS

Academic Requirements for Admission
Students who have attempted 24 or more semester hours or 36 or more quarter hours of full-time course work at another regionally accredited college or university, excluding developmental or remedial courses, are classified as transfer applicants. This policy does not include any advanced college credit earned in high school.

For most programs of study, letters of recommendation and other supporting materials are optional; however, if deemed necessary for admission consideration, a request will be made for any or all of the following: high school academic transcript, college admission test scores, personal statement, personal interview and letters of recommendation.

In general, transfer applicants must present at least a “C” grade average for overall college-level course work for admission consideration. There are specific GPA requirements that an applicant must meet in order to be considered for admission to specific academic programs of study. Please consult the particular college’s section for these requirements.

Application Procedures
The following must be submitted before a transfer applicant can be considered for admission:

+ An Application for Admission
  + Through apply.slu.edu
  + Through the Common Application.
+ Request official transcripts from your prior institutions to be sent directly to the Office of Admission. All transcripts must be received by Aug. 15.

Application Policies
Applicants who fail to declare previous college attendance and submit transcripts of such records will be subject to dismissal from the University.

Applicants who are currently attending another college or university and are offered admission to Saint Louis University are admitted with the provision that the transfer admission requirements are maintained prior to enrollment at the University. A final transcript showing all grades must be submitted at the conclusion of the semester or term.

Degree-seeking candidates will receive an evaluation of their transferable course work after they receive their admission letter.
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-native speakers of English who are admitted to any Saint Louis University academic program will be evaluated prior to their initial registration in order to determine the level of their linguistic skills.

Based upon these test results, recommendations will be made for a range of work in English (whether or not they have attended high school in the United States).

* Students with less than a 525 (but not below 510) and/or 3.00 or 3.50 on the TWE may begin part-time academic work along with part-time Academic English.

Application Procedures

All international applicants must submit the following items to:

+ An Application for Admission
  + Through apply.slu.edu
  + Through the Common Application.
+ Transcript(s) in English (original document in the original language and a certified English translation): from high school for freshman applicants; from all previously attended colleges and universities for transfer applicants
+ An English proficiency exam score from one of the following:
  + Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)
  + International English Language Testing System (IELTS)
  + Pearson’s Test of English (PTE).
  + Exemptions are: English is the official language of the applicant’s country and the applicant has a high school diploma from an English-speaking institution
+ F-1 or J-1 Visa
+ Canadian citizens residing in Canada will process their immigration paperwork at the United States Port-of-Entry.
+ Declaration of Financial Status that consists of the following two documents: a letter from the sponsor; a certified letter from the sponsor’s bank (except government sponsor) stating the length of time the account has been open and that sufficient funds are in reserve to cover tuition and living expenses for at least one year.

I-20 or DS-2019

The Office of International Services issues immigration documents, Form I-20 or DS-2019, to those students whose documents show sufficient funds to pursue their programs of study.

ADVANCED COLLEGE CREDIT

Credit By Exam

Students may earn Credit By Exam only through qualifying scores on the following examinations:

+ Cambridge International A Level,
+ College-Level Examination Program (CLEP),
+ College Board Advanced Placement (AP),
+ Health Education Systems, Inc. (HESI) and
+ International Baccalaureate (IB).

An examination for credit cannot be taken while enrolled in, after enrollment or after withdrawing from the course in which the examination for credit is requested.

For the most up-to-date listing of academic department approved qualifying scores visit www.slu.edu/services/registrar/ap_clep.php

The Office of University Registrar may award credit only upon receipt of official results directly from the testing service.

Credit by Assessment through American Council on Education (ACE)

Students may receive credit for courses evaluated and approved for college credit by the American Council on Education (ACE). Listings of ACE approved courses and credit recommendations are contained in two publications: A Guide to the Evaluation of Educational Experiences in the Armed Forces and The National Guide to Educational Credit for Training Programs. Credits received are subject to the same policies as those of any other transfer credit.

Students who are active military or reservists and participated in the off-duty, voluntary education programs of the Department of Defense, may receive credit for coursework taken while active military or in reserves.

TRANSFER CREDIT

Students who have completed (or plan to complete) coursework at regionally accredited colleges or universities may request an evaluation for transfer credit.

Coursework may be considered for transfer credit if all of the following conditions are met:

+ The coursework is completed at a regionally accredited institution or dean approved international institution.
+ 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 interpretation) has undergone significant or rapid change.

Transfer coursework is recorded on students' permanent record. Courses transferred from other colleges/universities do not have quality points assigned; therefore, do not apply toward a student's GPA.

**ADMISSION PHILOSOPHY**

A viable applicant must possess, minimally, a baccalaureate degree or the equivalent from a regionally accredited, recognized college or university at the time of matriculation. The prerequisite expected by a discipline is the equivalent of an undergraduate area of concentration as understood at Saint Louis University: a sequence of eighteen or more credits of upper-division (advanced undergraduate) courses. In disciplines where no corresponding undergraduate major exists, the prerequisite requirement may be expressed in an alternative manner.

