General requirements for admission as a new freshman include graduation, with a standard or higher diploma, from an accredited or recognized high school or secondary institution with a minimum of 16 academic units, distributed as follows:

1. Four units of English;
2. Two units of Algebra (Algebra I and II);
3. One unit of Geometry;
4. Two units of Foreign Language;
5. Two units from History and the Social Studies;
6. One unit of Natural Science; and
7. Four units of other academic electives.

A new freshman is any applicant who has attempted fewer than 30 semester hours of college-level course work after high school graduation. Possession of a standard high school diploma means that the applicant met the stated graduation requirements for specific subject matter areas, as determined by the issuing agency (school, county, or state system). Successful completion of the GED or HiSET test may also be accepted in lieu of a high school diploma.

In some cases, the Committee may choose to grant conditional acceptance to an applicant. An applicant who has a 3.0 high school GPA or below may be considered for conditional acceptance. An applicant who has been conditionally accepted will be limited to a 14-semester hour load and will hold no academic sanction regarding academic standards during his or her first semester in attendance at the institution.