Admissions

MISSION STATEMENT
The Undergraduate Admissions Office is committed to providing accurate and current information to prospective students and their parents regarding the University’s Christian mission, majors, programs, costs and admissions process. The Admissions Office is committed to quality customer service and providing information to prospective students in an efficient, caring, timely and confidential manner.

ADMISSION PROCEDURES
MidAmerica Nazarene University values moral character and personal integrity in addition to intellectual ability and academic achievement, and seeks students who also value these characteristics and who are in harmony with the University’s mission as a distinctively Christian liberal arts institution of the Church of the Nazarene.

MidAmerica is selective in its admission, with enrollment being contingent on the student’s ability to meet the academic standards and moral principles of the University. Prospective students who do not meet these standards and principles will be denied admission. In order to be considered for admission, the prospective student must submit an Application for Admission and supporting documentation by August 1 for the Fall semester and December 15 for the Spring semester. Applicants for admission should be aware of the desirability of applying early since priority is given to early applicants in such matters as campus housing, scholarships, certain loans and grants.

Applicants are reminded that admission to the University does not assure the student of housing, financial aid, or other necessary arrangements incidental to attending the University.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION
Successful candidates for admission must have graduated from an accredited high school having completed at least 15 units of study. While the University does not require specific subjects for entrance, it does recommend the following optimum preparation:

- Math: 3 units
- English: 4 units
- Science: 3 units
- Social Studies: 3 units
- Foreign Language: 1 unit

In addition, students are advised to participate in a college preparatory curriculum.

Students entering MidAmerica Nazarene University must take the ACT or SAT examination. The examination should, whenever possible, be taken during the student’s junior or senior year of high school. High school students expecting to enroll at MidAmerica should ask their principal or counselor about taking the ACT or SAT examination. High school graduates who do not have scores on file in the Admissions Office, but meet all of the other conditions for admission, must take the ACT test immediately after arriving on campus. A student will not be able to enroll for classes until the ACT or SAT examination has been taken and the University
has received a report of the scores. A fee is charged when the test is administered by the University. (Only the ACT test is given on campus.) MNU’s ACT code number is 1445. MNU’s SAT code number is 6437.

FRESHMEN
Regular Admission: A completed Application for Admission is required of all students seeking admission to MidAmerica Nazarene University. High school seniors with minimum ACT composite score of 19 or a minimum SAT CR+M score of 910, and who have submitted a high school transcript containing at least 6 semesters of grades will be considered for regular admission.

Every application for admission is considered on an individual basis.

Conditional Admission: Students who fail to meet the conditions for regular admission may be admitted on a conditional basis.

Post-acceptance requirements for conditionally admitted students: Students offered conditional admission will be required to complete required developmental courses with a Cor better, at least two General Education courses with a C- or better and have obtained a GPA at or above 1.50 at the end of the first academic semester. The successful completion of these requirements will place the student in Good Academic Standing.

All conditionally admitted students are provided specialized counseling and instruction from the Kresge Center staff and are limited to a 13 semester hour course load until they pass the required course(s). Depending on the student’s individual circumstances, the student may be ineligible to participate in co-curricular activities. Refer to the Developmental Education Program information and the Freshman Studies course sections of this catalog for complete descriptions of the required developmental courses.

Conditional status may be removed in the following manner:

1. Retake the ACT or SAT test and score at levels which meet requirements for good standing; or
2. Take the Compass Exams which are given on campus in the Kresge Center and score high enough to have qualifications removed.

If the developmental courses have been or are being taken at another college, these courses must be evaluated by the Kresge Center personnel to see if requirements have been met.

NON-HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES
Prospective students who have not finished high school and are over eighteen (18) years of age can be admitted provisionally by taking the General Education Development (GED) examination which gives the equivalent of high school completion. In addition, the ACT or SAT is required. Based on the results of the ACT or SAT, the University may require students to take developmental classes in order to strengthen deficient areas. A non-high school graduate remains on a provisional status until he/she meets the requirements listed above and has a successful semester earning at least a 2.0 grade point average.
TRANSFER STUDENTS
Students from regionally accredited colleges and universities are welcome to apply as transfer students. Transfer students are defined as students who have earned 1 or more semester hours of credit after high school. A student graduating from high school and coming to MidAmerica Nazarene University the following semester will be considered an entering freshman regardless of the number of hours of college credit he/she accumulated during high school.

In addition to the completed Application for Admission, students who have earned less than 24 hours of transfer credit must submit an official ACT or SAT report in addition to the transcripts from all colleges attended. A student is accepted in good standing if he/she has from 1-23 hours and a GPA of 1.50 or better, provided ACT/SAT scores are acceptable. Transfer students are accepted in good standing if they have 24-55 semester credit hours and a cumulative GPA of 1.75 or better and meet ACT/SAT area score requirements. Transfer students who have 24 or more hours and a GPA of 2.00 or better are accepted in good standing.

In order to receive a degree from MNU, transfer students must take at least one year’s work in residence (30 semester credit hours). Transfer credit may be applied to general education requirements and those of specific majors and minors, subject to the approval of the responsible department. Courses in vocational-technical areas are not considered for transfer credit. Students on either academic or disciplinary probation are accepted provisionally.

MNU may accept previous work, place a credit value on it, and enter it on the transcript. However, this previous work, because of its nature and not its inherent quality, may be determined to have no applicability to a specific degree to be pursued by the student. Course credit will transfer for elective, general education, and major or minor requirements as approved.

SPECIAL STUDENTS
A student may be accepted as a special student under the following conditions:
1. The student makes application and pays application fees;
2. The student declares in writing that he/she does not wish to work toward a degree at MNU, does not wish to be considered as either a student in good standing or a student accepted provisionally;
3. Only wishes to take one or more courses for personal enrichment apart from any degree program; and
4. The student may register for courses on a space-available basis after Registration Day.

