General Requirements for Admission of Freshmen

1. Graduation, with satisfactory scholarship in a college-preparatory curriculum, from an approved secondary school or approval by the Credentials Evaluation Division of the Pennsylvania Department of Education, or Pennsylvania Homeschoolers Accreditation Agency.

2. Either a satisfactory score on the SAT of the College Entrance Examination Board (CEEB) or satisfactory scores on the tests given in the American College Testing Program (ACT). Applicants who graduated from high school more than three years ago do not need to submit test scores.

How and When Freshmen Should Apply

Applicants apply electronically by accessing the University’s website at www.wcupa.edu and clicking Apply Now. Freshmen for the fall semester are urged to begin the application process early in their senior year of high school. The West Chester University application for admission is available in early August and review of completed applications begins in late September. A completed application includes an official high school transcript, official SAT or ACT scores, and a non-refundable $45 application fee or application fee waiver. Additional information may be requested by the admissions committee, including a personal statement, letters of recommendation, updated senior year grades, or additional test scores. Candidates will receive written notification from the director of admissions after decisions are reached.

Students denied formal admission to the institution are eligible to enroll in coursework through the non-degree program, assuming they meet the admission and prerequisite requirements.

Policy on Early Admission

In exceptional circumstances, students with superior academic qualifications and unusually mature personal development are admitted as freshmen upon completing their junior year of secondary school. Students who, in the opinion of their guidance counselors or high school principal, warrant consideration for early admission may obtain more information from the Office of Admissions (https://www.wcupa.edu/admissions). Early admission applications should be submitted in accordance with deadlines recommended for freshmen.

Arranging for Tests

Information about the SAT and ACT may be obtained from high school guidance counselors. It is the student’s responsibility to ensure that all required test scores are forwarded to the Office of Admissions (https://www.wcupa.edu/admissions).

WCU recognizes excellence demonstrated by students on the Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) examinations. With respect to AP tests, only scores of 3 – 5 will be considered for transfer credit. With respect to the IB diploma tests, only scores of 5 – 7 will be considered for transfer credit. Consult individual departments for equivalencies to specific West Chester University courses. Students are encouraged to submit their scores to the Office of the Registrar (http://www.wcupa.edu/registrar) as early as possible to be scheduled appropriately for their first semester.