

Freshman Applicant Requirements

Applicants for admission to SUNO are reviewed based on their academic achievements during their time at an accredited high school or on GED scores as well as their scores on either the SAT or ACT examinations or using Accuplacer. Southern University at New Orleans is a member of the Southern University System, the only system of publicly funded, Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) in the nation. It is mandated by the Louisiana Board of Regents that specific courses are required for any student that seeks admission to any school within the Southern System. These are known as the Regents Core Requirements. Each student applying to Southern University at New Orleans must successfully complete the following coursework:

Louisiana High School Graduates (Effective Fall 2023)

A. Completion of a High School Curriculum: Meet requirements of one of the following four options.

1) 19-Unit Core^{1,2}						
Cumulative GPA of 2.0						
2) 17 or 18 Units of the Core^{1,2}						
Cumulative GPA of 2.0						
AND						
Core GPA .5 higher than institution min.	OR	ACT Composite 3 points higher than institution min.	OR	Institutional early college requirement with GPA .25 higher than institution min.	OR	Two of the three additional institutional requirements (Section B)
3) Fewer than 17 Units of the Core^{1,2}						
Cumulative GPA of 2.0						
AND						
Core GPA .5 higher than institution min.	OR	ACT Composite 3 points higher than institution min.	OR	Institutional early college requirement with GPA .25 higher than institution min.		
4) Alternative HS Credential						
HiSET: 15 on any subtest AND 4 on HiSET Essay			OR	NRS: Score level 6 on NRS approved assessment		
AND						
Institution minimum ACT (applies to flagship and statewide only)						
5) Graduation from a non-US secondary institution³						
Students must have completed a recognized secondary program comparable to a U.S. high school preparatory core.						

HBCU: Grambling, Southern BR, Southern NO						
GPA on the Core at least 2.0	OR	Associate Degree OR 9 early college academic credit hours with at least 2.0 GPA	OR	ACT at least 20 OR SAT equivalent		

All first-time college students must satisfy one of the following criteria for admission:

Criteria 1

- Completion of the Louisiana Board of Regents high school 19- Unit Core Curriculum AND
- High school overall GPA of 2.0 or greater; AND
- Optional: ACT composite score of 20 (minimum 19 in Math and 18 in English sub scores) or SAT composite of 1020 or greater; OR
- Accuplacer will be required if no scores are submitted.

Criteria 2

- Completion of the Louisiana Board of Regents high school 17 or 18- Unit Core Curriculum; AND
- High school GPA of 2.5; OR
- ACT composite score of 23 (minimum 19 in Math and 18 in English sub scores); OR
- Institutional early college requirement with a 2.25 GPA; OR
- Associate Degree or 9 early college academic credit hours with at least 2.0 GPA; OR
- Accuplacer will be required if no scores are submitted.

Criteria 3

- Fewer than 17 Units of the Louisiana Board of Regents Core Curriculum; AND
- High school overall GPA 2.5; OR
- ACT composite score of 23 (minimum 19 in Math and 18 in English sub scores); OR
- Institutional early college requirement with a 2.25 GPA; OR
- Accuplacer will be required if no scores are submitted.

Criteria 4

- Alternative HS Credential: HiSET: 15 on any subtest and 4 on HiSET essay; OR
- NRS Score level 6 on NRS approved assessment; AND
- Accuplacer will be required if no scores are submitted.

Note: Additional required documentation includes:

- A copy of immunization record or exemption form

Prospective students are encouraged to submit official transcripts for previously attended Early Start Programs, Advanced Placement (AP) scores, or College Board Entrance Exams (CEEB) taken while in high school for college credit.

Special considerations will be made for students who do not meet ACT subscores within a 3-point range in accordance with the Louisiana Board of Regents AA Policy 2.18. Students

admitted via Policy 2.18 provisions are required to abide by the University's implementation plan made available on admission.

First-time college students, who graduate from **out-of-state schools** or are state accredited home schooled, must meet one of the following minimum admissions criteria:

Criteria 1

- Completion of Louisiana Board of Regents' high school Core 4 Curriculum, AND
- Minimum high school overall GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale;
- Optional: ACT composite score of 20 (minimum 19 in Math and 18 in English subscores) or SAT composite of 1020 or greater; OR
- Accuplacer will be required if no scores are submitted.

Criteria 2 (Students who have <19 but at least 17 units of the required Core 4 Curriculum)

- Minimum high school overall GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale; OR
- ACT composite score of 23 (minimum 19 in Math and 18 in English subscores); or SAT composite of 1020 or greater; OR
- Institutional early college requirement with a 2.25 GPA; OR
- Associate Degree or 9 early college academic credit hours with at least 2.0 GPA; OR
- Accuplacer will be required if no scores are submitted.

Criteria 3

- Fewer than 17 Units of the BOR Core Units; AND
- High school overall GPA 2.5; OR
- ACT composite score of 23 (minimum 19 in Math and 18 in English sub scores); OR
- Institutional early college requirement with a 2.25 GPA; OR
- Accuplacer will be required if no scores are submitted.