EARLY ADMISSION
Early admission of senior and second semester junior students attending high school concurrently is possible, provided all of the following conditions are met:
1. They are a second semester junior or in their senior year;
2. They have a 3.4 or better GPA;
3. They have permission from their high school counselor and MNU’s Director of Admissions;
4. They make regular Application for Admission to MNU using the High School Dual Enrollment Agreement Application;
5. They take no more than six (6) hours per semester; and
6. The student may register for courses on a space-available basis after Registration Day.

ADMISSION PROCESS
A $200.00 confirmation deposit is required of all students prior to pre-registration. The confirmation deposit is refundable if the student notifies the Office of Admissions in writing of his/her non-attendance before May 1 for the Fall semester (unless contingent upon a First Choice Scholarship) and January 1 for the Spring semester. Failure to notify the Office of Admissions in writing will cause the prospective student to lose his/her deposit.

MNU requires students to have the meningitis immunization or sign a waiver stating he/she is choosing not to be immunized. In the event, the student contracts meningitis, he/she waives his/her claim against the University as a result of the failure to receive the vaccination.

FRESHMAN
Applying for Admission - Prior to enrollment, a student must complete the admissions process by submitting all of the following:
1. Complete the Application for Admission.
2. Submit results of the ACT or SAT. MNU’s ACT code is 1445 and SAT is 6437.
3. Submit official high school transcripts to MNU. An official transcript is signed by a designated school official and stamped/sealed with an authorized school embossed seal or stamp. Acceptance can be administered with a minimum 6th semester, official high school transcript.
4. An official Admissions Interview (Highly Recommended). The interview may be completed while visiting campus, but can be completed over the phone if necessary. The Admissions Interview allows for the admissions staff to better understand the student’s interests, talents, and pre-enrollment expectations.
5. Complete the FAFSA and ask that your ISIR be shared with MNU. Our institutional number is 007032.

After Acceptance - The following are required in order for the Admissions Process to be considered complete:
1. $200 Confirmation Deposit - $100 housing deposit and $100 tuition deposit (fully refundable until May 1st for the fall semester and January 1st for the spring semester).
2. Housing Questionnaire
   Note: The Confirmation deposit must be paid before the room assignment and pre-registration can proceed.
3. Official, final transcripts with graduation date from your high school (first-year students only).
4. Meningitis immunization or signed waiver.

TRANSFER
Applying for Admission - Prior to enrollment, a student must complete the admission process by submitting all of the following:
1. Complete the free Application for Admission.
2. Submit results of the ACT or SAT (if the student has completed less than 24 college credit hours). MNU’s ACT code is 1445 and SAT is 6437.
3. Submit official transcripts from ALL colleges previously attended. 
   An official transcript is signed by a designated school official and stamped/sealed with an authorized school embossed seal or stamp.
4. An official Admissions Interview (Highly Recommended). 
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READMISSION PROCESS
Readmission applies to any student who has completed at least one (1) hour of credit at MNU and has missed one (1) semester or more. There is no fee for readmission. If a student applied to MNU and was accepted but never attended, he/she must reactivate his/her application through the Office of Admissions.

Procedure:
2. If the student was on academic probation, consult the Associate Academic Vice President.
3. Apply for financial aid with Student Financial Services.
4. If the student has attended another institution since leaving MNU, request an official transcript for each institution to be sent to the Registrar’s Office (if seeking degree from MNU).
5. Contact the Registrar’s Office concerning registration for classes.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
MidAmerica Nazarene University welcomes International Students. Upon request students seeking admission into MNU programs will be sent an International Student Admissions Packet. Application for Admission to the traditional undergraduate programs must be submitted at least 90 days prior to the beginning of the semester (by May 15 for Fall Semester and by September 15 for Spring Semester). International Transfer Students from other colleges or universities in the United States must submit an application 30 days prior to the beginning of each semester. Students seeking admission to other academic programs offered at MidAmerica Nazarene
University must follow the time procedures set up by those programs. When all admission requirements have been met, the MNU International Student Advisor will issue the prospective International Student an I-20 document required by INS for F-1 visa status.

For students seeking admission to the traditional undergraduate programs, the following must be submitted and received:

1. A completed Application for Admission — sent 90 days before the beginning of the semester
2. Required Fees:
   • A nonrefundable $50 Application Fee
   • A refundable Registration Deposit of $19,000
   • Single International Students who are younger than 22 years of age and not able to live with near relatives or other families who provide all or a significant part of room and board are required to live on-campus.
3. A minimum official TOEFL paper-based score of 550, or minimum computer-based score of 214, or internet based TOEFL score minimum of 81 (MidAmerica’s TOEFL code number is 6437.)
4. For the International Student from a world area whose first official language is English, an official ACT or SAT score which meets the same requirements for admission as domestic students. If the ACT/SAT scores qualify for only provisional acceptance, TOEFL is also required.
5. An original, notarized Affidavit of Support and required supporting documentation of evidence of ability to pay school bills in accordance with policy.
6. An appropriately completed and signed International Student Financial Summary (Estimated Cost Total per year: $31,000.)
7. Meningitis immunization or signed waiver.
8. Original transcripts and records (sent directly from the institution), documenting all completed secondary and university academic work.
9. An appropriately completed recommendation from an institutional official, pastor, or comparable person.

International Students may apply to the other academic programs at MNU. The application process varies with each program. All International Students who wish to study at MNU must work with the MNU International Student Advisor who is also the Designated School Official (DSO) for Immigration and Naturalization Services (INS) at MNU, in order to receive the required I-20 document and to insure that proper INS guidelines are followed for academic study in the United States.