

FACULTY SENATE RESOLUTION 91-04

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Catalog Statement Proposed

By

ASH Committee

EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND ADMISSION POLICY

All students who wish to be considered for undergraduate admission to LSU are encouraged to apply.

LSU's admission requirements are designed to ensure that students who show promise of academic success are admitted to the University. The most important indicator of this potential is the grade-point average earned in a college preparatory curriculum. Applicants are expected to have pursued a rigorous college preparatory curriculum that provides a strong background in English, mathematics, the natural sciences, social studies, foreign languages, and computer studies. LSU also values electives in the visual and performing arts.

U.S. students who have graduated from approved high schools fulfill that academic requirements for admission if they meet either of those standards:

1. An academic high school grade-point average of at least 2.00 on all 17.5 high school unit requirements listed in Table I below (beginning Fall 1995, the minimum grade point average will be raised to not less than 2.30); or
2. An academic grade-point average ACT or SAT score combination as shown in Table II. Experience has shown that most entering freshmen who meet these standards can be expected to perform satisfactorily in their first year at LSU.

At LSU, the academic grade-point average is calculated on the basis of the academic units shown in the seven categories in Table I. It is calculated by the Office of Admissions using the standard 4.00 maximum scale (A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1, F=0).

The records of all other applicants will be reviewed on an individual basis. The Undergraduate Admissions Committee will consider grade-point average, scores on standardized tests, class rank, pattern and quality of courses taken, curriculum followed, grade trends, educational objectives, extracurricular activities, leadership abilities, and school recommendations. Students may be admitted on the basis of special talents, significant life and career experience, or membership in groups underrepresented in the student body.

A student who is awarded an athletic grant-in-aid may be admitted if he/she meets the standards found in Bylaw 14.3.1 of the National Collegiate Athletic Association. A student athlete at LSU will be subject to a number of special academic requirements specified in the rules of the Southeastern Conference and the N.C.A.A.

Table I. High School United Required for Admissions

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| Category 1: | English Composition and Literature (four units)—English I, II, III, IV |
| Category 2: | College Preparatory Mathematics (three units)—Algebra I, Algebra II, and one additional unit consisting of courses such as Geometry, Trigonometry, Advanced Mathematics, or Calculus |
| Category 3: | Natural Sciences (three units)—Biology, Chemistry, and Physics |
| Category 4: | Social Studies (three units)—One unit in American History; one unit in World History, World Geography, or History of Western Civilization; and one unit consisting of courses such as Civics, Free Enterprise, Economics, Sociology, Psychology, and American Government |
| Category 5: | Foreign Languages (two units)—Two units in a single language |
| Category 6: | Computer Studies (.5 unit)—Computer Science, Computer Literacy, or Data Processing |
| Category 7: | Additional Courses (two units)—Two additional units from categories 1 through 6 above, and/or certain courses in the visual and performing arts (Fine Arts Survey, Art III, Art IV, Advanced Band, Applied Music, Advanced Chorus, Jazz Ensemble, Music Theory II, Advanced Orchestra, Wind Ensemble, and Studio Piano III). In addition, Biology II, Chemistry II, Physics II, Earth Science, Environmental Science, Physical Science, and certain courses approved by the Louisiana Department of Education for individual schools may also apply in category 7 (Musical Theater; Methods and Styles of Acting I and II; Play Production I and II; and Individual Art Students (whenever Art II is a prerequisite), including Drawing, Painting, and Printmaking. LSU will also accept, as one unit toward the Category 7 requirement, any two units of performance courses in music, dance, or theater not listed above; or two such units of studio art courses. |

Table II. High School Academic Grade-Point Average/ACT/SAT

| HSGPA | Minimum ACT | Minimum SAT |
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| 2.90-4.00 | 19 | 790 |
| 2.60-2.89 | 20 | 830 |
| 2.30-2.59 | 21 | 880 |

Other Provisions:

Applicants who meet the educational requirements listed in this catalog will be considered for admission. Admission is not automatically granted when these requirements are met; it may be denied if other factors, in the judgment of the University officials merit denial. Issues such as limited enrollment in certain curricula, timeliness of applications, unavailability of certain programs, and other relevant factors may be considered.