

Admission to the University

Transylvania seeks students who have demonstrated the ability and motivation required to gain full benefit from a demanding program of liberal education and who will contribute to the total life of the university through excellence of character and high personal goals.

The Office of Admissions gives careful consideration to several factors in reviewing applications for incoming students. These include the high school academic transcript, scores on standardized tests (ACT and/or SAT), letters of recommendation, the admissions essay, and extracurricular activities. For transfer students, both college and high school transcripts are considered.

Students applying for admission to Transylvania should have a sound program of college preparatory courses. It is recommended that the program include a minimum of four units of English, four units of mathematics, four units of science, two units of social science, and two units in a foreign language. While these courses are not requirements for admission, they constitute the kind of educational foundation that is important for success at Transylvania. In unusual circumstances, the admissions committee may choose to exercise flexibility.

Two recommendations are required: one from the high school guidance counselor and one from a high school teacher or college professor who has had direct, recent experience with the applicant.

A personal interview with an admissions counselor on Transylvania's campus is strongly recommended. If this is not possible, the interview may be held in the high school, the home, or elsewhere when an admissions counselor is in the student's area.

Transylvania University admits students regardless of age, race, color, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation, disability, veteran status, national origin, or any other classification protected by federal or state law or local ordinance.

The Application

To be considered for admission, the high school applicant must submit the following:

1. The completed admissions application
2. The current, official high school transcript
3. An official ACT or SAT score
4. Two recommendations, as specified on the application form

Once a student has been admitted, a \$210 enrollment deposit is required to reserve a place in the entering class.

Special Application Procedures

Although the majority of our students enter the university directly upon graduation from high school, some enter under other circumstances. In those cases, the following procedures apply:

Early admission and enrollment at Transylvania are possible for outstanding high school students at the end of the junior year. A junior interested in early admission should contact the admissions office as early as possible. The procedure for applying is the same as for regular admission. A letter from the high school principal stating that the student will graduate at the end of the junior year is also required, and an interview with an admissions counselor or the director of admissions may be required.

Transfer students are welcome at Transylvania if they meet entrance requirements. Procedures for transfer students are similar to those for first-year students. Applicants must provide Transylvania with complete, official transcripts from all other colleges or universities attended. In addition, a final high school transcript or a copy of the GED certificate must be submitted. Two recommendations are required, following the instructions on the application form. Upon admission, the university will make every attempt to adapt credits earned at other institutions to Transylvania's curriculum.

Deferred admission is available to students who are graduating from high school but wish to defer the continuation of their education for up to one year, as long as the student does not attend another institution during that time.

Home-schooled applicants follow the same application procedures as their public and private school counterparts. The admissions office may request additional information detailing the applicant's course of study.

International students who do not have access to ACT or SAT testing, and for whom English is not the native language, must submit scores received on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). A score of 80 on the Internet-based test is required for consideration. International students offered admission must pay an enrollment deposit and submit a Verification of Finances form before Transylvania can issue a federal I20 form.

Readmission is generally required for students who have withdrawn from Transylvania, either voluntarily or through suspension. The procedure is handled through the Office of the Registrar.

Visiting the Campus

A campus visit is strongly encouraged as a means of becoming acquainted with Transylvania. Visits during the school week are of most benefit, but students may also visit on certain Saturdays through the academic year. In addition, Saturday open houses are held in the fall, and a visit day especially for high school sophomores and juniors is held in the spring.

Students planning to visit the campus should contact the admissions office at least two weeks in advance. Arrangements can be made to tour the campus, attend classes, speak with an admissions counselor, eat in the dining hall or grill, and meet with faculty and students. High school seniors are encouraged to stay overnight in a residence hall; overnight visits can be arranged for Sunday through Thursday evenings, except during finals week and holiday breaks.

The admissions office is located on the third floor of Old Morrison, the administration building. Telephone numbers are (800) 872-6798 (TRANSY U) and (859) 233-8242; office hours are 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. (Eastern Time) Monday-Friday and by appointment on Saturday.

For a campus map, go to www.transy.edu/tours/campus.htm.

Special Admissions Opportunities

Transylvania participates in several programs designed to enable entering students to receive credit for academic work already completed. These include the following:

1. Academic credit for some college course work completed as a high school student. Courses must meet transfer requirements.
2. Advanced Placement (AP) program
3. International Baccalaureate (IB) academic program

For More Information

Applications and further information about admission are available from the

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