



Admission Policies 2021-2022

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. As a private institution of higher learning, the University of Miami seeks a broad geographical distribution among its undergraduate student body. The Admission Committee evaluates out-of-state domestic applicants using the same criteria as those used for Florida residents. The University of Miami also seeks to enroll students from different high school environments (i.e., public, independent, religiously affiliated, etc.) as well as various economic, social, religious, ethnic, and racial backgrounds. The University of Miami admits qualified undergraduate applicants, regardless of race, color, religion, gender, national origin, age, handicap, sexual orientation, status as a disabled veteran, or any other category protected by federal, state, or local law. The University does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, national origin, age, handicap, sexual orientation, status as a disabled veteran, or any other category protected by federal, state, or local law in the administration of its admission policies, including scholarship selection.

The University of Miami is need-aware for undergraduate applicants and meets full demonstrated financial need for every admitted first-year and transfer student through the Miami Within Reach program. 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.

The Admission Committee advises prospective students to complete the most challenging college preparatory program available to them at their respective high school. All undergraduate students enrolled at the University of Miami must have received a high school diploma or its equivalent, including the General Education Development (G.E.D.).

Admission to undergraduate programs is granted by the Office of Undergraduate Admission. This office reviews and notifies applicants who qualify for acceptance. Admission must be granted in all cases by the Admission Committee; and, only a decision letter from the Office of Undergraduate Admission grants official admission to the University of Miami.

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

Documents submitted to the Office of Undergraduate Admission become property of the University of Miami and cannot be returned to the student or duplicated for any purpose. The document retention schedule that applies to undergraduate admission records can be found [online](#).

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 a regionally 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.

Though not a part of the admission review process, the University of Miami expects enrolling transfer students to meet minimum computer requirements. These requirements may differ by school or college and can be found online.

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; and, the spring priority application deadline is November 1. Applications submitted after these priority dates will be considered on a space available basis. 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
- official final high school transcript
- official test scores, if applicable*
- official college transcripts from all postsecondary institutions previously attended
- College Report(s) from all U.S. postsecondary institutions previously attended as a degree-seeking student and/or all U.S. postsecondary institutions attended where enrollment was full-time (12 or more semester hours).
- International Financial Certification Form (international applicants only)
- TOEFL and/or IELTS (non-native English speakers only)

Note: Due to disruptions in testing schedules caused by Covid-19, prospective transfer students with fewer than 30 postsecondary credits at the time of application may apply to the University of Miami for the Fall 2021 entry term without submitting SAT or ACT scores. In lieu of submitting SAT or ACT scores, these applicants will be required to respond to the Supplemental Essay prompt. Transfer applicants with more than 30 postsecondary credits at the time of application will not be required to submit a response to the Supplemental Essay prompt.

Students must have left their prior institution(s) 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 graduated from high school and 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 the honors program at both Miami Dade and Broward colleges.

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 Requirements](#) for additional details.

Academic success at the University of Miami is strongly dependent upon the ability to communicate in English. 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 Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or International English Language Testing System (IELTS). Non-native English speakers may have this requirement waived if they can demonstrate English proficiency in one of the following ways:

- Obtain a score of 650 or higher on the redesigned SAT evidence-based reading and writing section (administered beginning in 2016).
- Obtain a score of 27 or higher on the ACT English section.
- Obtain a grade of A or B in an Advanced Placement (AP) or Higher level (HL) International Baccalaureate (IB) English course.
- Graduate from or attend at least three years at a high school in the United States.
- Successfully complete Level 5 of the University's Intensive English Program (IEP).
- IB English A1 Standard level (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.
- Graduate from or attend a high school outside the United States, including the final three years, in which the medium of instruction is English.
- Earn 30 or more postsecondary credits (including 6 credits in English Composition with a grade of B or higher) at a regionally 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.

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 Requirements](#) or additional details.

Military/veteran dependents who are graduating from high school must apply via the first-year process.

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. Because records from non-traditional environments vary, in addition to the standard first-year or transfer admission requirements, the Office of Undergraduate Admission may require additional documentation to further demonstrate students' potential to thrive in a rigorous postsecondary school environment and show the capacity to contribute to a dynamic campus community.

