

ADMISSIONS

ADMISSION OF STUDENTS

Williams Baptist University welcomes applications from persons seeking a Christian education with high academic standards. All persons seeking admission must complete the application forms provided by the Admissions Office. Application forms may be obtained by contacting the Office of Admissions, Williams Baptist University, (870) 759-4120 or 1-800-722-4434, or apply online at www.williamsbu.edu.

The admission decision is based on academic records and scores on standardized tests (ACT or SAT). The University seeks to determine, on the basis of the candidate's academic record, character, purpose and aptitude, whether he or she is compatible with the purposes of the institution and demonstrates potential to benefit from one of its programs. However, Williams reserves the right to restrict or deny admission to any applicant who is considered not to be an appropriate admissions candidate as determined by its officers. These admissions decisions will be made in a manner consistent with state and federal non-discrimination laws.

Students may be admitted to Williams Baptist University according to one of the plans detailed below.

FRESHMAN STUDENT ADMISSION

Williams invites applications from qualified students who have graduated or expect to graduate from an accredited secondary school. Students who apply as regular freshman enrollees must have graduated from an accredited U. S. high school or have satisfactorily completed the General Education Development examination (GED). Students who were educated at home are also invited to apply and are subject to the same qualifications and requirements. A tour of the campus and information on financial aid will be available. The following must be submitted by all freshman applicants:

1. A fully completed application.
2. For applicants desiring to live on campus, a completed residence hall application and \$75 housing deposit.
3. For applicants planning on studying full-time and/or those desiring to live on campus, an immunization record.
4. An official high school transcript including the official seal of the school. A final high school transcript showing final class rank with the seal of the school is also required upon high school graduation. Applicants are strongly encouraged, but not required, to take the following curriculum in high school: English (4 units); Mathematics including Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, and an advanced math course beyond Algebra II (4 units); Natural Sciences including Physical Science, Biology, and Chemistry or Physics (3 units); Social Studies including American History, World History, and Civics (3 units); Foreign Language (2 units of the same language). Remedial credits (special education, resource room, vocational, etc.) do not satisfy the unit requirements.
5. Official scores of either the American College Testing Program examination (ACT) or the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) of the College Examination Board.

FRESHMAN ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA

The following criteria are considered when selecting candidates for unconditional admission.

1. Satisfactory scores on either the American College Test (ACT) or Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT). No particular score is a guarantee of admittance; however, priority is given to students who score an ACT composite of at least 20 or an SAT score of at least 1030.
2. Graduation from an accredited U.S. high school or satisfactory completion of the General Education Diploma (GED) examination. The student's transcript should demonstrate the following:
 - A. At least a 2.6 average on a 4.0 scale.
 - B. A satisfactory class rank based on the standards of the particular high school attended.

Applicants deficient in either one of the admission criteria may be admitted under condition or probation and will have restrictions placed on their enrollment. Students admitted under condition or probation will be required to participate in Freshman Focus (*see Academic Regulations-Freshman Focus*). If the probationary student fails to achieve a GPA of 1.5 or above on 12 semester hours at the end of the first semester, the student will face academic suspension.

Admission will be denied if an applicant's composite score on the ACT is less than 17 or SAT is less than 920, OR if the high school GPA is less than 2.25. Students who have been denied admission may be able to appeal their decision to the Academic Affairs Committee.

TRANSFER STUDENT ADMISSION

A transfer student is defined as one who has been out of high school for at least one full semester and has attempted some college or university work for credit. Students with transfer credit who apply to Williams must submit the following:

1. A fully completed application.
2. Official transcripts of all previous college work. Applicants must have a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.0. Note: Students who are on academic suspension from another institution will not be considered for admission at Williams Baptist University until the suspension is lifted from the other institution.
3. Applicants with less than 24 hours of acceptable credit must furnish high school transcripts or official GED scores and results of an ACT or SAT examination.
4. For applicants desiring to live on campus, a completed residence hall application and \$75 housing fee.
5. For applicants planning on studying full-time and/or those desiring to live on campus, an immunization record.

Transfer students who do not meet the admissions requirements may be able to appeal their decision to the Academic Affairs Committee.

TRANSFER CREDIT

Transfer credit will be accepted on all regular college credit courses taken at a regionally accredited institution. Admission cannot be completed, nor credits granted, until all necessary transcripts and information have been forwarded and evaluated. It is the applicant's responsibility to submit necessary materials for the adequate evaluation of any transcripts. Official transcripts from all previously attended colleges or universities must be on file in the Registrar's Office before a student may be granted any transfer credit or receive any grades from Williams.

No more than 66 semester hours will be accepted from an accredited two year institution. Up to 30 hours may be accepted from a regionally accredited theological seminary or from educational institutions not accredited by a regional accrediting agency only after the student has achieved a 2.00 GPA on at least 12 hours during the first semester at Williams. Highly specialized and technical courses, such as vocational and paramedical courses, will not be accepted.

