

# ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

## First-Year Applicant

The Board of Regents (<https://nebraska.edu/-/media/unca/docs/offices-and-policies/policies/board-governing-documents/board-of-regents-policies.pdf>) of the University of Nebraska establishes minimum admission requirements. Individual colleges may require additional credentials or have other requirements for specific programs.

### Documentation Needed

- **Final Official High School Transcript or GED Scores**
  - Must be sent directly from the high school to the UNO Office of Undergraduate Admissions.
  - The transcript must include a cumulative record of all coursework completed.
- **GED (General Education Diploma)**
  - UNO recognizes the GED as equivalent to a high school diploma.
  - Some credit may be assigned based on subject area scores, but the GED alone may not meet the 16 core course requirements.
- **Homeschooled students**
  - Must submit a typed transcript (semester format) of all coursework completed.
  - The transcript must include grades, course completion dates, and a signature from the administrator of grades.
  - Additional documents may be required for admission decision.
- **College Credit Earned During High School**
  - Must be sent directly from the college's registrar's office to UNO.
  - Early Entry and Dual Enrollment students at UNO do not need to request a transcript.

### Assured Admission (First-Year Applicants)

Graduates of a regionally accredited high school or who have completed the equivalent training (GED) must meet the following criteria for assured admission:

#### Core Course Requirements (16 units)

All students are expected to complete the following 16 high school core course units:

- **English – 4 units**  
Must include intensive reading and writing. *Dual language or ELL English classes do not satisfy this requirement.*
- **Mathematics – 3 units**  
Must include Algebra I, Algebra II, and Geometry.
- **Social Sciences – 3 units**  
Must include at least one unit of American and/or World History and one additional unit from history, government, or geography.
- **Natural Sciences – 3 units**  
Must include two units from biology, chemistry, physics, or earth sciences. One must include a laboratory component.
- **World Languages – 2 units**  
*\* Some NU colleges may require world language for admission. For colleges that require world language, both units must be in the same language. Students who do not take two years of world language in high school may still qualify for admission to colleges without a world language requirement. BOR RP-5.2.1 Admission Standards*

- **Elective – 1 unit**

One additional unit from any of the academic areas above.

**Note:** One unit is equivalent to one school year in grades 9–12.

### Performance Requirements

Students must meet **one** of the following:

- Rank in the top 50% of their graduating class.
- Earn an ACT composite score of 20 or higher (or SAT equivalent).
- Achieve a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (by the end of the sixth semester of high school or later).

## Transfer Applicants

Applicants must report all collegiate courses on their admissions application, including:

- Courses from accredited and unaccredited institutions.
- Courses dropped, failed, or incomplete.

Failure to report previous postsecondary coursework may result in **denial of admission** or **dismissal** from the university.

### Transfer Admission Criteria

- Must be in good academic standing at the last institution attended.
- College-Specific GPA Requirements
  - College of Arts and Sciences (<http://catalog.unomaha.edu/undergraduate/college-arts-sciences/>) 2.0 GPA
  - College of Business Administration (<http://catalog.unomaha.edu/undergraduate/college-business-administration/>) 2.5 GPA
  - College of Communication, Fine Arts and Media (<http://catalog.unomaha.edu/undergraduate/college-communication-fine-arts-media/>) 2.25 GPA
  - College of Education, Health, and Human Sciences (<http://catalog.unomaha.edu/undergraduate/college-education/>) 2.0 GPA
  - College of Engineering (<http://catalog.unomaha.edu/undergraduate/college-engineering/>) 2.5 GPA
  - College of Information Science & Technology (<http://catalog.unomaha.edu/undergraduate/college-information-science-technology/>) 2.5 GPA
  - College of Public Affairs and Community Service (<http://catalog.unomaha.edu/undergraduate/college-public-affairs-community-service/>) 2.5 GPA

### Documentation Needed

- **Final official high school transcript or official GED equivalency scores**
  - Must be sent directly from the high school to the UNO Office of Undergraduate Admissions (if fewer than 24 transferable credit hours).
- **Official college transcript(s)**
  - Must be sent directly from the registrar's office of each institution attended.

**Exception:** Transfer students with **24 or more** transferable credit hours are **not required** to meet high school core course requirements.

### Transfer Additional Notes

- Students on **academic suspension or dismissal** within the last year will be denied admission.
- Transcripts are retained for **one year** if a student does not enroll.

- Provisionally admission students must submit **all required transcripts within the first eight weeks** of enrollment.

