

# Specific Admission Requirements

## Freshmen

Students attending a postsecondary institution for the first time beyond high school graduation are considered first-year (new freshmen) students. All students in this classification must submit the materials listed for General Admissions Requirements:

1. Completed application form.
2. Non-refundable application fee.
3. Official high school transcript (or GED certificate/diploma **and** scores).
4. SAT or ACT scores (optional).

## Transfers

Transfer Students are defined as students seeking admission to California University of Pennsylvania (Cal U) who have earned university credit following high school graduation.

Transfer students seeking admission to Cal U must submit:

1. Completed application form.
2. Non-refundable application fee.
3. Official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions previously attended.
  - Students will not be granted transfer credits from prior institutions after matriculation to the university.
4. Submit a high school transcript if there are fewer than 12 transferrable credits from a regionally accredited institution. (Transferrable credits are a grade of D or higher and non-developmental.)

## Early Admission for High School Students

High school students may be eligible for early admission to Cal U through the Office of Admissions, provided the following requirements have been met:

1. The student must submit a completed application and pay the application fee.
2. The applicant must have completed the sophomore year of high school and be enrolled in a college preparatory curriculum.
3. An early admission authorization form must be completed with all necessary signatures affixed.
4. The student's official high school transcript must be submitted and reflect a cumulative grade point average of 3.00 for the past two years. (For upcoming juniors, ninth- and tenth-grade averages will be used.)
5. The applicant must have taken the PSAT, SAT or ACT examination. Contact the Office of Admissions at 724-938-4404 for the current requirements.
6. The student's status will be classified as non-degree for each session while still in high school.
7. The student must submit an authorization form for each session that enrollment at Cal U is desired.
8. If a student desires to attend Cal U upon graduation, they must apply by submitting an application and final high school transcript. A second application fee is not required.

## Graduates of Cal U

Students who graduated from Cal U and are seeking an additional degree of the same level must complete a readmissions application for the second degree. Students seeking a graduate degree are required to submit a graduate application and all requirements and pay an application fee.

### Other Post-baccalaureate Students

Students who graduated from another institution and want to enroll in undergraduate programs at Cal U must submit a completed application, application fee and official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended.

### International Students

International students are defined as students seeking admission to the University who possess citizenship with countries other than the United States of America and nations formally party to the Compact of Free Association.

First-time international students seeking admission to the University must submit:

1. Completed international admissions application form.
2. Non-refundable application fee.
3. Copy of the biographical page of their passport.
4. Official high school transcripts showing senior secondary grades or equivalent credential.
5. Official college entrance examination scores (optional).
6. English Language Test Scores.
7. Completed affidavit of financial support and financial documentation.

All credentials presented in support of an application for admission become the property of the University. The International Admissions official will exercise professional judgment in the context of the student's education system in their nation of origin. Assuming that all records indicate that international students could be successful, final admission is contingent upon acceptable clearance from the education authorities of the home country and from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).

International students seeking to transfer to California University of Pennsylvania must submit the above items in addition to certified English translations of transcripts from all postsecondary schools attended for admission.

### Visiting Students

Students who wish to enroll at Cal U with the expectation of transferring credits to their home institution and do not wish to receive a degree from Cal U are classified as visiting students. Admission is granted for the approved semester only. For more information regarding the admissions process for visiting students, contact the Office of Admissions at 724-938-4404 or [admissions@calu.edu](mailto:admissions@calu.edu).

### Non-degree Students

Students may take courses at Cal U without being a candidate for a degree. Non-degree students must submit a completed application, application fee and all appropriate official transcripts to the Office of Admissions. Tuition and fees are the same as for degree-seeking students. Students may complete up to 30 credits in a non-degree-seeking status. After reaching 30 credits, students must either declare a major or indicate in writing that they do not plan to pursue a degree at Cal U.

For more information, contact the Office of Admissions at 724-938-4404.

### Veterans

Veterans of the United States armed forces who have not attended an institution of higher education since their honorable discharge are admitted to Cal U upon following the general admission procedures. Veterans may be awarded credit for their military training and military schools. All veterans, reservists and National Guard members who have been honorably discharged may be eligible for credits.

Each veteran or reservist seeking such an award must submit a copy of DD 214 to the director of Veterans Affairs. Military personnel are encouraged to submit their transcripts to the Office of Articulation and Transfer Evaluation. Evaluations are conducted based on the latest American Council of Education Guides. For more information regarding military transcripts, contact the Office of Transfer Admissions at 724-938-5939.

### **Active Military**

Military personnel are encouraged to submit their transcripts to the Office of Transfer Admissions. Evaluations are conducted based on the latest American Council of Education Guides. For more information regarding military transcripts, contact the Office of Transfer Admissions at 724-938-5939.