

New Policy Proposal: Transfer Admission Requirements

Introduction

ACU has experienced enrollment declines in the transfer population for several consecutive years. There are several restrictive barriers for transfer students at ACU, and this proposal is seeking a change in admission requirements to become more consistent with universities at large.

As we try to attract and recruit transfer students, we believe that a revision to our policy regarding SAT/ACT and high school transcript requirements will give us the flexibility to attract more qualified students without compromising ACU's academic standards. **This proposal will remove barriers that delay admission decisions. Our admissions standards will remain unchanged.**

New Policy

To be considered for admission to an undergraduate degree program at ACU, a prospective transfer student would not be required to submit ACT or SAT test scores if the student has 24 or more college hours at the time of application. Additionally, for admission purposes, the prospective transfer student will not be required to provide high school transcript(s) if the student has 24 or more college hours at the time of application. **High school transcripts will still be needed for advising purposes, but not for admission decision purposes when transfer students have 24 or more hours.** Students with less than 24 hours must meet freshmen admission standards in addition to the providing transcript(s) from each college attended.

Notes

- The student is still required to submit all other documents necessary for admissions: online application, college transcript(s)
- Submitting any of these examinations does not guarantee university admissions. The decision will be made by the director of admissions using all available information.
- Changes to the catalog would reflect the flexibility of this new policy (Appendix B).

Appendix A: Current Transfer Requirements at Competitor Institutions

School	Test Score Requirement	HS Transcript Requirement
ACU	Less than 65 hours	All Students
Baylor	Less than 24 hours	All Students
TCU	Less than 24 hours	Not required if 24 or more hours
Texas A&M	Less than 24 hours	All Students
Texas Tech	Less than 12 hours	Required for advising, not admission
Pepperdine	Less than 30 hours	All students
Harding	Less than 14 hours	Not required if 14 or more hours
Oklahoma Christian	No test score requirement if basic math and English courses have been	Not required if 24 or more hours

	completed.	
Lipscomb	Less than 60 hours	Not required if 60 or more hours
Lubbock Christian	Less than 15 hours	Unknown
McMurry	Students under 22 years of age	Not required if 24 or more hours
Hardin-Simmons	Less than 24 hours	Not required if 24 or more hours

Appendix B: Proposed catalog changes

Transfer Admission

For students with 24 or more transferable hours at the time of application:

Transfer applicants must submit an official transcript from each college previously attended. ~~and an official high school transcript.~~ To be official, a transcript labeled “official” by the issuing institution must be transmitted in a sealed envelope directly from the issuing institution to the receiving institution or be submitted through an approved electronic source such as Docufide or SEND.edu. ~~Admitted students who have 65 or more semester hours of transferable college credit are not required to take the SAT or ACT if they have met all University Requirements at ACU.~~ They must be in good standing with the college or university previously attended. Those on suspension at another institution are not eligible for admission to ACU.

For students with less than 24 transferable hours at the time of application:

Transfer applicants must meet freshmen admission requirements and submit an official transcript from each college previously attended. To be official, a transcript labeled “official” by the issuing institution must be transmitted in a sealed envelope directly from the issuing institution to the receiving institution or be submitted through an approved electronic source such as Docufide or SEND.edu. They must be in good standing with the college or university previously attended. Those on suspension at another institution are not eligible for admission to ACU.

*Note: All students must complete a minimum of 40 hours at ACU regardless of how many transfer hours they bring in.

Incoming students transferring to ACU who have been full time students at other institutions, will have university Bible requirements changed based on the number of hours credited to their ACU degrees as specified in the following table: ...