



ADMISSIONS



COASTAL CAROLINA
UNIVERSITY

ADMISSION INFORMATION

The Office of Admissions is committed to marketing the University and attracting students who seek to attend a comprehensive liberal arts institution. As a team, we strive to enroll a talented student body from a variety of ethnic, economic, and geographic backgrounds.

CATEGORIES OF ADMISSION

DEGREE SEEKING CLASSIFICATIONS

Freshman Admission

A freshman applicant is a person who has not attended an institution of higher education beyond high school. Any applicant who has attended classes of a post-secondary institution while still in high school is still classified as a freshman and must submit transcripts of work whether credit is expected or not.

Admission as a freshman to Coastal Carolina University is based on high school courses, achievement in college preparatory core prerequisites, and the Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT) or the American College Testing (ACT) scores.

Coastal Carolina University requires that all students complete the following high school courses and units to be eligible for regular admission to the University.

COLLEGE PREPARATORY CORE PREREQUISITE REQUIREMENTS

- **ENGLISH: 4 units**
At least two units must have strong grammar and composition components, at least one unit must be in **English Literature** and at least one unit must be in **American Literature** (completion of college preparatory English I, II, III and IV will meet this criterion).
- **MATHEMATICS: 3 units**
Algebra I, Algebra II and Geometry are required. A fourth higher-level mathematics course is strongly recommended. (Applied Mathematics I and II may count together as a substitute for Algebra I).
- **LABORATORY SCIENCE: 3 units**
Two Units must be taken in different fields and selected from among biology, chemistry or physics. The third unit may be from the same field as one of the first two units or from any laboratory science for which biology and/or chemistry is a prerequisite. Courses in earth science, general physical science, or introductory/general environmental science for which biology and/or chemistry is not a prerequisite will not meet this requirement.
- **FOREIGN LANGUAGE: 2 units**
(both units must be in the same language)
- **SOCIAL STUDIES: 3 units**
One unit of U.S. history is required; a half unit of economics and a half unit of government are strongly recommended.
- **ELECTIVE: 4 units**
Four college preparatory units must be taken from at least three different fields selected from among Computer Science, English, Fine Arts, Foreign Languages, Humanities, Laboratory Science (excluding earth science, general physical science, general environmental science or other introductory science courses for

which biology and/or chemistry is not a prerequisite), Mathematics above the level of Algebra II, and Social Sciences. It is suggested that one unit be in Computer Science which includes programming (i.e., not just keyboarding) and one unit in Fine Arts (appreciation of, history, or performance).

- **PHYSICAL EDUCATION OR ROTC: 1 unit**

NOTE: Coastal Carolina University may make exceptions in admitting 1) students who do not meet all of the prerequisites, limited to those individual cases in which the failure to meet one or more prerequisite is due to circumstances beyond the reasonable control of the student or 2) students who have taken the Tech Prep (Applied Academics) courses rather than the required college preparatory curriculum described above and who meet all other institutional admissions criteria.

If unit prerequisites are not met for reasons beyond the control of the student, both the student and the guidance counselor must submit to the Office of Admissions at Coastal Carolina University a written explanation as to why the student failed to complete the courses. Completion of the course prerequisites is not required for students who graduated from high school before May 1987.

In addition to completing the college preparatory course requirements, applicants will be evaluated on the basis of demonstrating an acceptable grade point average in the 20 academic college preparatory courses and obtaining a satisfactory score on the Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT I) or the American College Test (ACT).

Freshman applicants must possess either a high school diploma or its equivalent prior to enrollment at the University. Home study students must provide their recognized high school diploma or its equivalent along with transcripts.

Home School Applicant Admission

Coastal Carolina University recognizes home school high school students as individuals who have obtained their high school education and high school diploma through study in a non-traditional home setting.

Home schooled high school graduates are required to:

- Submit an application for admission with a \$35.00 applications fee.
- Submit all official transcripts from any high school or colleges attended.
- Present a copy of the Declaration of Intent to Home School as filed with the local board of education.
- Submit official SAT or ACT scores.
- Provide a home school high school transcript of all work completed with primary teacher certifying completion of high school and date of graduation.

