

## Wichita State University Qualified Admission Policies

The following policies pertain to the admission of new undergraduate students, hereafter referred to as “applicants,” at Wichita State University, are effective December 1, 2020 and are intended to be compliant with Qualified Admissions Regulations approved by the Kansas Board of Regents (K.A.R 88-29a-1 through 88-29a-19 as amended Oct. 16, 2020 by K.A.R. 88-29c-1 through K.A.R. 88-29c-10). These regulations are applicable to students entering Wichita State University in the summer 2021 session or later.

### A. Application Procedures

1. All applicants for degree-seeking and non-degree seeking admission must submit the following items for consideration:
  - Completed and signed application for admission
  - Application Fee (currently \$40 degree seeking and \$25 non-degree seeking)
2. Additionally, various academic credentials must be submitted depending on the student’s status and semester of entry. These would include high school and other college transcripts and standardized test scores. Additional documentation that could be required include (but is not limited to) in-process course schedule and permanent residency documentation. Admission decisions may be made pending receipt of certain documents; however, all students must have a complete file prior to the second semester of enrollment at Wichita State University. Students who do not have a complete file on record will have their registration privileges placed on administrative hold.
3. A complete application file for degree-seeking students will include:
  - Completed and signed application for admission.
  - Application Fee.
  - An official copy of final high school transcript documenting graduation; home-school transcript showing completion of high school requirements; or a GED; or other high school equivalency certificate.
  - Students with transferable credit hours must provide official copies of transcripts from each college or university attended.
  - Official ACT/SAT scores if applicable.

### B. Admission Categories

Wichita State will admit degree-seeking students into three admission categories. The three categories and requirements for exiting each are detailed below:

1. **Regular Admission** – Students admitted in this category are granted permission to enroll without conditions or restrictions except the policies of Wichita State University, which may include (but are not limited to) satisfying requirements for advising, student health, orientation, academic advising, financial operations, financial aid and freshman housing requirements.
2. **Provisional Admission** – Students admitted in this category are granted permission to enroll subject to restrictions that include enrollment in a limited number of credit hours per semester enrollment in developmental or college preparatory courses, and achievement of a 2.0 grade point average at the end of the first academic year of enrollment. Specific limitations and time frames vary by student, will be set by the academic college and/or the designated admissions exceptions process, and will be communicated to the admitted student.

Students can exit the provisional admission category by compliance with completion of the restrictions or requirements set upon their enrollment as indicated above. A provisionally admitted student may be denied admission to a specific degree program. Students who fail to exit the provisional admission category in a period of

time set by Wichita State University based on the set restrictions will not be allowed to enroll in subsequent semesters until the restrictions have been met.

- 3. Temporary Admission** – Students admitted in this category are granted permission to enroll pending receipt of official documents which verify the student meets certain admission requirements and/or complete the application file.

Students can exit the temporary admission category upon receipt by Wichita State University of all documents needed to finalize the admission decision and/or complete the application file. A temporarily admitted student may be denied admission to a specific degree program. Students have one semester to exit the temporary admission category; subsequent enrollment will not be allowed until the temporary status has been cleared.

Non-degree seeking students requesting admission as degree-seeking students must submit any additional required documents to the Office of Admissions for consideration under the degree-seeking admission requirements as specified in K.A.R. 88-29c-9(c), K.A.R. 88-29-4, K.A.R. 88-29c-5, K.A.R. 88-29a-6, K.A.R. 88-29c-7, and K.A.R. 88-29a-7a as detailed in this document. Such students may be admitted in any of the degree-seeking categories or the relevant exceptions window.

Students who are admitted in more than one category will not be granted regular admission until all requirements for exiting each category are fulfilled.

### **C. Admission Requirements**

- 1. Degree-Seeking Students: Students with less than 24 transferable credit hours who are younger than 21 years old**

Kansas residents and nonresidents who are graduating from or who have graduated from accredited high schools will be admitted if they:

- Achieve a minimum ACT composite of 21 or a minimum combined SAT-I of 1060 (critical reading and math scores), **OR**
- Have a cumulative GPA of 2.25+ on a 4.0 scale, **AND**
- Achieve a 2.0 cumulative GPA in previous or current transferable college courses.

Kansas residents and nonresidents who are graduating from or who have graduated from non-accredited high schools will be admitted if they:

- Achieve a minimum ACT composite of 21 or a minimum combined SAT-I of 1060 (critical reading and math scores), **AND**
- Have a cumulative GPA of 2.25+ on a 4.0 scale, **AND**
- Achieve a 2.0 cumulative GPA in transferable college courses.

Kansas residents and nonresidents who have earned the GED certificate will be admitted if they:

- Achieve a minimum 150 score on each subtest and a 680 total score, or the equivalent scores as defined in K.A.R. 88-29c-1, **AND**
- Earn a 2.0 cumulative GPA for any transferable college credit taken previously.

