



UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS

GENERAL INFORMATION

Francis Marion University encourages all qualified students to apply for admission. Equal educational opportunities are offered to students regardless of race, sex, religion, color, or national origin.

CAMPUS TOURS – Campus tours for prospective students are offered through the Admissions Office Monday through Friday and on select Saturdays. Appointments should be made for all tours by calling 843-661-1231 or register online at www.fmarion.edu/fmuadmissions.

OPEN HOUSES – The University hosts several open house programs each year for prospective students and their families. Dates are publicized in the media and posted on the FMU website or may be obtained by calling the Office of Admissions at 843-661-1231.

ADMISSION TO THE UNIVERSITY

All prospective students must submit a completed application and a nonrefundable application fee. Students must also submit official transcripts from high school and all colleges (if any) attended. Appropriate test scores must also be submitted. Test scores must be printed on the transcript or sent directly from the testing agency.

Admission decisions at FMU are made on a rolling basis, which means that as soon as a prospective student's file is complete, he or she will be notified of his/her admission status. If the prospective student is currently enrolled in high school or another postsecondary institution, tentative admission may be granted. A final decision will be made upon receipt of final grades and/or proof of high school graduation. Students are encouraged to apply at least six months prior to the intended date of enrollment. Each semester, the admission deadline is noon on the Friday prior to the start of classes. Students must also be accepted to the University before they will be considered for housing assignments or academic scholarships. Withholding information or providing false information to the University can result in a student's application being rejected, admission rescinded, or dismissal from the University.

Acceptance is valid for one academic year, provided there is no enrollment at another institution. If the admitted student enrolls at another institution, he/she must reapply to FMU.

FMU accepts SAT (critical reading and math) and ACT test scores. The University also administers an institutional SAT (ISAT) and an institutional ACT (Residual ACT) to incoming students who have not taken the SAT or ACT in high school or who need to improve their scores. Scores from the ISAT and Residual ACT can be used only at FMU and cannot be transferred elsewhere. Neither the ISAT nor the Residual ACT can be used to qualify for the LIFE scholarship. Prospective students should call the Office of Counseling and Testing to schedule an appointment and ask about current testing fees.

The University accepts credit for Advanced Placement, CLEP, and International Baccalaureate. Please see the "Academic Information" section in this catalog for more information about these programs.

Admissions categories and their specific requirements are listed on the following pages.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION

The following are requirements for general admission to the University.

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First-time freshman applicants will be evaluated on successfully completed college preparatory courses, high school grade-point average, and SAT (critical reading and math) or ACT scores. Special talents and other relevant factors, including extracurricular activities and service to community, will enhance an application but not overcome a poor academic record.

In addition to the application and application fee, freshman applicants should submit the following:

1. Official high school transcripts indicating successful completion of the following college preparatory courses:

English 4 Units
At least two courses containing strong grammar and composition components, at least one in English literature, and at least one in American literature (completion of college preparatory English I, II, III, and IV will meet these requirements).

Mathematics 4 Units
These include Algebra I (for which Applied Mathematics I and II may count together as a substitute, if a student successfully completes Algebra II), Algebra II, and Geometry. A fourth higher-level mathematics course should be selected from among Algebra III/trigonometry, pre-calculus, calculus, statistics, discrete mathematics, or a capstone mathematics course and should be taken during the senior year.

Laboratory Science 3 Units
At least one unit each of two laboratory sciences chosen from biology, chemistry, or physics, a third unit from the same field as one of the first two or any other lab science with a biology or chemistry prerequisite.

Foreign Language 2 Units
Two units of the same foreign language.

Fine Arts 1 Unit
One unit in Appreciation, History, or Performance of one of the fine arts.

Social Science 3 Units
One unit of U.S./American history is required. One half unit each of economics and government is strongly recommended.

Elective 1 Unit
A college preparatory course in Computer Science (i.e., one involving significant programming content, not simply keyboarding) is strongly recommended for this elective. Other