

**Faculty Senate Resolution
SR 02-09**

Whereas, Louisiana State University desires to be a leading research university, challenging undergraduate and graduate students to reach the highest levels of intellectual and personal development, and

Whereas, the University has set a goal of increasing its graduation rate to 63% by 2008, and

Whereas, the Faculty promised the Board of Supervisors, the Faculty Senate, and the public in 1998 that we planned to continue to increase admission standards to LSU, and

Whereas, Chancellor Emmert asked ASH to develop new admission standards beginning with the Fall of 2002 that would increase the likelihood of students' academic success at LSU,

Therefore, be it resolved that the LSU faculty propose the following new admission requirements for students entering LSU in the Fall of 2005:

LSU ADMISSION POLICY

Anyone who wishes to be considered for undergraduate admission to Louisiana State University should apply. Admission to LSU is granted to those students whose credentials indicate the greatest promise of academic success. Table I shows the criteria for Assured Admission to the University.

TABLE I. LSU REQUIREMENTS FOR ASSURED ADMISSION

- 18 high school units of college-preparatory course work as shown in Table II **AND**:
 - 3.0 gpa* and rank in top 15% of high school graduating class, or
 - 3.0 gpa* and a score of 1000 SAT/21 ACT
- 17 high school units of college-preparatory course work as shown in Table II **AND**:
 - 3.0 gpa* and rank in top 10% of high school graduating class, or
 - 3.0 gpa* and a score of 1060 SAT/23 ACT, or
 - 3.2 gpa* and a score of 1030 SAT/22 ACT, or
 - 3.5 gpa* and a score of 1000 SAT/21 ACT

MATHEMATICS: All students admitted to LSU must be eligible to enroll in university level courses in mathematics. Students are strongly encouraged to take 4-years of mathematics to ensure college readiness. Other factors such as grades in required math courses, choice of degree program, and SAT/ACT scores will be considered. Eligibility for university level mathematics is usually indicated by 4-years of college preparatory mathematics courses or a *minimum* 440 Math-SAT score or 18 Math-ACT score on the mathematics component of the respective examination.

***GPA: The required grade point average (gpa) is based solely on high school units for admission to LSU as shown in Table II.**

Applicants who believe they do not meet the qualifications for Assured Admission as shown in Table I should submit supporting documentation (e.g., recent grade reports, letters of recommendation, etc.) and a letter outlining their qualifications for admission with their initial application. Though not required for admission to LSU, students may also choose to include an essay in their application package. The Admission Committee will review an applicant's qualifications and application package to determine whether or not predictors of success exist as a basis for admission. LSU considers all components of an applicant's credentials. Factors such as rank in class, scores on required tests (SAT or ACT), credit in advanced placement and honors courses,

pattern and quality of courses, grade trends, educational objectives, extracurricular activities, leadership abilities, and school recommendations are carefully evaluated in the admission process. In addition, special talents, significant life and career experience, or membership in groups under-represented in the student body are evaluated and weighed before decisions to offer admission are made.

A student athlete who is awarded an athletic grant-in-aid may be admitted if he/she meets the standards found in Bylaw 14.3.1 of the National Collegiate Athletic Association. A student athlete at LSU is subject to a number of special academic requirements specified in the rules of the Southeastern Conference and the NCAA.

Applicants who are home-schooled, applicants with a GED, or applicants who are graduates of unaccredited or unapproved high schools are evaluated on the basis of qualifications outlined above.

Admission decisions are based, in part, upon meeting the needs and capacity requirements of Louisiana State University.

TABLE II. COLLEGE-PREPARATORY COURSE WORK FOR ADMISSION TO LSU

# of Units	High School Coursework
4	ENGLISH COMPOSITION AND LITERATURE: I, II, III, and IV
3	MATHEMATICS: (<i>4 units are strongly recommended.</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 unit of Algebra I • 1 unit of Algebra II • 1 additional unit consisting of courses such as Geometry, Trigonometry, Advanced Mathematics, or Calculus
3	NATURAL SCIENCES: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 unit of Biology • 1 unit of Chemistry • 1 unit of Physics
3	SOCIAL STUDIES: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 unit in American History • 1 unit in World History, World Geography, or History of Western Civilization • 1 unit consisting of courses such as Civics, Free Enterprise, Economics, Sociology, Psychology, or American Government
2	FOREIGN LANGUAGES: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 units in a single language
½	COMPUTER STUDIES: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Computer Science or Computer Literacy (<i>or substitute ½ unit from among other subjects listed above</i>)
2½	ADDITIONAL COURSES: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2½ units from the categories above and/or certain courses in the visual and performing arts. <i>Two units</i> may be from advanced course work in the arts, e.g., Fine Arts Survey, Art III, Art IV, Advanced Band, Applied Music, Advanced Chorus, Dance III, Jazz Ensemble, Music Theory II, Advanced Orchestra, Wind Ensemble, or Studio Piano III. LSU will accept, as 1 unit of this requirement, 2 units of basic performance courses in music, dance, theater, or studio art.

Note: For admission to LSU, an applicant's high school grade point average (gpa*) is calculated solely on the basis of the academic units shown in this Table, using the standard 4.00 maximum scale ("A" = 4; "B"=3; "C"=2; "D"=1; "F"=0).