Admission

The University of Denver seeks students who have challenged themselves academically and who have demonstrated success in English, math, social studies, science and foreign language. In selecting the incoming class, Undergraduate Admission considers all available information including evidence of academic achievement, contributions to school and community, extracurricular activities and leadership.

The University of Denver uses both the Common Application and the DU Pioneer Application. We encourage you to apply online at www.du.edu/admission.

Undergraduate Admission invites students to learn more about the DU experience through our many visit programs. During a campus visit, you will learn about our admission process, tour our facilities, speak with current students and investigate the different programs of study, extracurricular activities and social offerings available to students.

To register for a campus visit program, go to www.du.edu/visit or call Undergraduate Admission at 303-871-7711.

Admission Standards

When reviewing an application, our admission committee considers the following:

- academic achievement
- grade point average
- standardized test scores
- DU’s whole-person assessment, essay and letters of recommendation

Academic Achievement

The typical accepted high school student has taken a strong, competitive class schedule, which may include college preparatory, Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate courses.

Grade Point Average (GPA)

The average high school GPA of students accepted for fall 2014 was 3.69. The middle 50 percent ranged from 3.48–4.0.

Standardized Tests

Although previous academic performance is the most important factor in our admission process, we also consider scores earned on the SAT or ACT exams. Applicants are required to submit the official results of their SAT or ACT. If you choose to submit test scores from more than one testing date, we will mix and match your results to create a superscore. The writing components for both the SAT and ACT will be accepted for review but will not be used for admission decisions.

The middle 50 percent test scores of students accepted for fall 2014 were the following:

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Whole-Person Assessment

DU students assume responsibilities outside the classroom; they are leaders, volunteers, artists, musicians, athletes, actors and people who contribute to their community as a whole. Our admission committee seeks well-rounded students who have contributed to their high school and local communities and who will contribute to the DU community.

Programs with Additional Admission Requirements

Daniels College of Business degree programs, Lamont School of Music degree programs and the bachelor of fine arts in the School of Art and Art History have requirements for admission beyond the criteria listed above.

Daniels College of Business

The Daniels College of Business requires a secondary admission process for students interested in pursuing a business major. For most students, the application process and admission decision will occur early in the fall quarter of the sophomore year. A small number of high-achieving students may be granted direct admission to Daniels when accepted to the University of Denver, and transfer students will apply both to the University and to Daniels concurrently.

The selection process is competitive, and admission is not guaranteed. Daniels looks for well-rounded students and embraces diversity and inclusive excellence to create a rich and engaged learning community. A holistic set of criteria will be used to evaluate each applicant in the categories of
academic performance, University engagement, personal character and future potential. Specifically, we seek energized, highly motivated and committed scholars interested in adding to the Daniels community in ways that will leave it a better place for those who follow. Please refer to the Daniels website (http://daniels.du.edu) for specific information related to the admission process and requirements. Students needing special accommodations should contact University Disability Services at dsp@du.edu, 303-871-3939 or www.du.edu/studentlife/disability.

**Lamont School of Music**

In addition to being accepted for study by the University, students desiring admission to the Lamont School of Music must audition with the appropriate music faculty and complete a Lamont application. Audition requirements differ by area. Requirements can be reviewed on the Lamont School of Music website. An in-person audition is preferable; however, students may submit a high quality video recording for review.

**School of Art and Art History**

Admission to the BFA program is by portfolio review. Contact the School of Art and Art History (http://bulletin.du.edu/undergraduate/majorsminorscoursedesccriptions/traditionalbachelorsprogrammajorandminors/schoolofartandarthistory) for details.

**Early Experience Applicants**

After completing their sophomore or junior year in high school, students may enroll for limited study at the University, provided they meet admission requirements and are recommended by a high school counselor. Courses completed can be applied toward a University of Denver degree if the student is admitted as a degree candidate.

**First-Year Domestic Student Application Options**

**Application and Decision Dates**

For first-year domestic students, DU offers two application programs for the fall quarter: Early Action and Regular Decision.