Decisions regarding acceptance into a program will not be made on the basis of the length of the degree program students have completed, but rather on the applicant's preparation to pursue post-baccalaureate work in the discipline.

**ADMISSION PROCEDURES**

Applications for all classified programs must be submitted electronically.

The following application documents are required:
+ Application form with accompanying application fee
+ Official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended
+ If the GRE score is required, students must have an official score submitted by Educational Testing Service (ETS). Certain programs also accept: GMAT, LSAT, MAT, or MCAT.
+ Three letters of recommendation (preferably from recent instructors)
+ Resume or Curriculum Vitae (C.V.)
+ Professional goal statement
+ Possibly other specific documents, as required by the major field

If Classified or Certificate status is sought, the desired major field or program must be indicated. An area of concentration or specialization may be requested.

The completed Classified or Certificate application form with the application fee must be submitted before the deadline set by the department or program. If an earlier date is not specified, the general deadlines are as follows: Summer: April 1; Fall: July 1; Spring: November 1.

Each application for Classified status is evaluated initially by an admissions committee in the proposed major field. The Associate Dean or Director for Graduate Education of the particular college, school, or center receives the recommendation(s) of the committee(s) and is responsible for making the final decision.

**INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS**

All international applicants must submit to SLU an English proficiency exam score from one of the following: Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL); International English Language Testing System (IELTS); or Pearson's Test of English (PTE). Exemptions are: English is the official language of the applicant's country and the applicant has a degree from an English speaking institution.

Saint Louis University recommends the following minimum scores:
+ 550 on the paper-based TOEFL (PBT);
+ 80 on the computer-based TOEFL (IBT);
+ 6.5 on the IELTS; or
+ 54 on the PTE.

This policy emphasizes that the scores listed above indicate a minimum level of English and do not guarantee the applicant will have a command of spoken and written English; therefore international students enrolling at Saint Louis University will be required to
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. Students admitted under **probational** status are not eligible for University assistantships or fellowships. Students may remain in conditional admission status for one calendar year.

**Conditional Admitted** students are applicants who are temporarily assigned to this status because of an incomplete application. The provisions will be specified in the notification of admission and may include, but are not limited to, a required final transcript, missing entrance exam score or requiring specific courses. Students may be in provisional admission status for one semester.

**Unclassified** students are not formally pursuing a graduate degree. For example, students (1) taking prerequisites or to enhance academic potential before applying to a degree/certificate program, (2) pursuing a graduate degree elsewhere who plan to transfer credits to their home institutions; or (3) are exploring graduate courses for personal growth, career advancement, or to determine interest in graduate education. To be admitted as an unclassified student, the student must qualify to take courses through a review by the program(s). A student may not take more than 6 hours at the master's level and 9 hours at the doctoral level as an unclassified student.

**Applicant Decisions**

Admitted students must select one of the following options, regardless of classified, probation, conditional or unclassified status:

**Confirm or Decline Admission**

Students must either confirm or decline the offer of admission for the term to which they applied.

**Early Start**

Students must contact Graduate Admission if they wish to matriculate in a term prior to the term for which they applied.

**Deferred Application**

Students must contact Graduate Admission if they wish to matriculate in a term later than the term for which they applied.

**Withdrawn Application**

Students not registered by the close of the registration period for the term to which they were admitted and who have not deferred their application will have their application withdrawn.

*Not all programs allow Early Start or Deferred Application.

**Transfer of Credit**

Classified students are expected to complete most degree requirements through SLU courses, but some advanced work taken elsewhere may be transferred, subject to specific university, college, school, or center restrictions. Students must initiate a petition and have an official transcript of the work proposed for transfer forwarded to their college, school, or center. The advisor and department make a recommendation on the petition form, and the final decision rests with the Associate Dean, Director for Graduate Education or Center Director of the particular college, school, or center. Such a petition will not receive consideration until students have completed a minimum of six credits toward their program.

Work completed elsewhere more than five years prior to the beginning of the current program will not be approved for transfer into the current program. For a course to qualify for transfer, the course must be applicable for inclusion in the advanced degree program and in the present discipline at the accredited institution where it was taken. The grade received must have been B (3.00 on a 4.00 scale) or higher. Courses taken on a Credit/No Credit or Pass/Fail basis will not
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 doctorate, giving students Advanced Standing. Courses approved for Advanced Standing are entered on the form ‘Evaluation of Advanced Standing of a Doctoral Student’.

**CADE Admission Deposit**

All incoming students in the Center for Advanced Dental Education programs are required to make a deposit of $1,000, applicable toward tuition for the first one-half year, to hold places in the classes.