New Freshmen

Applications are reviewed on an individual basis with consideration given to the applicant’s overall grade-point average (GPA) and standardized test scores. New freshmen and those transfer students with fewer than 24 transferable semester hours should have taken or be completing the following college preparatory curriculum in high school:

16 Units Total

- **English 4 units**
- **Mathematics 4 units** (Units must be of equivalent or higher level than Algebra I)
- **Social Studies 3 units**
- **Natural Sciences 3 units**
  - **1 unit general sciences – 2 units lab sciences** (Choose two courses from biology, chemistry, and physics laboratory. Two years of principles of technology will meet one unit of natural sciences [physics]. Two years of applied biology/chemistry will meet one unit of natural sciences [biology].)
  - **Electives 2 units** (To be chosen from English, foreign languages, oral communication, mathematics, computer science, natural sciences, and social studies)

Students who have taken these course requirements and who have a high school overall GPA of at least a 3.00 and an ACT of 20 (or SAT of 930 combined critical reading and math) or better meet the general admission requirements. Students not meeting these criteria are still encouraged to apply and will be reviewed for possible admission by the Admissions and Appellate Board.

Accelerated Admission

Superior high school students who have completed a rigorous college preparatory curriculum may seek admission to the freshman class at the end of their junior year of high school. Applicants for accelerated admission are required to complete certain required subjects during three years of high school study, to submit letters of recommendation, and to submit an ACT or SAT score equivalent to at least the 90th percentile of the university’s previous entering class. Additional information and application materials may be obtained by visiting or calling the Office of Admissions at 1-800-377-8632 or online at admissions.uark.edu.