**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

The following outlines UNK admissions requirements for first-time entering freshmen and transfer students. The requirements do not pertain to international applicants, readmissions and non-degree students.

**Assured Admission**

In addition to graduation from an accredited high school, or equivalent, all students seeking entry to the University must have successfully completed a core of selected high school courses spread over a number of disciplines. Additionally, students are required to meet performance criteria by ranking in the top half of their graduating high school class OR must meet certain performance criteria, based on scores from ACT or SAT national examinations. The entrance requirements incorporate a process for admitting students who do not meet one or more of the admission criteria, yet show promise of academic success.

**Core Course Requirements**

The core course requirements are summarized in the following broad areas of subject matter in which one unit represents one full year of study:

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<td>English</td>
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Academic courses at each Nebraska high school have been evaluated. Courses that meet the University’s criteria are listed by high school ([http://admissions.unl.edu/](http://admissions.unl.edu/)) at admissions.unl.edu/ ([http://admissions.unl.edu/](http://admissions.unl.edu/)).

**Performance Requirements**

In addition to meeting the above core course requirements, students seeking admission to the University on any campus, shall:

- Be ranked in the 50th percentile or higher of their graduating class in an accredited high school
  
  OR

- Have received an ACT composite score of 20 or greater
  
  OR

- Have received an SAT total score of 1040 or greater
  
  OR

- Have a 3.0 cumulative grade point average

**Admission of Conditional Students**

Applicants who do not qualify for assured admission by meeting all entrance criteria may appeal to be considered for admission to the University on the basis of **special merit**. The student must submit a letter of appeal along with three letters of recommendation:

1. from the high school principal or guidance counselor,
2. from an English teacher, and
3. from a math or science teacher.

If the appeal is successful, the student will be conditionally admitted. This status may require the student to participate in an academic program of study that specifies the course work to be taken as well as other designated support activities provided by selected faculty and staff.

**Home-Schooled Students**

Submit the Application for Admission and the $45 non-refundable application fee. Submit a copy of your high school transcript that includes grades earned in courses each term, cumulative GPA, and the signature of your homeschool administrator. If applicable, submit any official transcripts reflecting any high school or post-secondary work completed. ACT/SAT scores are also required. Home-schooled students admitted without completing all 16 core course requirements will be required to successfully complete an approved college-level course in each deficiency within the first 48 credit hours of enrollment at UNK.