Specific credits granted will depend upon the accreditation status of the institution(s) involved, upon course equivalencies and upon grades earned. Courses accepted must be consistent with the curriculum of Williams. All grades from acceptable college-level courses will be used in calculating the cumulative GPA. Students who wish to retake those compatible courses in which they have received a D or F must repeat those courses at Williams.

All education majors refer to Specialization Requirements note concerning transfer credit in the **EDUCATION DEPARTMENT** and in each department offering a Bachelor of Science education degree.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ADMISSION

Williams encourages students from all nations to apply for admission. To qualify for admission to Williams, international students must provide evidence of a good scholastic background, satisfactory proficiency in English, and adequate financial support to cover the cost of their education. Applicants are required to submit the following:

1. A fully completed application.
2. For applicants desiring to live on campus, a completed residence hall application and a \$75 housing fee.
3. An immunization record for measles, mumps, and rubella vaccination (2 doses).
4. A completed Financial Statement or official letter from a bank stating the applicant possesses adequate financial resources to fund each academic year of planned attendance.
5. Official academic records. All documents must be official and in English. Photocopies are not accepted unless they are certified by the proper academic official, complete with an original signature and seal. If possible, they should be sent directly to the Admissions Office by the appropriate education official.
6. An official score report from TOEFL, IELTS, or ELS:
 - TOEFLiBT: 61
 - TOEFL PBT: 500
 - IELTS: 6.0
 - ELS: 112 completion (certificate for unconditional admission)
 - ELS: 109 for provisional admission

An ACT score of 20 or higher or a SAT score of 1030 or higher may be submitted as proof of English competency.

7. A tuition deposit of total costs for the first semester, minus any institutional scholarships, must be sent in full before the student can enroll at Williams. Contact the Vice President for Enrollment Management at Williams Baptist University, 56 McClellan, Box 3737, Walnut Ridge, Arkansas 72476 for further information regarding where to send the deposit.

Applicants transferring from another U.S. college or university must also adhere to Transfer Student Admission procedures as well as submit a Non-Immigrant Transfer Clearance form.

Form I-20, Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant F-1 Status, will not be issued until all necessary admission forms are on file in the Admissions Office.

International applicants will be notified by the Vice President for Enrollment Management concerning the status of their application within 30 days after receiving the necessary admission documents. Applicants admitted under a conditional status will be advised of any special requirements. International students will be informed when to arrive and where to report upon arrival. They should bring with them, and keep in their possession, all notifications from the University such as those regarding admission and housing as well as pertinent immigration documents. This will greatly expedite registration.

READMISSION OF FORMER STUDENTS

Students previously enrolled and in good academic standing in a degree program who wish to re-enter Williams after absence of a full fall or spring semester are required to submit an application for re-admission. An application fee is not required; however, all students applying for re-admission to the University must not have an outstanding financial obligation to Williams Baptist University and must be current on all student loans. Official transcripts from each college or university attended since the last enrollment at Williams must be submitted. Any student who has been out of Williams for five years or more must resubmit transcripts of college/university work completed prior to attendance at Williams. If re-admission is granted, the students are expected to fulfill the degree requirements of the catalog under which they are re-admitted.

TRANSIENT STUDENT ADMISSION

Students who are continuing students at another college or university may be admitted to Williams as transient students. A photocopy of the applicant's most recent grade report must be submitted with a completed application.

Transient students are admitted for ONE SEMESTER. If they wish to continue at Williams, they must return to the Admissions Office and reapply to be admitted as transfer students.

OTHER ADMISSION CATEGORIES

Non-Degree Seeking Student. Students interested in taking courses, but who are not seeking a degree from Williams, may be admitted for non-degree study. Non-degree seeking students are held to the same admission policies as degree seeking students and should follow the admission procedures listed for Transfer Students. Non-degree status would apply to students who already hold a bachelor's degree and those who do not hold a bachelor's degree, but who are interested in taking courses for credit.

Audit Student. An audit student is one who visits in a course and has the privilege of hearing or observing only. The privilege does not include evaluation of work or participation in discussion or laboratory practice. No credit is given for an audited course. A student may also be regularly enrolled in other courses. All arrangements for auditing classes are to be made in the Registrar's Office.

High School Student. High school students may take college courses while in high school. Requirements for admission include an official high school transcript indicating completion of the junior year (six semesters), a letter of recommendation from the applicant's counselor or principal, a cumulative high school GPA of at least 3.0, and a 20 composite score on the ACT.

CAMPUS VISITS

Williams strongly encourages prospective students to visit the campus. A campus visit includes a tour of the campus, an opportunity to attend a class, lunch in the Mabee Gwinup Cafeteria, a meeting with a member of the Williams faculty, and a meeting to discuss financial aid.

Williams hosts special preview days for high school seniors in the fall and spring called Senior Preview Days. In order to schedule a visit, please call the Admissions Office at 1-800-722-4434 one week in advance or visit www.williamsbu.edu/preview.