University Success Program (USP) Admissions

Some applicants may gain acceptance through the University Success Program (USP). Applicants admitted under the University Success Program are required to participate in a freshmen academic success seminar (SSUS 195), a three-hour credit course which provides one-to-one student interaction with a faculty mentor. Students admitted into the USP may take a maximum of 16 credit hours during the first semester. Any credit overload must be approved by the Director of Academic Advising. These students may declare an academic major after successful completion of SSUS 195.

Preference for admission through the University Success Program is given to students from Coastal Carolina University's five county service area and the State of South Carolina.

Freshman applicants for admission must submit an application form, the non-refundable application fee, official transcripts of educational records through the time of application with final grades and verification of graduation as soon as it is available, and either SAT I or ACT scores. Freshman applicants aged 22 or older are not required to submit SAT I or ACT scores.

Decisions for admission are made after all official credentials are received.

Enrollment Notification Deposit

Upon admission to Coastal Carolina University, all degree seeking freshmen and transfer students are required to return their Enrollment Notification Card and \$100 deposit to the Office of Admissions, to secure their place in the class. The \$100 deposit is due by:

May 1 for Fall Semester and Summer Semester enrollment,
December 15 for Spring Semester enrollment.

A refund of the \$100 Enrollment Notification Deposit may be granted if the student submits a written request to the Office of Admissions by:

May 1 for Fall Semester and Summer Semester,
December 15 for Spring Semester.

No refunds will be made after these deadlines.

All freshmen are encouraged to attend orientation prior to registration. Information about orientation and registration is mailed to each accepted applicant. Academic advisers are assigned by the dean of the school in which the student plans to major. Students that have not designated a major will have an adviser assigned by the Office of Advisement.

Honors Program Admission: Admission to the Honors Program is by invitation of the director of the program in consultation with the Office of Admissions. Honors Program invitations are extended to entering first-year students whose aptitude test scores and work in high school predict outstanding college-level achievement. The minimum admission criteria for invitation into the Honors Program are: 1) SAT scores of 1200 or an ACT score of 27; 2) high school GPA of 3.0 or higher; 3) rank in the top 15 percent of high school class; and submission of an application to the Honors Program. For international students the minimum admission criteria for invitation into the Honors Program are: (1) TOEFL score of 575; (2) rank in the top 15 percent of high school class; and (3) submission of the Honors Program application. Continuing students or transfer students who are interested in joining the program should contact the Honors Program co-directors for information.

Transfer Admission

An applicant is considered a transfer student when he/she has attended another **regionally accredited** post-secondary institution in any capacity after completion of high school.

The **regional accrediting** associations are: Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, and Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

Transfer applicants for admission must submit an application form, the non-refundable application fee, and official transcripts of collegiate-level schooling through the time of application. Final transcripts reflective of all completed course work is required up to the time of enrollment in the University.

The transfer applicant should have earned a minimum cumulative 2.0 GPA or a C average on at least two full-time semesters (24 semester credits) or its equivalent from a regionally accredited college(s). For information about transferable credits, applicants should refer to the Evaluation of Transfer Credit section of this catalog. Applicants who have earned less than 24 semester credits or its equivalent must meet both transfer and freshman admission requirements.

All applicants for transfer admission must be eligible to return to the last institution attended as a degree candidate. The applicant must submit transcripts of all previous work whether or not credit was earned, and regardless of whether there is a desire to transfer any credit from another institution. An official transcript from each institution attended must be sent directly to the Office of Admissions. Failure to submit transcripts may constitute sufficient cause for dismissal from the University.

Credit for work completed at other institutions by Coastal students will not be accepted for transfer if the student has previously failed to earn the required grade in an equivalent course at Coastal.

Regardless of the point in the student's academic career at which any student enters the University, the student must complete the last 30 credits (the senior year) before graduation enrolled in classes on campus. (See "in residence" under Graduation section in this catalog).

SECOND DEGREE SEEKING AND POST BACCALAUREATE CERTIFICATE SEEKING (TEACHER EDUCATION AND GERONTOLOGY)

Applicants seeking a second degree or a post-baccalaureate certificate must meet transfer admissions requirements to receive financial aid.

Evaluation of Transfer Credit: After having completed all procedures required for transfer admission, applicants for admission with advanced standing will be given a statement of credits accepted for transfer by the University within the first semester of enrollment. Students from regionally accredited colleges and universities may transfer credit for academic courses completed with grades of C (meaning C-, C or C+) or above, but the University reserves the right to determine what credit, if any, for courses taken elsewhere will be counted toward its degrees.

