



## Admission Policies 2019-2020

### INTRODUCTION

The University of Miami strives to enroll undergraduate students from an array of backgrounds who have demonstrated the potential to thrive in a rigorous postsecondary school environment and have shown the capacity to contribute to a dynamic campus community. Admission to the University of Miami is competitive and selective.

The admission process is holistic; and criteria are both quantitative and qualitative. The University of Miami makes admission decisions in a need-blind manner for first-year applicants who are U.S. citizens and permanent residents. The University is need-aware for first-year applicants who are international citizens. Prospective and admitted students who want to enroll but do not have the financial resources to attend are encouraged to visit the [Financial Aid website](#) for more information.

Successful applicants will have pursued a rigorous college preparatory program within the context of their high school environments. As a result, the University of Miami advises prospective students to complete the most challenging college preparatory program available to them at their respective high schools. Prior to enrollment, the University of Miami requires applicants to earn a high school diploma or its equivalent, including the General Education Development (G.E.D.).

First-year and transfer applicants who have been denied admission must wait one full academic year before reapplying for admission.

### TRANSFER ADMISSION

Prospective students from other postsecondary institutions may apply for transfer admission. Academic achievement, personal conduct, and courses completed at an applicant's current and prior institutions will be factors evaluated in the transfer admission process. The University of Miami will make admission decisions based exclusively on an applicant's academic record at the college level for those candidates who have completed 30 or more transferable postsecondary credits at the time of application submission. The University of Miami will factor high school academic record and test scores, if applicable, for those applicants who have completed fewer than 30 transferable postsecondary credits at the time of application submission. Transfer credits must have been earned at an accredited postsecondary institution at the time the coursework was completed. Transfer

candidates must possess a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 to be eligible for review. Competitive candidates will have well above this minimum GPA requirement.

A student transferring credit hours from a two-year community or junior college (this being the last school attended) must complete a minimum of 56 credit hours in residence at the University of Miami to earn an undergraduate degree. A student transferring credit hours from a 4-year college or university (this being the last school attended) must complete a minimum of 45 credit hours in residence at the University of Miami to earn an undergraduate degree.

The priority deadline to submit a transfer application for fall enrollment is April 1; the spring enrollment application deadline is November 1. Candidates for both fall and spring enrollment are notified on a rolling basis. Transfer applicants must submit a(n)

- application and pay the nonrefundable application fee
- final high school transcript
- official test scores, if applicable
- college transcripts directly to the Office of Undergraduate Admission
- College Report form
- one letter of recommendation from a postsecondary official or recent employer submitted on their behalf.

Students must have left their prior institutions in good academic and social standing or have been honorably dismissed.

Transferable credit for coursework completed at another regionally accredited college or university will be subject to the following conditions:

- course must be a part of the University of Miami curriculum and at the level of courses taught at the University of Miami
- grade received must be the equivalent of C (2.0) or better
- decisions of credit transfer and application toward degree requirements are made by the Office of Undergraduate Admission in consultation with the Registrar's Office and/or appropriate academic department.

Transfer applicants who have been denied admission more than twice will not be eligible to reapply.

Prospective students who have enrolled as degree-seeking students at other colleges or universities – regardless of the number of postsecondary credits earned – must apply as transfer students to the University of Miami. Prospective students who have completed 30 or more transferable postsecondary credits in non-degree seeking status must also apply as transfer students.

The University of Miami has executed an articulation agreement with Miami Dade College. The agreement may be found [online](#).

## **INTERNATIONAL ADMISSION**

The University of Miami encourages international students to apply as both first-year and transfer students.

First-year applicants must complete a rigorous college preparatory program that includes at minimum three or four years of coursework. Refer to our [First-Year Admission Requirements](#) for additional details.

Transfer applicants should refer to the [Transfer Admission](#) section for additional details.