## Awarding of Transfer Credits

- **Transcripts from previous institutions** are maintained in the University Registrar's Office.
- The **dean of the UNO College** determines how transfer credits will apply toward degree requirements.
- Credits and grades earned at other University of Nebraska campuses are accepted and computed into the student's GPA as part of their official record.
- **Courses must have a grade of "C-" or better** to transfer from accredited institutions.
  - The **College of Business** requires a minimum grade of **"C"** or better for transfer credit.
- **Credit Hour Limits:**
  - A **maximum of 64 semester credit hours** can be transferred from a regionally accredited **two-year** college to most UNO undergraduate colleges.
  - The **College of Engineering** allows up to **66 semester credit hours** from a two-year institution.
  - Each UNO college has a **minimum number of credit hours** to be completed at UNO prior to graduation.
- **International Transfer Credits:**
  - Students transferring credits from institutions outside the U.S. may be required to submit a **course syllabus (with translation) for evaluation**.

## Nebraska System Students

### Transferring or Change of Campus

Students transferring from another **University of Nebraska campus** must:

- Follow Change of Campus instructions.
- Complete an undergraduate application.

**Note:** Students on **academic suspension or dismissal** within the last year will be denied admission.

### Visiting (Non-Degree) or Intercampus

A **Non-Degree/Visiting student** is someone from another NU campus taking courses at UNO for a semester without enrolling in a degree program.

- Must submit an Intercampus Application each semester.
- Does **not** need to complete an undergraduate application.
- Financial holds must be **cleared** before applying.
- Students on **academic suspension** within the last year are **ineligible** to enroll at UNO.

## Former UNO Students (Readmission Criteria)

Former UNO students who have not enrolled in **two or more years** must submit a new Application for Undergraduate Admission.

- Students on **academic suspension** must schedule an **advising/reinstatement meeting** before reapplying.
- If you have completed additional coursework at another institution, please submit the **official transcripts** for those courses as part of the admissions process.

## Non-Degree (Visiting) Students

Individuals may apply as **visiting (non-degree) students** to take courses at UNO for personal or professional development **without** enrolling in a degree program.

Requirements:

- Must be in **good academic standing**.
- Applicants who were **suspended** from another institution within the past **year** are **not eligible** for admission.
- Applicants who were **denied admission** as a degree-seeking student **cannot** be admitted as a non-degree student.
- Must have a **high school diploma or GED**.
- **Non-degree students** are **not eligible** for financial aid or scholarships.

## English Proficiency Policy

Applicants whose **first language is not English** must demonstrate proficiency through **one** of the following:

- Completion of **four years of standard high school English** in an accredited U.S. high school.
- ACT English subscore of **20+** (or SAT equivalent).
- Completion of an **AA or AS degree** from a regionally accredited U.S. institution with a GPA of **2.5+**.
- Completion of **English Composition I or II** with a grade of **C or better** from a regionally accredited U.S. postsecondary institution.
- Submission of official **English proficiency test scores** from an approved agency.

## Early Entry Admissions Program

The **University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) Early Entry Program** allows high-achieving high school students to take college courses at UNO while still in high school. This program provides a head start on college and helps students earn university credits that **can be applied toward a UNO degree** and may transfer to other institutions.

### Why Join the Early Entry Program?

- Take **college-level courses** while in high school.
- Earn **university credit** that applies to a UNO degree and may transfer elsewhere.
- Gain experience in a college setting to prepare for the transition to university life.

### Who Can Apply?

- Students with at least a **'B' average (3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale)** in high school coursework.
- Students approved by their **high school counselor** (or individually reviewed if homeschooled).
- Students whose first language is not English must demonstrate **English proficiency**.

### How to Apply

1. **Apply online** at apply.early. (<https://www.unomaha.edu/dual-enrollment/early-entry/>)
2. **Submit an unofficial high school transcript** with your application.
3. **Get approval online** from your high school counselor and parent/guardian.

## Important Details

- Students may take **up to two UNO classes per term**.
- A **new application is required each semester**, but no additional application fee is needed.
- After high school graduation, students who want to continue taking courses must submit an **Undergraduate Admission Application** and meet UNO's admission requirements.

## Dual Enrollment Program

The **Dual Enrollment Program** lets high-achieving high school students earn **college credit** while taking certain high school classes. These classes are taught by high school teachers who are also approved as **UNO adjunct professors**.

### How It Works

- Earn **both high school and college credit** for approved courses.
- Classes are taught at your **high school** by your teachers.
- Not all high school courses qualify—talk to your **school counselor** to see if your school participates.

For questions, contact the **UNO Early Entry/Dual Enrollment Program coordinator** at **402-554-3810** or visit the UNO Early Entry (<https://www.unomaha.edu/dual-enrollment/early-entry/>) or Dual Enrollment (<https://www.unomaha.edu/dual-enrollment/>) websites.