Freshman Admissions Overview

Additional information about your decision, including the factors that we consider when making admission decisions, is included below.

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 choices listed, we consider applicants for admission to other University of Minnesota colleges that may be a good fit with 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?

Please note that admission decisions are based on an individual, overall assessment of each application, using the primary and secondary factors listed on the previous page. The table below 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 is a composite picture of admitted freshman applicants; they are not admission criteria.

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<td>Average High School Rank %ile</td>
<td>94.3</td>
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Why was my application placed on a waitlist? When will I receive an update on my application?

Admission to the University of Minnesota is highly competitive. To date, applications have increased 13 percent over last year. We have received more than 41,000 applications for a freshman class of approximately 5,400 students. This strong interest in the University—combined with the academic qualifications of the applicants—has resulted in a very competitive admission situation.

We have completed a very careful, individual review of your application. Based on an overall assessment of your application materials, we have determined that you have the academic preparation necessary for success at the University of Minnesota. However, to ensure that the number of new freshmen is reasonably in line with the resources and services designed to support student success, we must place some applicants on a waitlist. We do not yet know whether space will be available in the freshman class. The number of students we will be able to admit from the waitlist will be based on the number of admitted students who confirm their enrollment.

We very much appreciate your interest in the University of Minnesota. Because we do not yet know if space will be available, we must encourage you to continue pursuing your other college options in the event that we are unable to offer you admission for fall 2013. If space becomes available in the freshman class, we will again review your application based on an overall assessment of our primary and secondary review factors. You will receive an update on the status of your application no later than April 15, 2013. This update will be provided by email.

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