To ensure that international students are prepared for the rigorous curriculum they will experience at the University of Miami, non-native English speakers are required to submit the TOEFL or IELTS. Non-native English speakers may have this requirement waived if they can demonstrate English proficiency in one of the following ways:

- Obtaining a score of 660 or higher on the redesigned SAT evidence-based reading and writing section (administered beginning in 2016).
- Obtaining a score of 27 or higher on the ACT English section.
- Obtaining a grade of A or B in an Advanced Placement (AP) or an International Baccalaureate (IB) English course.
- Graduating from or attending at least three years at a high school in the United States.
- Successful completion of Level 5 of the University's Intensive English Program (IEP).
- IB English A1 SL or HL examination with a predicted score of 4 or higher.
- IB English B HL examination with a predicted score of 5 or higher.
- Grade of C or better on the IGCSE/GCE "O" or "A" Level in English language.
- Graduation from a high school outside the United States, including the final three years, in which the medium of instruction is English.
- Earned 30 or more postsecondary credits (including 6 credits in English Composition with a grade of B or higher) at an accredited college or university in the United States.

For non-native English speakers submitting the TOEFL or IELTS, competitive applicants generally score above the following:

- 550 on the paper-based TOEFL
- 80 on the online TOEFL
- 6.5 on the IELTS

Non-native English speakers who have submitted the TOEFL and/or IELTS and do not have competitive scores may be considered for conditional admission through the [Intensive English Program](#).

Additional details may be found [here](#).

## VETERAN ADMISSION

The University of Miami welcomes applications from military/veterans and their dependents who are eligible for education benefits offered by the Department of Veterans Affairs, including the Post-9/11 GI Bill and the Yellow Ribbon Program.

If veterans have not earned any college credits after high school graduation, they should apply as a first-year student. Refer to the [First-Year Admission Requirements](#) section for additional details.

If veterans have taken degree-seeking college credits after high school graduation – regardless of the number of credits earned – they should apply via the transfer process. Transfer applicants should refer to the [Transfer Admission](#) section for additional details.

Military/veteran dependents who are graduating from high school must apply as a first-year student.

The University of Miami will award up to six elective credits with the submission of the DD 214 form, which shows veterans were honorably discharged.

The Common Application fee is waived for active military/veterans and their dependents. The \$500 nonrefundable enrollment deposit fee will also be waived for active military members.

Additional details may be found [online](#).

## NON-TRADITIONAL HIGH SCHOOL SETTINGS

Students completing high school in non-traditional settings — including students who will have completed at least two years in a home-schooled environment or in online classes or programs by the time they graduate — are encouraged to apply to the University of Miami. A high school diploma or its equivalent is required for admission. Because records from non-traditional environments vary, the Office of Undergraduate Admission may require additional documentation to further demonstrate their potential to thrive in a rigorous postsecondary school environment and show the capacity to contribute to a dynamic campus community.

## ADMISSION PLANS

The University of Miami offers the following admission plans:

- Early Decision I
- Early Decision II
- Early Action
- Regular Decision

Early Decision admission plans are designed for qualified applicants who have decided that the University of Miami is their first-choice institution. Two Early Decision admission plans are available: Early Decision I has a deadline of November 1; and, Early Decision II has a deadline of January 1. Early Decision I candidates are notified by mid-December, whereas Early Decision II candidates are notified by late February. Decisions of admit, defer, and deny are rendered in Early Decision. Students admitted in Early Decision I and Early Decision II must submit the required nonrefundable deposit to confirm their enrollment to the University of Miami within three weeks of admission. The Office of Undergraduate Admission reserves the right to withdraw its offer of admission if a nonrefundable deposit is not submitted by this deadline. Deferred candidates will be reconsidered under the Regular Decision admission plan.

The application deadline for Early Action is November 1. Early Action candidates are notified by the end of January. Decisions of admit, defer, and deny are rendered in Early Action. Admitted students must submit a nonrefundable deposit by May 1 to confirm their enrollment to the University of Miami. Deferred candidates will be reconsidered under the Regular Decision admission plan.

The application deadline for Regular Decision is January 1. Regular Decision candidates are notified of their admission decision by April 1. Decisions of admit, spring admit, waitlist, and deny are rendered in Regular Decision. Admitted students must submit a nonrefundable deposit by May 1 to confirm their enrollment to the University of Miami.

ADMISSION PLAN	APPLICATION DEADLINE	ADMISSION NOTIFICATION	DEPOSIT DEADLINE
Early Decision I	November 1	Mid-December	Within three weeks of admission
Early Action	November 1	End of January	May 1
Early Decision II	January 1	Late February	Within three weeks of admission
Regular Decision	January 1	By April 1	May 1

First-year fall applicants admitted to the spring term must submit a nonrefundable deposit by May 1 to confirm their enrollment to the University of Miami.

