

**FRESHMAN ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR UNIVERSITY SYSTEM INSTITUTIONS
COLLEGE PREPARATORY CURRICULUM**

Begins with the incoming freshmen class of 2022

The high school course requirements set forth below are applicable to students graduating from high school and entering a public institution of higher learning.

The minimum REQUIRED CPC for full admission into a Mississippi public university is as follows:	The minimum RECOMMENDED CPC for full admission into a Mississippi public university is as follows:
English: 4 Carnegie units <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Units must require substantial communication skills (i.e., reading, writing, listening, and speaking). Compensatory Reading and Writing may not be included. 	English: 4 Carnegie units <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Units must require substantial communication skills (i.e., reading, writing, listening, and speaking). Compensatory Reading and Writing may not be included.
Mathematics: 4 Carnegie Units <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Algebra I or its equivalent Math higher than Algebra I (2 units) 	Mathematics: 4 Carnegie units <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Algebra I or its equivalent Math higher than Algebra I (3 units)
Science: 3 Carnegie units <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biology I or its equivalent Science higher than Biology I (2 units) 	Science: 4 Carnegie units <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biology I or its equivalent Science higher than Biology I (3 units)
Social Studies: 3 ½ Carnegie Units <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Units must include integrated courses of social sciences and humanities promoting civic competence. 	Social Studies: 4 Carnegie units <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Units must include integrated courses of social sciences and humanities promoting civic competence.
Arts: 1 Carnegie unit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes any one Carnegie unit (or two ½ units) of visual and performing arts course(s) meeting the requirements for high school graduation. 	Arts: 1 Carnegie unit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes any one Carnegie unit (or two ½ units) of visual and performing arts course(s) meeting the requirements for high school graduation.
Advanced Electives: 2 Carnegie units <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Option 1: Foreign Language I and Foreign Language II Option 2: Foreign Language I and one unit from Option 3 Option 3: (1) Any combination of an advanced level course above the required Carnegie units in: (a) English, math, science, computer science and/or (b) any Advanced Placement (AP), Academic or Career and Technical Dual Credit (DC), International Baccalaureate (IB) or Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) course. (2) Completion of any two-year Career and Technical course may count as one unit. <u>Example: completion of both Health Sciences I & II will count as an advanced elective.</u> 	Advanced Electives: 2 Carnegie units <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Option 1: Foreign Language I and Foreign Language II Option 2: Foreign Language I and one unit from Option 3 Option 3: (1) Any combination of an advanced level course above the required Carnegie units in: (a) English, math, science, computer science and/or (b) any Advanced Placement (AP), Academic or Career and Technical Dual Credit (DC), International Baccalaureate (IB) or Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) course. (2) Completion of any two-year Career and Technical course may count as one unit. <u>Example: completion of both Health Sciences I & II will count as an advanced elective.</u>
Technology or Computer Science Course: 1 Carnegie Unit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A technology course is defined as one that emphasizes the use of technology as a productivity tool. Instruction should include utilizing various forms of technology to create, collaborate, organize, and publish information. The application of technology as a productivity tool, rather than specific hardware and/or software packages should be the focus of the course. A computer science course emphasizes computational thinking to solve problems. Courses will involve the study of computers and algorithmic processes, including their principles, their hardware and software designs, their applications, and their impact on society and should include focus on one or more of the following core concepts: computing systems, networks and the internet, data and analysis, algorithms and programming, and impacts of computing. Course 	Technology or Computer Science Course: 1 Carnegie Unit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A technology course is defined as one that emphasizes the use of technology as a productivity tool. Instruction should include utilizing various forms of technology to create, collaborate, organize, and publish information. The application of technology as a productivity tool, rather than specific hardware and/or software packages should be the focus of the course. A computer science course emphasizes computational thinking to solve problems. Courses will involve the study of computers and algorithmic processes, including their principles, their hardware and software designs, their applications, and their impact on society and should include focus on one or more of the following core concepts: computing systems, networks and the internet, data and analysis, algorithms and programming, and impacts of computing. Course equivalent or additional

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Total Carnegie units: 18 ½ Carnegie Units	Total Carnegie units: 20 Carnegie Units
Notes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The required CPC for full admission aligns with the course recommendations for the Mississippi Department of Education Academic Endorsement. • The recommended CPC for full admission aligns with the course recommendations for the Mississippi Department of Education Distinguished Endorsement. • Pre-High School units: Courses taken prior to high school will be accepted for admission provided the course earns Carnegie credit and the content is the same as the high school course. • Substitutions: Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB, Academic or Career and Technical Dual Credit (DC) and Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) courses may be substituted for each requirement in the College Preparatory Curriculum • Course Acceptance: A course may not be used to satisfy more than one requirement. • The Required and Recommended College Preparatory Curricula (CPC) are approved by the IHL Board of Trustees, The Mississippi Department of Education maintains the MDE Secondary Course Manual with CPC classifications for each course. 	

