

ADMISSION TO THE UNIVERSITY

The Office of Admissions processes all applications for admission to undergraduate and graduate programs at the University. Inquiries about admission should be addressed to the Director of Admissions, Meisler Hall Suite 2500, University of South Alabama, Mobile, Alabama 36688-0002, or telephoned to (251)460-6141, toll-free number at (800)872-5247, or e-mail at admiss@southalabama.edu. Information is also available via a link on the University's Home Page on the World Wide Web: <https://www.southalabama.edu/departments/admissions/>.

Application for Admission

Students applying for admission to the University of South Alabama are required to file an application for admission with the \$35 nonrefundable processing fee by the deadlines noted. The application is available on the Admissions website via a link from <https://www.southalabama.edu/departments/admissions/applytousa.html>.

Note: The University reserves the right to change fees without prior notice, as deemed necessary by the Board of Trustees (<https://www.southalabama.edu/departments/trustees/>).

Deadlines, Transcripts, and Test Scores

Students are urged to apply for admission well before their intended semester of entry. Scholarships and other financial aid and housing are more likely to be available to the qualified student who applies early. All undergraduate applications, including the required official documents, must be received no later than July 15 for fall semester, December 1 for spring semester, and May 1 for summer semester. Deadlines for applications and supporting documents for international students are earlier than the deadlines for U.S. Citizens. Refer to the "International Students" section for details. Scholarship deadlines are significantly earlier and published in the "Financial Aid" section of the Bulletin.

All documents required for admission review (transcripts, test scores, or letters of recommendation) must be official, i.e., mailed or sent electronically from the home institution or testing agency directly to the Office of Admissions by the deadline. These documents become the property of the University of South Alabama. The applicant is responsible for making certain that the admission application, processing fee, and all required documents are received by the University by the appropriate deadline.

First Time Freshmen must submit an official high school transcript showing grades earned and courses pursued. (A final official high school transcript showing the date of graduation is required for those who apply before the end of their senior year.) In addition, First-Time Freshmen applicants, who are not applying test-optional, must submit official college entrance examination scores-either the result of the ACT or the Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT).

High school students should take the test in the spring of the junior year or early in their senior year so test results will reach the University in ample time for admission review. Applicants must have the scores sent directly to the University from the testing agency by listing the University's code number as a recipient when registering for the examination (ACT code is 0059; SAT code is 1880) or by requesting an additional score report from the testing agency.

High school graduates, who are not applying test-optional, must submit test scores if their semester of matriculation is within five years of high school graduation or if they have not reached the age of 23. If applying for admission five years after graduation, applicants who have not taken the ACT or SAT need not sit for the examination and may apply under the Special Freshman Admissions category.

(See "Special Freshmen Admission (<http://bulletin.southalabama.edu/admissions-enrollment-services/admission-types/#specialfreshman>)" under Admission Types).