**Undergraduate Admission Criteria for Traditional and Non-Traditional Students**

Among UCA’s initiatives to increase retention, persistence, and graduation rates are proposals to raise admission criteria for undergraduate students.

Proposed changes to the admission criteria redefine the terms “traditional student” and “non-traditional student” for the purposes of admission and increase the minimum ACT (or equivalent) score requirements for unconditional admission and the high school GPA score requirement for conditional admission. Both traditional and non-traditional, new, first-time students who do not meet minimum score requirements in ACT subject areas must begin to satisfy required remediation by enrolling in transitional courses during the first and every subsequent semester until these requirements are completed. All transitional coursework must be completed within the first 30 hours of enrollment.

The proposed admission standards, presented on the following pages, will increase the academic quality of the student population and, therefore, contribute to increasing retention, persistence, and graduation rates.

The University Admissions Committee and all appropriate administrators have recommended approval of the proposed admission standards.

Therefore, the President recommends to the Board of Trustees the following resolution:

**BE IT RESOLVED: that the Board of Trustees hereby approves the proposed admission criteria.**

**Undergraduate Admissions Policy Proposal: Traditional Students**

In this context, “traditional student” refers to a student under 25 years of age who is a U.S. citizen or a resident alien.

UCA makes admission decisions based in part upon sixth-semester high school grade point average and ACT/SAT scores. Below is a comparison of the current (Fall 2015) admission criteria and proposed (Fall 2016) changes to the admission criteria for traditional .

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| **CURRENT (FALL 2015) CRITERIA** | **PROPOSED (FALL 2016) CRITERIA** |
| To be considered for admission to UCA, prospective students must meet these minimum requirements:Unconditional Admission\** 2.75 high school GPA
* 20 ACT Composite/1390 SAT combined (Critical Reading/Math/Writing)
* Individual subject sub-scores that exempt a student from required remediation
* Other requirements as outlined in the *Undergraduate Bulletin*

Conditional Admission\** 2.30 high school GPA
* 17 ACT Composite/1210 SAT combined (Critical Reading/Math/Writing)
 | To be considered for admission to UCA, prospective students must meet these minimum requirements:Unconditional Admission\** 2.75 high school GPA
* 21 ACT Composite/1450 SAT combined (Critical Reading/Math/Writing)
* Individual subject sub-scores that exempt a student from required remediation
* Other requirements as outlined in the Undergraduate Bulletin

Conditional Admission\** 2.50 high school GPA
* 17 ACT Composite/1210 SAT combined (Critical Reading/Math/Writing)
* Other requirements as outlined in the *Undergraduate Bulletin*
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| \*Applicants who have a single-digit ACT test sub-score or the equivalent in reading, mathematics, or English will not be eligible for admission. | \*Applicants who have an ACT test sub-score less than 15 or the equivalent in reading, mathematics, science, or English will not be eligible for admission. |

**Admissions Policy Proposal: Non-Traditional Students**

In this context, “non-traditional student” refers to a student 25 years of age or older who is a U.S. citizen or a resident alien.

Non-traditional students must submit ACT or SAT scores no older than 5 years or Compass exam scores no older than 2 years and meet the following minimum requirements:

**Unconditional Admission\***

* High School Diploma or GED
* Other requirements as outlined in the *Undergraduate Bulletin*
* Scores as detailed under Option 1 or Option 2

**Option 1**

* 21 ACT Composite/1450 SAT combined (Critical Reading/Math/Writing)
* Individual subject sub scores that exempt a student from required remediation

**Option 2**

Compass Exam Scores:

* Algebra Test 41
* Writing Test 80
* Reading Test 83

**Conditional Admission\***

* High School Diploma or GED
* Other requirements as outlined in the *Undergraduate Bulletin*
* Scores as detailed under Option 1 or Option 2

**Option 1**

* 17 ACT Composite/1210 SAT combined (Critical Reading/Math/Writing)

**Option 2**

Compass Exam Scores:

* Algebra Test 18
* Writing Test 49
* Reading Test 70

\*Applicants who have an ACT test sub-score less than 15 or the equivalent in reading, mathematics, science, or English will not be eligible for admission.