Applicants for admission with advanced standing from colleges and universities not accredited by a regional accrediting association must validate, by examination, all credits presented for transfer. Detailed explanation of validation procedures may be found in the Credit by Examination section of this catalog or may be obtained from the Registrar. Credit from foreign colleges/universities is evaluated by the International Programs Office in coordination with the dean of the student's major and the dean of each course in review.

A maximum of 76 transferable credits from any **regionally-accredited** two-year college transfer program will be applicable toward a Coastal Carolina University degree.

A maximum of 90 transferable credits from any **regionally-accredited** four-year college or university will be applicable toward a Coastal Carolina University Degree.

A maximum of 30 credit hours may be applied toward a Bachelor's degree from the combined sources of military credit and correspondence credit, provided that the student was not enrolled in such courses while on suspension from Coastal or any other college-level institution.

Transfer credit is evaluated and applied in one of three ways at Coastal Carolina:

- a) as parallel credit (the course must have involved at least the same amount of class time and have had the same content) or
- b) as a departmental elective (courses in the discipline must be offered at Coastal) or
- c) as a general elective.

Academic courses completed with a grade of **C (meaning C-, C or C+)** or above at **regionally accredited** institutions normally are transferable to Coastal Carolina. Courses that usually are not accepted for transfer are those which are:

- a) occupational or technical in nature;
- b) essentially remedial in nature; or
- c) from a two-year institution and are not recognized in that institution's catalog as a part of its college parallel (transfer) program.

Exceptions to this rule may be made only by the dean of the student's major or the Provost, and only in specific cases where such courses are judged to be uniquely relevant to the student's degree program.

Certain degree programs do not recognize transfer credit from a two-year institution for courses which are considered upper division or upper level courses at Coastal Carolina. In no Coastal degree program may such courses fulfill any upper level requirement within the major concentration, the minor, or the cognate. However, some degree programs will grant transfer credit for such courses in the lower level elective category or within the core curriculum requirements.

Grade point average (GPA) is calculated on the basis of all work in the student's career at Coastal Carolina. Credits earned at other institutions and transferred to Coastal, may be used to satisfy program requirements but will not be calculated as a part of the GPA. However, graduation with honors will be based on a GPA calculated on the basis of *all work in the student's postsecondary career, i.e. collegiate GPA*. The criteria for graduation with honors may be found in the Graduation with Honors section of this catalog.

International Student Admission

Applicants from countries other than the United States must meet regular admission requirements. International applicants will complete an application for International Admission, provide the necessary transcripts and /or learning certificates, take a standardized test and submit a financial verification form. Applicants whose native language is not English must take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). The minimum score for admission is 500 on the paper-based test or 173 on the computer-based test. Applicants whose native language is English are required to submit SAT or ACT scores.

Credit from foreign colleges/universities is evaluated by the International Programs Office in coordination with the dean of the student's major and the dean of each course in review.

Upon admission and proper financial verification, applicants will be issued an Immigration Form I-20 for use in requesting an F-1 student visa. In order to register officially as a student at Coastal, entry into the U.S. must be in F-1 student visa status. Also, individuals already in the U.S.A. who are out of status with the Immigration and Naturalization Service will not be permitted official registration.

International students attending on student visas are required to purchase the University insurance plan or show proof of a comparable plan acceptable to University personnel responsible for issuing Immigration and Naturalization Service certifying forms.

Probationary Admission

The Faculty Admissions Committee may grant applicants consideration for probationary admission if the academic credentials provided do not meet admission criteria but demonstrate the applicant's potential for success. The probationary student may enroll for a maximum of 13 credit hours for one semester. In order to continue after the initial semester, the probationary student must earn a grade of C or higher in each course attempted to be considered for regular admissions.

Readmission

A student enrolled as a baccalaureate degree-seeking student who leaves the University in good standing and misses one or more major terms and does not attend another institution need only submit the application for readmission in order to return to the University. Summer terms do not count as a major term in this instance.

A student enrolled as a baccalaureate degree-seeking student who leaves the University in good standing, misses one or more major terms and attends another institution while away must submit the application for transfer admission along with complete official transcripts of all collegiate-level work attempted during the absence from the University. Such applicants must meet the requirements for transfer admission.

A student who leaves the University on first suspension need only apply for readmission upon completion of the stated period of suspension. A student on indefinite suspension must submit the required application for readmission after petitioning to the University's Petitions Committee for Suspensions.