IHL Board Policy §602.B. FULL ADMISSION

Full admission to any of the eight public universities will be granted to the following:

1. Complete the College Prep Curriculum (CPC) with a minimum 3.2 high school grade point average (GPA) on the CPC; **OR**
2. Complete the CPC with a minimum 2.5 high school GPA or a class rank in the top 50 percent and a score of 16 or higher on the ACT* (Composite); **OR**
3. Complete the CPC with a minimum 2.0 high school GPA on the CPC and a score of 18 or higher on the ACT* (Composite); **OR**
4. NCAA Division I standards for student-athletes who are “full-qualifiers” or “academic redshirts” are accepted as equivalent to the admission standards established by the Board.

**In lieu of the ACT scores, students may submit equivalent SAT scores. Students scoring below 16 on the ACT (Composite) or the equivalent SAT are encouraged to participate in the Year-Long Academic Support Program during their freshman year.*

IHL Board Policy §608. INTERMEDIATE COURSES

- A. All entering students admitted under Board Policy 602 enrolled at an IHL university with an ACT Mathematics subtest score of 16 or less will be required to take Intermediate Mathematics during their first semester of enrollment. At the discretion of the admitting IHL institution, students whose Mathematics subtest score is 17, 18 or 19 may be required to take Intermediate Mathematics. Students with a minimum ACT Mathematics subtest score of 15 who have completed the Mississippi Department of Education approved mathematics transitional course with a grade of “80” or higher will not be required to take Intermediate Mathematics and should be enrolled in a college-level mathematics course during their first semester of enrollment.
- B. All entering students admitted under Board Policy 602 enrolled at an IHL university with an ACT English subtest score of 16 or less will be required to take Intermediate English during their first semester of enrollment. At the discretion of the admitting IHL institution, students whose English subtest score is 17, 18 or 19 may be required to take Intermediate English. Students with a minimum ACT English subtest score of 15 who have completed the Mississippi Department of Education approved literacy transitional course with a grade of “80” or higher will not be required to take Intermediate English and should be enrolled in a college-level English course during their first semester of enrollment.
- C. All entering students admitted under Board Policy 602 enrolled at an IHL university with an ACT Reading subtest score of 16 or less will be required to take Intermediate Reading during their first semester of enrollment. At the discretion of the admitting IHL institution, students whose Reading subtest score is 17, 18 or 19 may be required to take Intermediate Reading. Students taking

Intermediate Reading should not be permitted to take reading-intensive courses, such as History. Students with a minimum ACT Reading subtest score of 15 who have completed the Mississippi Department of Education approved literacy transitional course with a grade of “80” or higher will not be required to take Intermediate Reading.

- D. Students taking two or more intermediate courses must enroll in the year- long Academic Support Program or some other IHL-recognized intervention strategy to promote success in the courses in which they are not fully prepared, according to ACT subtest scores and will not be permitted to take more than 17 semester hours.
- E. Intermediate courses may be delivered through a co-requisite model coupled with a credit bearing gateway course.
- F. Regarding course placement using an ACT subtest score, exemptions to this policy based on prior high school course performance, postsecondary course performance, or other academic experiences must be approved by the institution’s Chief Academic Officer or designee.

(BT Minutes, 2/2000; 2/2005; 2/2009; 3/2010; 1/2016; 2/2018)

IHL Board Policy §608 establishes 17 as the minimum ACT subtest scores for mathematics, English, and reading; however, it gives each IHL university the authority to require higher ACT subtest scores.

University	College-level English	College-level Mathematics	College-level Reading
Alcorn State University	17	17	17
Delta State University	17	20	17
Jackson State University	17	17	17
Mississippi State University	17	19	17
Mississippi University for Women	17	19	17
Mississippi Valley State University	17	20	17
University of Mississippi	17	19	17
University of Southern Mississippi	20	20	17