

# FRESHMAN ADMISSION

## Freshman Orientation and Registration

An orientation/registration program (Bama Bound) is provided for all new freshman students to assist with the transition to college. Information about orientation and registration is sent to admitted students.

For all new undergraduate students, initial math placement will be based on ACT or SAT math score or previous college mathematics credit. If a student does not have one of these or wishes to try to improve his or her placement, the student may take the online math assessment. Foreign language placement is determined by several factors. These factors include the following: the number of high-school units completed; language placement examination scores; or, for those with native or heritage competency, faculty evaluation. Students with more than two high school units of French, German, Spanish, or Latin should take a placement examination by logging in to their mybama account, under Admissions/Scholarships tab, in the box titled Undergraduate Admissions, look for "Foreign language assessment." All assessments should be completed one week prior to Bama Bound.

Each orientation session gives students the opportunity to learn about the University, as well as academic programs and services offered to students. Students also enroll in classes for their first term at the University. Several orientation sessions are provided each year. For more information, visit [orientation.ua.edu](http://orientation.ua.edu).

## Preparation for College-Level Work

The University of Alabama Core Curriculum, required of all graduates, provides the foundation of every undergraduate degree program at the University. In addition to providing a solid understanding of the subjects covered, the core curriculum acquaints students with the ways knowledge is created.

The core curriculum includes academic courses in writing, humanities, fine arts, social sciences, natural sciences (including laboratory experience), and mathematics; it also requires knowledge of a language other than English. To prepare for the core curriculum, applicants are encouraged to take maximum advantage of their high school experiences by accumulating as many academic units as is practical.

## Minimum Requirements for Admission

In terms of educational preparation, the college preparatory curriculum minimum unit requirements for regular admissions are:

English	4 units
Mathematics	3 units, including algebra I, algebra II, and one unit of either geometry, trigonometry, or calculus
Social Studies	4 units
Natural Science	3 units, including 2 units with a laboratory
Foreign Language	1 unit
Other academic courses	5 units (courses recommended are in fine arts or computer literacy, with additional courses in mathematics, science and foreign language)

The University of Alabama employs a competitive admission process that includes reviewing and evaluating each application on an individual basis for an applicant's abilities as a student and a scholar. Decisions about the potential for a student's academic success are based on ACT and/or SAT performance, high school GPA and high school course schedule. A writing score is not required but can be reviewed if a student does not

meet regular admissions standards as set forth by the ACT/SAT and GPA requirements.

The course/unit requirement also applies to transfer students who have completed fewer than 24 semester hours or 36 quarter hours of college-level courses.