A student who is suspended from Coastal Carolina University or any other institution for any reason, academic or non-academic, may not earn academic credit toward Coastal degree programs during the period of suspension, whether enrolled in another college or

by correspondence course of any origin.

The University's Petitions Committee for Suspensions and the Director of Admissions of the University reserves the right to place stipulations upon the readmission and/or reinstatement of any student. A student unable to meet the prescribed readmission requirements may appeal to the Provost for consideration of extenuating circumstances.

Pre-College Honors Program

High achieving rising high school seniors can begin college studies on the Coastal Carolina University campus concurrently with their high school work. Applicants must provide a high school transcript with a minimum **B+** average through the junior year in a college preparatory program, acceptable PSAT, SAT or ACT scores, recommendation of high school counselor or principal, complete a special application with special fee, and course approval by the University Admissions Committee. Students attending the University in this program will be considered non-degree candidates.

NON-DEGREE CLASSIFICATION

Applicants not initially seeking to earn a bachelor's degree may be admitted to Coastal Carolina University in a Non-Degree classification. Credits earned as a Non-Degree student may be applied toward degree requirements at a later date.

The Non-Degree admissions classification allows certain students the opportunity to begin classes prior to providing the finalized credentials necessary to enroll as a Degree Seeking student. Traditional freshman applicants are not considered for Non-Degree admission.

It is important to note that students admitted in a Non-Degree classification cannot receive any student financial aid.

Non-Degree classifications include:

Audit Student:

an applicant seeking to take degree courses and not intending to earn university credit for the courses. Approval is made for one semester and is made on a space available basis.

Note: Auditing a course consists of attending classes. An auditor, however, is not responsible for assignments or examinations. No credit may be earned in an audited course by examination or otherwise. No audited course may be repeated for credit at a later date. Course work not taken in a traditional format may not be audited.

Transient (Visiting) Student:

an applicant seeking to take courses at Coastal Carolina University while regularly enrolled in another (home) institution. The applicant must secure approval from the Academic Dean or University Registrar at the home institution to ensure that the courses will transfer. Students seeking to continue in a visiting status for subsequent terms must have the approval from the Office of Admissions.

Adult Learner:

an applicant 22 or older seeking to take courses for personal or professional enhancement (including degree seeking students who cannot provide finalized transcripts) can be admitted and enroll in a maximum of 18 semester hours of credit. At the completion of 18 credit hours, the student must meet regular degree seeking status to the University. Official transcripts from previously attended institutions are required at this time.

Senior Citizen:

an applicant 60 years of age or older and a resident of South Carolina can enroll in classes free of charge providing there is available space in the class. A special senior citizen application can be completed in the Office of Admissions.

Concurrent High School Student:

an applicant who is a high achieving high school student has opportunities to earn college credit. Classes are taught at the high schools. Admission is based on meeting regular standards, the approval of the high school, and the University Admissions Committee.

ORIENTATION OF NEW STUDENTS

Coastal Carolina's Orientation program is designed to assist new students in making a successful transition into University life. All new freshmen are required to attend Orientation, and Orientation is highly recommended for new transfer students. At each Orientation session, new students meet with an adviser, plan their academic program, and register for classes. Students also receive information on campus activities and services as they learn their way around campus and make connections with Coastal's faculty, staff, and students. Two-day Orientation sessions for freshmen and one-day sessions for transfers occur throughout the summer, and there is also a one-day session in January for students planning to begin their studies in the spring. Freshmen are required to take math and foreign language placement tests on the Internet prior to attending an Orientation session.

While students are attending Orientation, parents and family members are encouraged to attend a Parent Orientation program that addresses questions and concerns regarding academic policies, residence life, health and safety issues, and other services available to students. Registration materials for Orientation are mailed to students once they have been accepted, and information is also available on the University's web page, www.coastal.edu.

In a Non-Degree admissions classification the student is not regularly admitted to Coastal Carolina University. The terms of the Non-Degree admission are limited by semester and/or the maximum number of credits allowable in a particular classification.

To gain admission as a regular Degree Seeking candidate, the Non-Degree classified student must submit a new application as a Degree Seeking candidate. All academic transcripts of previous work will be required. Admission into Degree Seeking status will be based on previous academic work and the grades attained as a Non-Degree student at Coastal Carolina University.