**Early Action**

Early Action is a nonbinding program through which students obtain an early admission decision.

- Apply by November 1
- Decision letter: late December
- Deposit by May 1

**Regular Decision**

Regular Decision is the final admission deadline for consideration for the fall quarter.

- Apply by January 15
- Decision letter: mid-March
- Deposit by May 1

**Late Action Applications**

First-year applications postmarked after January 15 will be considered on a case-by-case, space-available basis.

**International Students**

The University of Denver currently enrolls nearly 1500 international students from 89 countries. Non-U.S. citizens applying for undergraduate admission may complete the Common Application online at https://www.commonapp.org. U.S. permanent residents and those with refugee or asylum status applying for undergraduate admission should do so directly through the Office of Undergraduate Admission.

**Deadlines for International Students**

International first-year applicants will be considered for fall (September) admission only. Applications must be postmarked by January 15 for the following fall quarter. First-year applications postmarked after January 15 will be considered on a space-available basis.

The recommended application deadlines for transfer students are as follows:

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All undergraduate international applicants will be automatically considered for merit-based scholarships. Applicants will be notified of their scholarship award in their admission letter.

**Admission Standards for International Students**

In addition to meeting all University of Denver admission requirements, non-native speakers of English must present proof of English proficiency. The University requires a minimum score of 80 IBT (Internet-based) on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or a score of 6.5 with no band scores below 6.0 on the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) and with at least 20 on all subscores. No institutional TOEFL scores will be accepted.

Students who are non-native speakers of English and have not yet completed 30 transferrable academic semester/university credits at an institution where English is the language of instruction and examination will be required to take the English Language Proficiency Assessment (ELPA) during international student orientation. For *traditional undergraduate students*, the results of the assessment will determine placement into one of the required First-Year Seminars and, if necessary, placement into additional bridge courses for which students will receive elective credit toward their degree. ELPA results may also require students to enroll in the full-time intensive English program at DU’s English Language Center (ELC), regardless of TOEFL or IELTS scores. In this case, the student will remain enrolled in the ELC program until he or she has successfully completed the program, after which the student may enroll in his or her degree program.

Exemptions: Students are generally exempt from the English proficiency test requirement if they have any of the following:

- secondary/high school diploma from a school where the language of instruction is English
- 30 semester credits of coursework from a university or college where English is the sole language of instruction and examination
- IGCSE/GCSE grade of A or B on the English examination
- HKCEE grade of A or B on the English examination syllabus B
- HKDSE level of 5 on the English Language Core Subject examination

**English Conditional Admission (ECA):** Students who are academically admissible to the University of Denver, but lack the English proficiency necessary to begin academic classes, may be ECA admitted. These conditionally admitted students must either submit a TOEFL/IELTS score that meets the minimum requirements or pass, with satisfactory results, the college-preparation level of English at the University of Denver’s English Language Center.

For more information regarding admission for international students, contact the University of Denver Office of International Admission by mail: 114 University Hall, 2197 S. University Blvd., Denver, CO 80208-9401; telephone: 303-871-2790; fax: 303-871-3522; email: INTLADM@du.edu; or web: http://www.du.edu/apply/admission/apply/international/.

**Transfer Students**

Each year, the University of Denver welcomes more than 200 transfer students to our community. Qualified applicants are admitted on a rolling basis, provided space is available. An application is not considered complete until official transcripts have been received.

**Deadlines for Transfer Applicants**

Application and all supporting materials should be completed and received no later than the following dates:

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**Admission Standards for Transfer Students**

To be considered for admission, students transferring to DU from another regionally accredited institution must have a competitive grade point average in all college coursework. The admission committee looks for

- grades that reflect solid work at the college level—generally “B” grades or better, and
- course work that demonstrates serious intentions.

In addition, we consider any special situations or circumstances that may have influenced your academic performance in college. You must submit official transcripts from each college or university you have attended. If you have not successfully completed 30 semester hours (45 quarter hours),
you must also submit your high school transcript and test scores. If you are unsure about your candidacy to the University of Denver, please call Undergraduate Admission at 303-871-2036.