## **Academic Preparation**



General requirements for admission as a new freshman include graduation, with a standard or higher diploma, from an accredited or recognized high school or secondary institution, with a minimum of 17 academic units, distributed as follows:

- 1. Four units of English;
- 2. Two units of Algebra (Algebra I and II);
- 3. One unit of Geometry;
- 4. Two units of Foreign Language;
- 5. Two units from History and the Social Studies;
- 6. Two units of Natural Science; and
- 7. Four units of other academic electives.

A new freshman is any applicant who has attempted 12 or fewer semester hours of college-level course work after high school graduation. Possession of a standard high school diploma means that the applicant met the stated graduation requirements for specific subject matter areas, as determined by the issuing agency (school, county, or state system). Successful completion of the GED or HiSET test may also be accepted in lieu of a high school diploma.

In some cases, the Committee may choose to grant conditional acceptance to an applicant. An applicant who has below a 3.0 high school GPA may be considered for conditional acceptance. An applicant who has been conditionally accepted will be limited to a 14-semester hour load and will hold no academic sanction regarding academic standards during his or her first semester in attendance at the institution.

A student who has attempted 13 or more semester hours of college coursework after the completion of high school is considered a transfer student. Please visit Catalog policy 2.01.050, "Applying as a Transfer Student" for the admissions criteria for transfer students.

A student who is applying for admission to the Associate of Arts or via the Pathway courses please visit Catalog policy 2.01.090, "Acceptance Criteria for Undergraduate GPS Programs."

For information regarding academic standards review, please visit Catalog policy 2.05.390, "Academic Standing."