FRESHMAN ADMISSION

Freshman Candidates

Freshman candidates are defined as individuals who have earned a high school diploma, completed a home schooling program or earned a General Educational Development (GED) certificate within six months of enrolling at Benedictine University.

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Admission is based on a review of each student's total academic and extracurricular record. It is necessary for some applicants to complete additional materials or come to the University for further assessment. Benedictine's philosophy is to select students who will perform successfully in our academic programs and become active members of the University community. Requests for admission are considered without regard to the applicant's race, religion, gender, age, national origin or disability.

High School Academic Preparation

Benedictine University requires its students to complete the following high school curriculum. If a student enrolls at Benedictine University not having satisfied the requirements, the student will be required to do so while enrolled at the University. Courses with a number less than 1000 do not count toward the 120 semester credit hours required for graduation. University-level courses (1000 level or above) completed to fulfill a condition of admission will count toward the 120 semester credit hour graduation requirement, but do not satisfy the University Core requirements. **Note:** a unit, as identified below, is equivalent to one full year of study in a given subject area.

1. Four units of English (emphasizing written and oral communication and literature).
2. Three units of social studies (emphasizing history and government).
3. Three units of mathematics (introductory through advanced algebra, geometry, trigonometry or fundamentals of computer programming).
4. Three units of science (laboratory science).
5. Two units of modern language.

How To Apply to the Mesa Campus (Freshman Candidates)

Send all materials to: 225 E. Main St., Mesa AZ 85201. A personal interview with an admissions counselor is generally advisable and occasionally required. Official transcripts bearing the signature of the registrar and the institutional seal must be issued by mail or electronically from the institution to Benedictine's Enrollment Center. Official transcripts bearing the signature of the registrar and the institutional seal, emailed directly from the High School Guidance Counselor or school transcript vendor, are also considered official.

Consideration for admission will take place when all the necessary information is received. Applications should be submitted as early as possible during the senior year of high school. Admission can be granted on the basis of six semesters of high school credit. Admission can be revoked if satisfactory completion of senior year coursework is not obtained and restrictions can also be added should academic portfolio change post admission and prior to course enrollment.

1. Submit a completed application form.
   a. Apply or download an application online at https://apply.ben.edu/mesa-undergraduate.cfm
   b. Request a hard copy application by contacting us at (602)888-5500 or email at mesa@ben.edu.
2. Submit official high school transcript. Home school transcripts should include letter grades, length of courses and texts used.
3. Submit official copy of ACT, SAT, TOEFL or IELTS test scores.
4. Submit High School Guidance Recommendation form (available online) to be completed by high school guidance counselor (may be required for some candidates).
5. Written personal statement (may be required of some candidates).

Mesa Campus Freshman Admission Requirements

We offer rolling admissions into all of our traditional undergraduate programs, meaning applications are accepted and admissions decisions are made throughout the year without deadline restrictions. We encourage traditional undergraduate students to apply within their first semester of their senior year of high school. The application review process takes approximately one week. Once your completed application has been received and reviewed, an admissions counselor will personally contact you by phone with your admission status. Prospective freshmen should accept the offer of admission and pay the tuition deposit no later than May 1 to secure their spot for the incoming freshman class.

Benedictine University requirements for Freshman Admission

As of fall 2020, Benedictine University observes a test-optional policy

- 2.500/4.000 Cumulative High School GPA
- 21 ACT/1060 (Math and Critical Reasoning combined) score SAT Recommended.

Transcript Evaluation Review: A freshman candidate that does not meet the 2.500/4.000 cumulative High School GPA can be reviewed for admittance based on a review of their high school transcript(s). An applicant who possesses a minimum of 10 high school units, in total, of C or better (or its equivalency) coursework from the academic areas of English, Social Studies, Mathematics, Science or Modern Language is eligible for admission to Benedictine University.

Academic Admission Committee: A freshman candidate who does not meet the 2.500/4.000 cumulative High School GPA requirement or does possess 10 high school units of C or better coursework can be considered for admission based on submission of a letter of recommendation (i.e. high school teacher, guidance counselor), following which, they may be required to successfully complete a personal interview with the Benedictine Academic Admission Committee. In many cases a student through academic admission committee can be admissible to Benedictine with required conditions of their admission such as expected attendance to the Bridge Program, restriction on declaration of academic major until their second semester of enrollment and required attendance to academic support engagements (i.e. study skills workshops, bi-weekly meetings with academic support such as advising, student life or library).

Certain programs may have additional enrollment criteria which can be found under Academic Programs (https://catalog.ben.edu/mesa-undergraduate/academic-programs/).