Freshman Admissions Overview

How are admission decisions made?
Freshmen accepted to the University of Minnesota are admitted to one of the following colleges:

- Carlson School of Management
- College of Biological Sciences
- College of Design
- College of Education and Human Development
- College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences
- College of Liberal Arts
- College of Science and Engineering

We carefully consider students for admission to the colleges of interest listed on their applications, in the order in which they are listed. If we are not able to offer admission to the first-choice college, we consider applicants for admission to another University of Minnesota college that best matches their academic interests and preparation.

What factors do you consider when making an admission decision?
We believe that selecting students from a highly talented group of applicants requires a very careful, individual assessment of each student’s application materials. Each application is reviewed in its entirety and all application materials are carefully considered.

Admission decisions are based on a very careful, overall assessment of each student’s academic preparation and performance, as well as the additional information provided in the application, based on the primary and secondary factors listed below. Although the strongest consideration is given to the primary factors, no single factor is the deciding factor in the decision.

Primary Review Factors
- Coursework through high school graduation. (Admitted students typically exceed the University’s subject requirements.)
- Grade point average
- Class rank (if available)
- ACT or SAT scores

Secondary Review Factors
Individual circumstances, such as those listed below, are also considered as part of the overall assessment of each application and may factor into individual decisions.

- Outstanding talent, achievement, or aptitude in a particular area
- An exceptionally rigorous academic curriculum (enrollment in honors, AP, IB, or college-level courses)
- Strong commitment to community service and leadership
- Military service
- Contribution to the cultural, gender, age, economic, racial, or geographic diversity of the student body
- Evidence of having overcome social, economic, or physical barriers to educational achievement
- First-generation college student
- Significant responsibility in a family, community, job, or activity
- Family employment or attendance at the University of Minnesota
- Extenuating circumstances
What is the academic profile of students who are admitted?
This table provides a general overview of the high school rank percentile and standardized test scores of freshman applicants admitted for fall 2012. The data presented in the table are a composite picture of admitted freshman applicants; they are not admission criteria. Admission decisions are based on an individual, overall assessment of each application.

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<th>Program</th>
<th>Average High School Rank Percentile</th>
<th>Average ACT Composite</th>
<th>Average SAT (Math + Reading total out of 1600)</th>
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<td>Biological Sciences</td>
<td>94.3</td>
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<td>Management (Carlson School of)</td>
<td>88.9</td>
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<td>Science and Engineering</td>
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Can I transfer to the University of Minnesota in the future?
Each year, the University of Minnesota welcomes more than 2,000 transfer students to campus. Students are able to transfer after three or four semesters of full-time coursework, if they meet the admission requirements for the program in which they intend to earn a degree. To optimize the chances for successful transfer to the University, you should:

- Earn a strong grade point average at your transfer institution(s). Admission to the University of Minnesota remains competitive at the transfer level. Each college has its own coursework, GPA, and credit requirements.
- Carefully plan your coursework at your transfer institution to help ensure that the courses will transfer and minimize the time that will be needed to earn a degree from the University of Minnesota.

Minnesota Cooperative Admissions Program (MnCAP)
The University of Minnesota-Twin Cities has partnered with seven public two-year campuses around Minnesota to offer the Minnesota Cooperative Admissions Program (MnCAP). Students enrolled in MnCAP are guaranteed transfer admission to one of the participating U of M colleges and majors when they meet certain conditions. Students enrolling in this program work closely with dedicated staff at the community colleges and the University of Minnesota Office of Admissions to define the specific conditions for transfer.

Participating University of Minnesota colleges: College of Biological Sciences; College of Design (select programs only); College of Education and Human Development (select programs only); College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences; College of Liberal Arts; College of Science and Engineering. Participating community colleges: Anoka-Ramsey Community College, Century College, Inver Hills Community College, Minneapolis Community & Technical College, Normandale Community College, North Hennepin Community College, Saint Paul College

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