Waitlisted candidates will be considered on a space available basis beginning approximately mid-April. Students who have been admitted from the waitlist will have at least five business days to submit their nonrefundable deposit to confirm their enrollment to the University of Miami.

#### FIRST-YEAR ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The Office of Undergraduate Admission recommends that applicants complete 20 units of secondary school coursework in the following five academic areas: English, mathematics, science, social science, and foreign language. Competitive applicants for admission meet the recommended units of secondary school coursework and typically have taken four units in a combination of all five academic areas at the highest levels available in their school settings.

Applicants must have the secondary school send an official transcript, including completed coursework, courses in progress, and the school report form. Applicants who have taken postsecondary coursework must provide an official college transcript directly to the Office of Undergraduate Admission. Applicants must submit two letters of recommendation.

First-year applicants may self-report SAT or ACT scores for consideration. Admitted students who self-report SAT or ACT scores for consideration must submit official test scores no later than mid-July if they have confirmed their enrollment to the University of Miami.

First-year applicants to the Frost School of Music may apply under test optional admission. Even if applicants to the Frost School of Music self-report SAT or ACT scores on the application, they will not be required to submit official test scores unless they indicate on the application that they wish to have their self-reported scores considered in the review process. If a student's self-reported scores are considered in the review process and that student is admitted and subsequently confirms their enrollment to the University of Miami, they must submit official test scores no later than mid-July. Regardless of whether or not a first-year applicant to the Frost School of Music opts to submit test scores for admission consideration or not, all Music applicants complete an audition as part of the evaluation process.

First-year applicants to the School of Architecture may apply under test-optional admission. Even if applicants to the School of Architecture self-report SAT or ACT scores on the application, they will not be required to submit official test scores unless they indicate on the application that they wish to have their self-reported scores considered in the review process. If a student's self-reported scores are considered in the review process and that student is admitted and subsequently confirms their enrollment to the University of Miami, they must submit official test scores no later than mid-July. If a first-year applicant to the School of Architecture applies opts not to submit test scores for admission consideration, they must submit a portfolio as part of the evaluation process.

Students who are admitted to the schools of Music and Architecture under the test-optional policy may not transfer their admission to another undergraduate school or college until the conclusion of their first year of studies at the University of Miami.

With the exception of the schools of Music and Architecture, students who are admitted to the University of Miami may request to transfer their admission to another program. Requests must be sent to and reviewed by the Admission Committee by May 15 of each calendar year. Requests sent after this date will be forwarded to the students' respective school or college for their review and approval.

Admitted students who wish to alter their senior year courses in the five academic areas (i.e., English, mathematics, science, social science, and foreign language) must request approval from the Admission Committee before making any changes.

An audition, portfolio, or interview is required for the following tracks that lead to the Theatre Arts Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) degree:

- Acting
- Design/Technical Production
- Musical Theatre
- Stage Management
- Theatre Management

International applicants are not required to submit SAT or ACT scores if they will graduate from a high school outside the United States; however, if an international student self-reports SAT or ACT scores on the application and they are admitted, the student must submit official test scores no later than mid-July if they have confirmed their enrollment to the University of Miami.

The Office of Undergraduate Admission [super-scores](#) the SAT and ACT. There is not a preference for either test. For those who submit both SAT and ACT scores, the Office of Undergraduate Admission will use whichever test is comparatively strongest.

Applications can be submitted via the Common Application. All forms are accessible [online](#). The nonrefundable application fee must accompany the application for admission.

The University of Miami requires international applicants to submit the International Financial Certification Form.

Several special programs may require additional materials to be considered for admission. More information can be found [online](#).

## CONDITIONS OF ADMISSION

Admission is pending the receipt and review of an official copy of all final transcripts and test scores, if applicable. In addition to the aforementioned supporting documents, admission for transfer students is pending the receipt and review of the College Report. It is fully expected that the remainder of coursework will be similar in caliber to the work upon which the offer of admission was based. All required copies of official documents, such as final transcripts and test scores, must be received by mid-July for fall enrollment and by late December for spring enrollment. If admitted students fail to meet these deadlines, the Office of Undergraduate Admission reserves the right to postpone enrollment to a future entry term.