Criteria 4

- Alternative HS Credential: HiSET: 15 on any subtest and 4 on HiSET essay; OR
- NRS Score level 6 on NRS approved assessment; AND
- Accuplacer will be required if no scores are submitted.

Note: Additional required documentation includes:

- A copy of immunization record or exemption form

******Non-accredited Home Schools and General Equivalency Degree applicants must provide an official GED/HISET transcript from the state of issuance and meet the requirements as stated under Criteria 4 of the Freshmen Admission Requirements for Southern University at New Orleans.**

******ACT Residual tests scores are allowed and testing is available on campus for a non-refundable fee of \$25.00. In the event the student does not meet the required scores testing results are non-transferable to other institutions.**

Similarly, **ACCUPLACER NG** tests are available on campus for a non-refundable fee of \$25.00.

A minimum score of 250 is required for Mathematics (QRAS) and 250 for English (Writing).

A completed application for admission must be supported by transcripts, ACT scores if under the age of 25, proof of immunizations or request for exemption, and a non-refundable application fee. Please note ACT or SAT scores are not accepted if older than 3 years old. Transcripts of Louisiana high school graduates after 2004 will be transmitted electronically upon the completion of the admissions applications. All other applicants must request high school transcripts to be sent to the Office of Admissions. Students may be provisionally or conditionally admitted with a seven-semester transcript, pending the receipt of the final transcript certifying graduation. Certification of graduation for Louisiana high school graduates will be done by the Department of Education/Board of Regents for students graduating after 2004, all other students are required to furnish certification of graduation immediately upon graduating. However, all requirements must be met within sixty (60) days of the beginning of classes. **Note: Only the Director or Assistant Director of Recruitment and Admissions for new applicants or the University Registrar for returning SUNO students, may grant provisional or conditional admission.** Applicants will be notified after the application and all supporting documents have been received.

TOPS Core Curriculum

Units	Courses ¹
ENGLISH = 4 Units	
1 Unit	English I
1 Unit	English II
1 Unit from the following:	English III, AP English Language Arts and Composition, or IB English III (Language A or Literature and Performance)
1 Unit from the following:	English IV, AP English Literature and Composition, or IB English IV (Language A or Literature and Performance)
MATH = 4 Units	
1 Unit	Algebra I
1 Unit	Geometry
1 Unit	Algebra II
1 Unit from the following:	Algebra III; Advanced Math - Functions and Statistics, Advanced Math - Pre-Calculus, Pre-Calculus, or IB Math Methods I (Mathematical Studies SL); Calculus, AP Calculus AB, or IB Math Methods II (Mathematics SL); AP Calculus BC; Probability and Statistics or AP Statistics; IB Further Mathematics HL; IB Mathematics HL
SCIENCE = 4 Units	
1 Unit	Biology I
1 Unit	Chemistry I
2 Units from the following:	Earth Science; Environmental Science; Physical Science; Agriscience I and Agriscience II (one unit combined); Chemistry II, AP Chemistry, or IB Chemistry II; AP Environmental Science or IB Environmental Systems; Physics I, AP Physics B, or IB Physics I; AP Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism, AP Physics C: Mechanics, or IB Physics II; AP Physics I and AP Physics II; Biology II, AP Biology, or IB Biology II
SOCIAL STUDIES = 4 Units	
1 Unit from the following:	U.S. History, AP U.S. History, or IB U.S. History
1 Unit from the following:	Civics, Government, AP U.S. Government and Politics: Comparative, or AP U.S. Government and Politics: United States
2 Units from the following:	Western Civilization, European History, or AP European History; World Geography, AP Human Geography, or IB Geography; World History, AP World History, or IB World History; History of Religion; IB Economics, Economics, AP Macroeconomics, or AP Microeconomics
FOREIGN LANGUAGE = 2 Units	
	Foreign Language, both units in the same language, which may also include the following AP and IB courses: AP Chinese Language and Culture, AP French Language and Culture, AP German Language and Culture, AP Italian Language and Culture, AP Japanese Language and Culture, AP Latin, AP Spanish Language and Culture, IB French IV, IB French V, IB Spanish IV, and IB Spanish V
ART = 1 Unit	
1 Unit from the following:	Performance course in Music, Dance or Theatre; Fine Arts Survey; Art I, II, III, and IV; Talented Art I, II, III, and IV; Talented Music I, II, III and IV; Talented Theater Arts I, II, III, and IV; Speech III and Speech IV (one unit combined); AP Art History; AP Studio Art: 2-D Design; AP Studio Art: 3-D Design; AP Studio Art: Drawing; AP Music Theory; IB Film Study I; IB Film Study II; IB Music I; IB Music II; IB Art Design III; IB Art Design IV; IB Theatre I or Drafting
TOTAL = 19 Units	
<i>Please see reverse side for core (substitute) equivalents to the TOPS Core Curriculum</i>	