

# Shawnee State University

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## 1.0 PURPOSE

Shawnee State University, created pursuant to O.R.C. Chapter 3362, serves as the regional state university for Southern Ohio. SSU is an open access university for all students who have successfully completed a high school education. This policy serves to identify SSU's requirements for admission to the University's degree programs and the credit requirements for those programs.

## 2.0 ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR BACCALUAREATE AND ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAMS

2.1 Admission to University baccalaureate or associate degree programs is determined by an applicant's (1) earned high school diploma, as defined by the State of Ohio, (2) level of "college preparedness" as defined by the State of Ohio's UNIFORM STATEWIDE STANDARDS for REMEDIATION-FREE STATUS (see link to state standards webpage below), and (3) ability to meet the requirements of a specific selective-admission program.

2.1.1 Non-College Prepared Students. Applicants not meeting the college preparedness standard will only be admitted into a non-selective admission associate degree program and be required to participate in University programs and courses for underprepared college students.

2.1.2 International Applicants. Admission requirements for international applicants also include meeting a university-established minimum test score on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or equivalent for applicants whose native language is not English and proof of sufficient financial resources.

2.1.3 Transfer Students. Applicants applying for admission to associate or baccalaureate programs who have earned credit post high school from other regionally accredited colleges or universities are considered transfer students and are admitted under the same standards described in sections 2.2 and 2.3 of this policy and may be subject to additional requirements.

- 2.2 Associate Degrees. The University offers both selective and non-selective admission associate degree programs. All associate degree programs will require a minimum of 60 hours of undergraduate credit and completion of University requirements and a curriculum specified for the particular program prescribed in the Shawnee State University Catalog at the time of the applicant's matriculation.
- 2.3 Baccalaureate Degrees. The University offers both selective and non-selective admission baccalaureate degree programs. All bachelor's degree programs shall require a minimum of 120 hours of undergraduate credit and completion of University requirements and a curriculum specified for the particular program prescribed in the Shawnee State University Catalog at the time of the applicant's matriculation.

### 3.0 ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMS

- 3.1 Master's degree programs shall require a minimum of 30 hours of credit at graduate level and completion of University requirements and a curriculum specified for the particular program prescribed in the Shawnee State University Catalog at the time of the applicant's matriculation.
- 3.1.1 Applicants are only admitted to selective admission Master's degree programs.
- 3.1.2 Applicants to an SSU master's degree program must present evidence of an earned bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution and meet the requirements for the program for which they are applying.
- 3.1.3 International applicants are subject to additional requirements established by the University's Graduate School.
- 3.2 Doctoral degrees generally require the successful completion of at least 90 semester credit hours (or 135 quarter credit hours) of work beyond the bachelor's degree or at least 60 semester credit hours (or 90 quarter credit hours) beyond the master's degree. Deviations from these credit hour guidelines require proper justification and state approval.
- 3.2.1 Applicants are only admitted to selective admission Doctoral degree programs.
- 3.2.2 Applicants to an SSU doctoral degree program must present evidence of an earned master's degree from a regionally accredited institution and meet the requirements for the program for which they are applying.
- 3.2.3 International applicants are subject to additional requirements established by the University's Graduate School.

#### 4.0 NON-DEGREE SEEKING APPLICANTS

Individuals who enroll at the University who are not seeking a degree for reasons or circumstances such as personal enrichment, guest status, dual credit enrollments, College Credit Plus, or other early college programs will be admitted as non-degree students. Credits earned as a non-degree seeking student may be applied upon admission to a degree program.

##### Important Links:

University Catalog: <https://www.shawnee.edu/registrar/academic-catalog>

State of Ohio's Uniform Statewide Standards for Remediation-free Status:

\*<https://highered.ohio.gov/static/files/uploads/college-readiness/2021%20Uniform%20Remediation%20Free%20Standards.pdf>

##### History

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