

BUFFALO STATE COLLEGE

DIRECTORY OF POLICY STATEMENTS

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Subject: Freshman Admission

Admission is based on academic performance in high school and on space availability. Successful applicants will be those who submit a completed application (i.e., application form, standardized test scores, essay, and high school transcript) with a demonstrated competitive high school curriculum. Students who apply without demonstrated success in a competitive curriculum may be reviewed using "holistic review," which includes a variety of factors (e.g., standardized test scores, letters of recommendation, strength of high school program completed, and extracurricular participation).

Special consideration for admission is available to applicants with extenuating circumstances that may have affected their past academic record. Students admitted under the special consideration provision may have stipulations attached to their admission (e.g., specific course enrollment, academic skill development, mentoring). The percentage of special consideration admissions will be reviewed annually in a meeting of the Standards for Students Committee and the associate vice president for enrollment management.

Previously earned college credit (e.g., Advanced Placement, college coursework completed while in high school) will be evaluated after students' acceptance upon receipt of their official scores and/or college-credit bearing transcripts. Accepted students will be apprised regarding transferable credit. Grades, quality points, and cumulative averages do not transfer. Departments reserve the right to refuse to accept transfer credit hours in fulfillment of their own major requirements, within the parameters set forth by SUNY Seamless Transfer requirements.