

Proposed Update to IU South Bend Admissions Practices

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General Admission Criteria for First Year Students

We propose that students who meet the minimum GPA and test score requirements be offered admission regardless of class rank.

Standard/Conditional Admission for First Year Students

Currently there are two classes of admission for freshmen, Full and Standard/Conditional. Full admission requires a minimum of 2.7 and 900 (SAT) or 20 (ACT) or Academic Honors diploma (without a minimum test score). Standard/Conditional admission allows for a GPA between 2.0-2.69 but which must be in combination with an SAT of 800 or an ACT of 17. Those with a GPA 2.7 but a test score lower than 900/20 may be also admitted as Standard/Conditional if the SAT is at least 700 and the ACT is at least 15.

We propose:

- There be a minimum test score required for those granted an Academic Honors diploma (700/15)
- The ACT score for full admission be 19. Please see the ACT/SAT concordance: <http://www.act.org/solutions/college-career-readiness/compare-act-sat/>
- A new combination of GPA and test scores be adopted for the following range: 2.5-2.69 with 750 (SAT)/16 (ACT)
- The spring semester deadline for Standard/Conditional be moved to December 15
- Admissions retain discretion in admitting Standard/Conditional admit students after the deadline

QUESTIONS/ISSUES for Discussion:

Earlier guidelines for full admission recommend that test scores be at or above the state median score which for Indiana in 2013 was SAT: 493+500 (993)/ ACT in 2012: 22.3. The present admissions decision rubric calls for a higher GPA as the benchmark for granting full admission and allows for slightly lower test scores than the state median.

Should Admission Certificates for Standard/Conditional admits include mention of U-100, either as a requirement or a possible condition at the discretion of an academic advisor?

Admission for Transfer Students

Transfer students may be admitted without condition with 15 credits of transferable credit and a 2.0 GPA. They may also be admitted without condition if they have less than 15 transferable credits and meet the full admission criteria with their high school credentials.

Transfer students with less than 15 transferable credits may be admitted as Conditional/Standard if they meet the high school criteria for conditional admission.

Transfer students may be admitted as Probationary if they have completed only 1 semester of college with a GPA less than 2.0, and they meet the freshman admission criteria. In addition, students may be admitted on probation with a GPA of less than 2.0 if they have not attended college for at least one regular semester (fall or spring), and they meet the freshman criteria or have at least 26 transferable credits.

We propose:

- Transfer students be considered for admission based upon a minimum of 12 transferable credits. Indiana State's Core 40 legislation suggests that a student without a Core 40 diploma may seek admission to a 4-year state university after completing 12 transferable credits at another regionally accredited post-secondary institution. In addition, our Transitions program stipulates that a student may be admitted to IU South Bend with only 12 transferable credits in addition to a math class which may or may not be transferable.
- The deadline for transfer students admitted conditionally or on probation be moved to August 15 for Fall Semester and December 15 for Spring Semester.
- Admissions retain discretion in admitting conditional and probationary students after the deadline

Faculty Sponsorship

We propose that there be a more formal process to establish faculty sponsorship. Such a process may include a written agreement between the sponsor and the sponsored student to meet a certain number of times during the first semester, etc.