FIRST-YEAR ADMISSION PLANS

The University of Miami offers the following first-year admission plans:

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

| 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 |

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, spring admit, 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 as well as confirm withdrawal of their admission applications to other postsecondary institutions. 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, spring admit, 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. In order to be considered under the Regular Decision admission plan, Early Action candidates who have been deferred must opt-in via form submission by mid-February.

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.

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. Nonrefundable enrollment deposits received from first-year fall applicants admitted to the spring term will be accepted on a space available basis after the May 1 deadline. The Admission Committee reserves the right to withdraw an offer of admission if a first-year fall applicant admitted to the spring term enrolls as a degree-seeking student at another college or university prior to their enrollment at 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 University of Miami does not require a set plan of secondary school coursework in order to be admitted as an undergraduate applicant; however, 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.

Though not a part of the admission review process, the University of Miami expects enrolling first-year students to meet minimum computer requirements. These requirements may differ by school or college and can be found online.

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.

Due to disruptions in testing schedules caused by Covid-19, prospective students may apply to the University of Miami for the Fall 2021 entry term without submitting SAT or ACT scores. Applicants will not be at a disadvantage for admission if they apply without submitting SAT or ACT scores; moreover, all first-year applicants are automatically considered for the University of Miami's broad array of merit scholarship programs regardless of whether or not they submit SAT or ACT scores.

First-year applicants may self-report SAT or ACT scores for consideration. The Office of Undergraduate Admission [superscores](#) the SAT and ACT. There is not a preference for either test. For those who submit both SAT and ACT, the Admission Committee will use whichever test is comparatively strongest. The University of Miami neither recommends nor requires the optional writing section for either the SAT or ACT. Admitted students who self-report SAT or ACT scores for consideration must submit official test scores no later than June if they have confirmed their enrollment to the University of Miami.

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. Non-native English speakers are required to submit test scores from the TOEFL and/or IELTS.

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 received 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.

SCHOOL-SPECIFIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

First-year applicants to the Frost School of Music may apply under test optional admission. Regardless of whether or not a first-year applicant to the Frost School of Music opts to submit test scores for admission consideration, all Frost School of Music applicants must complete an audition as part of the evaluation process.

First-year applicants to the School of Architecture may apply under test optional admission. If a first-year applicant to the School of Architecture 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 test optional admission may not transfer their admission to another undergraduate school or college until the conclusion of their first year of studies at the University.

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

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

Several special programs may [require additional materials](#) to be considered for admission.

SPRING ADMISSION

Each year, there are a limited number of spaces available for first-year or transfer applicants seeking admission for the spring semester. Completed applications for spring admission should be submitted by November 1; decisions for those who apply by the November 1 deadline will be posted beginning

in December. Spring applications submitted after the November 1 priority deadline will be considered on a space available basis. A nonrefundable enrollment deposit is required to hold a space in the incoming spring class.

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(s). 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 the stated deadlines for fall and spring enrollment. If admitted students fail to meet these deadlines, the Office of Undergraduate Admission reserves the right to withdraw an offer of admission.

International students must submit all documents required to secure an I-20 beginning after their admission to the University but no later than 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.

Fall 2021 first-year applicants who have been admitted to Spring 2021 may not enroll as degree-seeking students at another college or university prior to enrolling at the University of Miami; otherwise, they will forfeit their space in the incoming spring class and their admission will be withdrawn.

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.

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 or from the waitlist 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. The University of Miami reserves the right to withdraw an offer of admission for any student who concurrently submits an enrollment deposit to another 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.

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 not postpone their enrollment more than one academic year. 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 enrollment to a future entry term. First-year students who are offered spring admission may not 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 |
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| 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

Under some circumstances, prospective students who plan to earn their high school diploma on an accelerated timeline may apply for admission to the University of Miami, provided they demonstrate a level of maturity and academic readiness commensurate to that of other admitted students. Early admission candidates 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, students who will graduate from a U.S. high school in three years or less are required to interview in person or remotely with a member of the Admission Committee or University community.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT/CREDIT

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

- Advanced Placement
- Cambridge Pre-U
- Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination (CAPE) Unit
- College Level Examination Program (CLEP)
- Dual Enrollment
- General Certificate of Education (GCE)
- International Baccalaureate

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 at the University of Miami 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.

NON-DEGREE COURSEWORK

Prospective students interested in taking non-degree coursework at the University of Miami should contact the [Division of Continuing and International Education](#) (DCIE).

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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