

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

**Begins with the incoming freshmen class of 2025**

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

<b>The minimum REQUIRED<sup>1</sup> CPC for full admission into a Mississippi public university is as follows:</b>	<b>The minimum RECOMMENDED<sup>2</sup> CPC for full admission into a Mississippi public university is as follows:</b>
<b>English: 4 Carnegie units</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Units must require substantial communication skills (i.e., reading, writing, listening, and speaking). Compensatory Reading and Writing may not be included.</li> </ul>	<b>English: 4 Carnegie units</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Units must require substantial communication skills (i.e., reading, writing, listening, and speaking). Compensatory Reading and Writing may not be included.</li> </ul>
<b>Mathematics: 4 Carnegie Units</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Algebra I or its equivalent</li> <li>Math higher than Algebra I (2 units)</li> <li>Additional math higher or lower than Algebra I (1 unit)</li> </ul>	<b>Mathematics: 4 Carnegie units</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Algebra I or its equivalent</li> <li>Math higher than Algebra I (3 units)</li> </ul>
<b>Science: 3 Carnegie units</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Biology I or its equivalent</li> <li>Science higher than Biology I (2 units)</li> </ul>	<b>Science: 4 Carnegie units</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Biology I or its equivalent</li> <li>Science higher than Biology I (3 units)</li> </ul>
<b>Social Studies: 3 Carnegie Units</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Units must include integrated courses of social sciences and humanities promoting civic competence.</li> </ul>	<b>Social Studies: 4 Carnegie units</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Units must include integrated courses of social sciences and humanities promoting civic competence.</li> </ul>
<b>Arts: 1 Carnegie unit</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Includes any one Carnegie unit (or two ½ units) of visual and performing arts course(s) meeting the requirements for high school graduation.</li> </ul>	<b>Arts: 1 Carnegie unit</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Includes any one Carnegie unit (or two ½ units) of visual and performing arts course(s) meeting the requirements for high school graduation.</li> </ul>
<b>Advanced Electives: 2 Carnegie units</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Option 1: Foreign Language I and Foreign Language II</li> <li>Option 2: Foreign Language I and one unit from Option 3</li> <li>Option 3: (1) Any combination of an advanced level course above the required Carnegie units as noted in the (a) Office of Academic and Student Affairs CPC Manual and/or any (b) 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 &amp; II will count as an advanced elective.</u></li> </ul>	<b>Advanced Electives: 2 Carnegie units</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Option 1: Foreign Language I and Foreign Language II</li> <li>Option 2: Foreign Language I and one unit from Option 3</li> <li>Option 3: (1) Any combination of an advanced level course above the required Carnegie units as noted in the (a) Office of Academic and Student Affairs CPC Manual and/or any (b) 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 &amp; II will count as an advanced elective.</u></li> </ul>
<b>Technology or Computer Science Course: 1 Carnegie Unit</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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</li> </ul>	<b>Technology or Computer Science Course: 1 Carnegie Unit</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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</li> </ul>

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<b>Total Carnegie units: 18 Carnegie Units</b>	<b>Total Carnegie units: 20 Carnegie Units</b>
<sup>1</sup> High school Carnegie units <b>required for regular admission</b> to an IHL institution <sup>2</sup> Recommended high school Carnegie units to enhance preparedness for college-level work  <b>Notes:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Pre-High School units:</b> 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.</li> <li>• <b>Substitutions:</b> 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</li> <li>• <b>Course Acceptance:</b> A course may not be used to satisfy more than one requirement.</li> <li>• The Required and Recommended College Preparatory Curricula (CPC) are approved by the IHL Board of Trustees and maintained by the IHL Office of Academic and Student Affairs.</li> </ul>	

### **IHL Board Policy §602.B. FULL ADMISSION**

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

1. Have completed high school graduation requirements and the College Preparatory Curriculum (CPC) or have completed equivalent requirements as determined by admitting IHL institution; have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.20 on a 4.0 grading scale as reported by the high school or as calculated by the admitting institution using an IHL-approved unweighted cumulative GPA calculator; and no ACT or SAT score is required; or
2. Have completed high school graduation requirements and the College Preparatory Curriculum (CPC) or have completed equivalent requirements as determined by admitting IHL institution; have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50 as reported by the high school or as calculated by the admitting institution using an IHL-approved unweighted cumulative GPA calculator or a class rank in the top 50%; and have an ACT composite score of 16 or higher; or
3. Have completed high school graduation requirements and the College Preparatory Curriculum (CPC) or have completed equivalent requirements as determined by admitting IHL institution; have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00 as reported by the high school or as calculated by the admitting institution using an IHL-approved unweighted cumulative GPA calculator; and have an ACT Composite score of 18 or higher.
4. Any student who does not meet the above requirements may be granted full admission by satisfying the NCAA Division I standards for student athletes who are “full qualifiers” or “academic redshirts”.
  - In lieu of ACT scores, students may submit equivalent SAT scores.
  - Beginning fall 2021, institutions will use the highest ACT or SAT subject test scores from the same test type when scores from more than one test date are submitted. This process is known as superscoring. A combination of ACT and SAT subtest scores cannot be combined to calculate a superscore.
  - In addition to their use for admissions, institutions may require ACT/SAT scores, ACCUPLACER, or other assessments for placement purposes prior to registration.
  - Students must submit a final, official transcript with a graduation date prior to the second term of enrollment.
  - Admitting institutions may establish additional admission requirements.

### **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.

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