International students are required to submit all documents required to secure an I-20 around mid-July for fall enrollment and late December for spring enrollment. Failure to comply with this deadline will result in the postponement of enrollment to a future entry term.

In addition, the University of Miami reserves the right to withdraw an offer of admission if a student engages or has engaged in behavior that violates the standards of conduct to which all University students are held. If there is any update to one's conduct, academic or behavioral, the student must notify the Office of Undergraduate Admission immediately at [conductupdate@miami.edu](mailto:conductupdate@miami.edu).

If an admitted student chooses to confirm enrollment to the University of Miami, they must submit the required deposit by the deadlines mentioned in the Admission Plans section. Transfer students and first-year students admitted for the spring term must adhere to the deposit deadline stated on the admission letter.

A nonrefundable deposit will be credited toward the student's account for billable charges.

By submitting a nonrefundable deposit, the student confirms enrollment to the University of Miami and acknowledges that they have not submitted an enrollment deposit at any other postsecondary institution. If a student who has confirmed enrollment to the University of Miami has been admitted off a waitlist to another college or university and intends to enroll elsewhere, the student must inform the University of Miami immediately. The University of Miami reserves the right to withdraw an offer of admission for any student who concurrently submits an enrollment deposit to any other postsecondary institution.

## POSTPONEMENT

Admitted first-year students who have submitted their nonrefundable enrollment deposit may submit a request to postpone their matriculation to the University of Miami for a period of up to one academic year. Admitted first-year students may only postpone their enrollment one time. Postponement requests are reviewed on a case-by-case basis by the Admission Committee. If approved, students must submit an additional nonrefundable enrollment deposit.

Students who have been granted a postponement must adhere to the guidelines and restrictions set forth in the postponement and admission letters; otherwise, the University of Miami reserves the right to rescind the offer of admission.

Admitted transfer students are not eligible to postpone their enrollment to a future entry term.

## READMISSION

Those who were previously enrolled as degree-seeking students at the University of Miami and wish to resume their undergraduate studies must follow the readmission policy as outlined below.

	INCOMING FIRST-YEAR OR TRANSFER STUDENTS WHO WITHDRAW AFTER FINANCIAL AID IS DISBURSED AND BEFORE RECEIVING W'S	INCOMING FIRST-YEAR OR TRANSFER STUDENTS WHO WITHDRAW AFTER RECEIVING W'S OR GRADES ARE POSTED FOR THE TERM
WISH TO RETURN THE SAME ACADEMIC YEAR	Readmission application through the Office of the University Registrar	Readmission application through the academic program
WISH TO RETURN IN A NEW ACADEMIC YEAR	New application through the Office of Undergraduate Admission	Readmission application through the Office of the University Registrar

## EARLY ADMISSION

Students who graduate from high school and will be under the age of 17 at the time they enroll at the University of Miami must provide additional information to the Office of Undergraduate Admission to further demonstrate their potential to thrive in a rigorous postsecondary school environment and show the capacity to contribute to a dynamic campus community.

In addition to the documents that are listed in the First-Year Admission Requirements section, early admission applicants are required to:

- Submit a narrative explaining the decision to enroll in college before turning 17 years old.
- Submit a parent letter of recommendation.
- Interview in person or via a remote location with a member of the Admission Committee.

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT/CREDIT

The University allows students to receive college credit hour toward graduation from the following programs:

- Advanced Placement
- International Baccalaureate
- Dual Enrollment
- College Level Examination Program

To have Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, or College Level Examination Program credit hours evaluated, the student must submit an official test result report to the Office of Undergraduate Admission.

The University of Miami does not give credit hour for CLEP Foreign Language and General Examinations.

Students taking dual enrollment courses (college courses taken while still in high school) must submit an official college transcript for review of potential transfer credit hour.

A student must submit official transcripts or results no later than the end of the first semester of enrollment for review. Documents submitted after this time period will not be reviewed and credit hours will not be awarded.

The University will accept no more than 60 credit hours from these programs to count toward the 120 credit hours required for graduation.

NOTE: Policy questions not included in this document will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis and determined if they warrant future addendums.

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