Entrance Requirements

In order to be fully admitted to a 4-year university in the MUS, entering high school graduates are required to meet the following standards:

- **Complete the Regents’ college preparatory program**: mathematics (3 years), English (4 years), science (2 years), social studies (3 years), and college prep electives (2 years), which includes languages, computer science, visual/performing arts, speech, or career/technical education units.

- **Demonstrate Mathematics Proficiency**: earn an ACT math score of 22, SAT score of 520, or complete the Rigorous Core.

- **Demonstrate Writing Proficiency**: earn an ACT writing/English score of 18, SAT score of 440; or score 7 or higher on the ACT/SAT essays, or 3.5 or higher on the MUS writing assessment test.

- **Achieve one of the following requirements**:
  1. Earn at least a 2.5 high school GPA; or
  2. Rank in the top half of the school’s graduating class; or
  3. Score composite ACT of 22 or higher, or SAT of 1540 or higher (except MSU-Northern requires ACT score of 20, SAT score of 1440).

Provisional Admission

Provisional admission is granted to students scoring 18-21 on the ACT or 440-510 on the SAT mathematics tests and 2.5-3.0 on the MUSWA or 5-6 on the ACT/SAT writing essays.

Exemptions

Entrance requirements do **NOT** apply to the following groups:

- Non-traditional students (those who do not enter college for a period of at least three years following high school graduation);
- Summer-only students; and
- Part-time students taking seven or fewer credits per semester.

In addition, institutions may exempt up to 15% of first-time, full-time undergraduates from the entrance requirements listed above. This exemption is reserved for students with special talents, minorities, and others who demonstrate special needs.

Open Admission

Two-year colleges in the MUS offer open admissions that do not require the academic standards listed above. However, certain programs within the college (such as nursing) may have admission standards.

A high school degree or GED is required for admission to all degree programs.