If a student achieves the required test score through a recognized super-scoring process, the super score may be considered for admission purposes.

Applications from undergraduate students attending high school outside of the United States will be reviewed individually and admission decisions made based on completion of a course of academic study at a level that exceeds the minimum graduation standards of the secondary school, or if such academic study is determined to be the functional equivalent necessary for admission under K.A.R 88-29c-1 *et. seq.*

## **2. Degree-Seeking Students: Students with 24 or more transferable credit hours**

Resident and nonresident students with 24 or more transferable credit hours must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00 (on a 4.00 scale) on all college work for admission.

Some academic colleges at Wichita State require a higher transfer GPA for admission to specific departments/programs.

Transfer Kansas residents who fail to meet these admissions requirements may be admitted via the exceptions window for resident transfer admissions pursuant to K.AR. 88-29-8a.

Non-resident transfer students who fail to meet these admissions requirements may be admitted via the exceptions window for non-resident transfer admissions pursuant to K.A.R 88-29-8b.

Wichita State University will accept any post secondary transfer credit from institutions accredited (or those who have been granted pre-accreditation status) by regional or national accrediting agencies recognized by the United States Department of Education.

## **3. Degree-Seeking Students: Students 21 years old or older with fewer than 24 transferable credit hours**

Kansas residents and nonresidents over the age of 21 with fewer than 24 transferable credit hours will be admitted if they:

- Have graduated from an accredited high school, **OR**
- Have graduated from a non-accredited school, **OR**
- Achieve a minimum 150 score on each subtest and 680 total score, or the equivalent scores on future GED testing iterations as defined in K.A.R. 88-29a-1, **AND**
- Achieve a 2.0 cumulative GPA in transferable college courses taken previously.

## **4. Degree-Seeking Students: Exceptions**

Degree-Seeking students who do not meet any of the above stated admission requirements may be considered for admission in the admissions exception window on a first come, first served basis.

The admissions exceptions process will be determined and executed by the university president or his/her designee. Four exceptions windows are established, pursuant to K.A.R. 88-29c-9 (citing K.A.R. 88-29a-8 through K.A.R. 88-29a-8c), as listed below. Students admitted by the university's admissions exceptions process will be placed in the applicable exceptions window. There are no set minimum criteria for exception admissions; each decision is made on an individual basis considering all relevant items including (but not limited to) ACT/SAT scores, high school coursework and GPA, transfer coursework and personal circumstances. When managing noted capacity, preference will be given to applicants with military service. Students admitted by exception are notified by the Office of Admissions.

Exception window for resident freshman class admissions (K.A.R 88-29a-8).

Exception window for nonresident freshmen class admissions (K.A.R. 88-29a-8c).

Exception window for resident transfer admissions (K.A.R. 88-29-8a).

Exception window for nonresident transfer admissions (K.A.R. 88-29-8b).

## **5. *Non-Degree-Seeking Students***

In accordance with K.A.R. 88-29c-9, Wichita State has established subcategories for non-degree seeking applicants. The three subcategories and admission criteria for each are detailed below:

### Open Admission

Students who meet one of the following criteria are eligible for open admission:

- Graduated from high school, or have earned the equivalent of a high school diploma, **OR**
- Have not graduated from high school, are at least 21 years of age, **OR**
- Are currently on active military duty, **OR**
- Hold a baccalaureate or higher degree.

Students not meeting the requirements above may be considered for non-degree admission at the discretion of the Office of Admissions.

### High School Guests

High school students may be admitted to take courses at Wichita State if they meet the following criteria:

- Achieve a minimum high school cumulative GPA of 2.75, **AND**
- Be a high school sophomore, junior, or senior, or a freshman with a gifted I.E.P student, **AND**
- Achieve a minimum college GPA of 2.0 (for future guest semesters), **OR**
- Have permission from a high school official and parent/guardian.

Exceptions to the high school guest admission process are evaluated on a case-by-case basis by the Office of Admissions.

### College Guests:

Students attending another college or university who wish to attend Wichita State temporarily, should submit a nondegree college guest application and application fee to the Office of Admissions.

Transcripts from previous colleges are not required for guest admission, but transcripts may be required to verify completion of prerequisite courses.

Students admitted in a non-degree status are not eligible for federal financial aid. Guest admission is limited to 30 credit hours. Beyond the 30-credit hour limit, students must apply for degree-seeking admission and meet the requirements for the intended program. To transition to degree-seeking, students must submit an application for admission, the \$40 application fee, all transcripts when applying for degree-seeking admission, and meet the appropriate standards for admission outlined in this policy.

Degree-seeking students requesting to switch to non-degree seeking status will make the change with the University Registrar; no review is required.