

(Interim)University Rule 6-404A: Admission fo Non-Traditional Applicants

This (Interim) Rule to be revised by: June 30, 2013

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I. Purpose

The purpose of this interim rule is to clarify the policies and procedures for admission of non-traditional applicants to the University of Utah.

II. Definitions

“Non-Traditional Applicants” shall mean high school graduates, who have been out of high school for seven or more years, and who have not attended a regionally accredited college or university after high school.

III. Rule

A. Non-Traditional Applicant Policy

1. Non-traditional applicants will be considered for admission upon receipt of the following:
 - a. Completed undergraduate admission application and required processing fee.
 - b. Official high school transcript listing courses completed and graduation date.
 - c. An applicant whose transcript does not satisfy the requirements in B(2) below may be required to submit additional evidence of academic potential (e.g. ACT/SAT scores).
2. Admission of the Non-Traditional applicant is by action of the Credits and Admissions Committee.
3. An applicant denied admission has the right to request a personal interview and review of credentials with an admissions officer. The applicant must provide a written appeal detailing why the decision should be reconsidered. If the applicant's initial denial is sustained, the applicant has the right to appeal for special consideration to the Credits and Admissions Committee, who has the final authority to admit or deny the applicant under condition or exception.

B. Non-Traditional Applicants Rules and Guidelines

1. Applicants who have graduated from high school seven or more years prior to the term of admission, and have not previously attended a regionally accredited college or university, may apply for non-traditional admission. The applicant should mark the non-traditional box on the undergraduate admissions application



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and submit the application with the required processing fee(s) by the application deadline. The applicant must also submit a high school transcript with date of graduation posted.

2. Applicants will be considered for admission on the following criteria:

Evidence of courses completed in high school demonstrating an academic foundation and preparedness for university course work as shown by the following:

- a. Satisfactory performance (2.0 on 4.0 scale or "C" average) during grades 9 through 12 in the following subjects:
 - i. English – 4 units, emphasizing composition and literature.
 - ii. Mathematics – 2 units beyond elementary algebra be taken from the following list: geometry, intermediate algebra, trigonometry, advanced algebra and calculus.
 - iii. Biological or Human Biological and/or Physical Science – 3 years, two of which are required to be taken from the following: chemistry, physics, and biology, or human biology (one of the sciences must include a laboratory experience).
 - iv. History – 1 unit, American History and Government (processes and structure of democratic governance).
 - v. Foreign Language – 2 units of the same foreign language taken during grades 7 through 12.
- b. Additional Units Required – 4 units to be chosen from at least two of the following: history, English, mathematics beyond intermediate algebra, laboratory science, foreign language, social science, fine arts.
- c. Cumulative high school grade point average of at least 2.6 on a 4.0 scale.

3. Applicants whose high school transcripts do not meet the criteria set forth in Paragraph (B)(2) above may submit, or may be required to submit, additional information concerning their preparedness for university course work.

- a. An ACT or SAT admission test, or other evidence of academic potential, may be required for non-traditional applicants.
- b. Other evidence of academic potential may be submitted for consideration.

4. Non-traditional applicants are evaluated on the criteria in B(2)

above, and their potential for academic success. No student shall be denied admission because of policies, procedures or criteria that may discriminate on the basis of race or ethnicity, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, sexual orientation, gender identity/expression, status as a person with a disability, veteran's status or genetic information. Admission of all applicants, including the Non-Traditional applicant, is by action of the Credits and Admissions Committee as detailed below. If approved for admission, the applicant is considered a degree-seeking candidate.

Entrance credentials shall be examined by an admissions official who will file a record of action concerning each application and refer doubtful cases through the director of admissions to the Credits and Admissions Committee, to which each applicant has the right of appeal. This committee shall have authority to estimate the value of credit presented by entering students, whether for freshman or advanced standing, and shall have power to act, except as otherwise provided, on all matters of admission or credit, including the granting of credit through special examinations as provided in Policy and Procedure 6-100, Section 5, paragraph

5. No other committee, member of the faculty or other representative of the university is authorized to make commitments to students concerning entrance or credit.

IV. Policies, Procedures, Guidelines, forms and other related resources

A. Policies

[Policy 6-100](#): Instruction and Evaluation

[Policy 6-404](#): Undergraduate Admission

B. Procedures [reserved]

C. Guidelines [reserved]

D. Forms [reserved]

E. Other related resources [reserved]

V. Contacts:

Policy Officer: Director of Admissions

Policy Owner: Vice President for Student Affairs

VI. History:

A. Current version. Revision 0.

This Interim Rule was put into effect on January 13, 2012 by Interim President A. Lorris Betz. The Interim Rule was required in order timely to comply with a Resolution Agreement (Complaint No. 08-11-04) between the University of Utah and the U.S. Department of Education.

Approved as a Rule by Academic Senate: February 6, 2012 (with a

sunset date of June 30, 2013 set for final revisions in order to become a permanent Rule or Policy)

[Background](#) information for Revision 0.

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