

Applying for Admission



Admission Requirements for High School Students

- You will be admitted to Minnesota State Mankato if:
 - You rank in the Top 50% of your high school class (With satisfactory ACT score.) **OR**
 - You have a GPA of at least a 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) (With satisfactory ACT score.) **OR**
 - You achieve a 21 or higher composite score on the ACT exam (With satisfactory GPA.)
- If you do not meet the above admission requirements, your application will be reviewed on the basis of strength of college preparation course work, grade point average, probability of success, academic progression, class rank and ACT test scores. Supplemental information may also be requested before an admission decision is made.

All high school students must submit an ACT score prior to enrollment.

Admission Requirements for Transfer Students

- Transfer students who have completed at least 24 semester (36 quarter) college-level, transferable credits at an accredited college or university with a 2.00 cumulative grade point average will generally be admitted to Minnesota State University, Mankato with advanced standing.
- Additionally, transfer students who have completed an Associate's degree at a regionally accredited institution will be admitted. * (Must include positive grade trend in most recent coursework.)
- Transfer students who have fewer than 24 semester (36 quarter) college-level, transferable credits or who have attended a technical college, must also submit a final high school transcript and ACT test scores at time of application. Eligibility for admission will be based on the high school and collegiate records.

Additional Admission Opportunities

- Applicants who graduated from high school three or more years ago and who have not attended any post-secondary institution will be admitted upon providing evidence of graduation from a high school, receiving a GED or completing home schooling in the United States.
- Applicants who have pursued some post-secondary education, have been out of school for at least one full year and are now interested in returning to college are encouraged to apply to Minnesota State University, Mankato. Applications will be reviewed for admission on an individual basis.

Admission Deadlines

Completed applications must be submitted with all required materials five (5) working days prior to the start of classes. Under certain circumstances the University may institute an earlier priority admission deadline.

Transfer Students: It is recommended that all admission materials be sent at least forty-five (45) days before the semester being considered by the student. This allows the Office of Admissions adequate time to process the application and develop an evaluation of credit.

How to Apply

- Please visit mnsu.edu/admissions/applnow.html, to fill out an application online.
- If you are applying as a high school student, have an official copy of your high school transcript(s) and your ACT scores forwarded to the Office of Admissions. If you have earned credits at a college, university or technical college, official transcripts from those institutions must also be forwarded to the Office of Admissions.
- If you are applying as a transfer student, request official transcripts from ALL previously attended post-secondary institutions (including military) to be forwarded directly to the Office of Admissions. If you have earned less than 24 semester (36 quarter) college-level, transferable credits or have attended a technical college, also send your high school transcript(s). Other documents may be requested to complete the application process.
- Once all application materials are received by the Office of Admissions, an admission decision may be expected within two (2) weeks.

COLLEGE PREPARATION STANDARDS FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Preparation Standard Requirements: This page describes Minnesota State University preparation requirements effective Fall 1994. This will help you determine which of your high school courses count for college preparation. **The following are only examples to help you. If you aren't sure if a course meets the requirements, ask your counselor.**

English: 4 years. English courses help you learn to read, write, and speak in English. Appropriate courses emphasize English usage, writing, style, theory analysis, understanding, evaluation, research, and public speaking. Courses that focus only on technical applications (for example, graphics and layout or speed reading) do not generally count. Examples of appropriate courses include modern fiction, world literature, American literature, composition, college writing, public speaking, and speech.

Mathematics: 3 years. Preparation for college requires two years of algebra (of which one is intermediate or advanced algebra) and one year of geometry. Appropriate math courses help you learn to solve problems, use reasoning skills, and understand statistical and computational processes.

Science: 3 years. Science courses that meet this requirement should help you learn how to use scientific facts, analyze problems, and develop a scientific vocabulary. They should focus on theory, knowledge, principles, methods and their application. At least one course must be in a biological science and one in physical science. All courses should include laboratory experiences. Examples of appropriate courses are anatomy and physiology, biology, botany, zoology, astronomy, earth science, chemistry, physics, physical science and geology.

Social Studies: 3 years. Social studies courses teach you about the nations and cultures of the world and provide skills to help you participate in a democracy. Appropriate courses will focus on the knowledge, theories and methods of the social sciences;

teach research writing skills and foster a tolerance for conflicting viewpoints. At least one course **or its equivalent** in U.S. history and one in geography are required. Examples of appropriate courses are U.S. history, world history, civics, political science, government, economics, and geography.

World Language: 2 years. Appropriate courses focus on listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills; provide conversational experiences; and foster an understanding and knowledge of the culture. Any language, including American Sign language (ASL) is acceptable. "Sampler" or language review courses do not meet this requirement.

World Culture or The Arts: 1 year. To be prepared for college and participate in our global society you need to understand and appreciate diverse cultures and be able to express yourself in diverse ways. Examples of appropriate courses in each area are as follows:

- **World Culture.** These are non-language courses that teach about other cultures, provide a global perspective, and foster an understanding of other cultures. Examples of appropriate courses are area studies (such as Asian studies), Russia/China international relations, and ethnic studies (such as African-American studies).
- **The Arts.** Appropriate art courses focus on creating or performing, teach about the history of an art form and its place in cultures and foster aesthetic appreciation. Ideally these courses will include both creative expression and history/criticism. Appropriate courses include music (vocal, instrumental, theory, composition), theater and drama (performance, production), dance (performance, choreography), visual arts (photography, painting, drawing, sculpture), and survey courses (art history, music history, history of the theater).



MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY MANKATO

The Minnesota State University, Mankato Annual Security and Fire Safety Report is available for your review. This report is required by federal law and contains policy statements and crime statistics for the University. The policy statements address the school's policies, procedures and programs concerning safety and security. Three years' worth of statistics are included for certain types of crimes that were reported to have occurred on-campus, or in other University affiliated locations. This report is available online at <http://www.mnsu.edu/safety/>. You may also request a paper copy from University Security at 507-389-2111, or by emailing security@mnsu.edu.

Placement & Occupational Outlook for Majors are available at www.mnsu.edu/cdc/ (Click on Resources and then Graduate Statistics.)

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