
ADMISSION TO MINNESOTA STATE MANKATO

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NOTE: Minnesota State Mankato's admissions policies, including application deadlines, are currently in effect as of June 15, 2012.

Minnesota State Mankato is committed to providing opportunity for everyone who desires and is prepared to continue educational growth. Past performance by Minnesota State Mankato students indicates that adequate preparation prior to entry into the university is of considerable importance. Consequently, admission requirements have been established to emphasize the need for such preparation prior to admission.

HIGH SCHOOL ADMISSION

Applicants for on-campus and on-line classes who are graduates of accredited high schools (or who hold a GED certificate with acceptable scores) with no prior college work will be considered for admission to Minnesota State Mankato on the basis of high school rank, ACT or equivalent score and high school preparation requirements. Applicants at or above the 50th percentile in class rank or with an ACT or equivalent score at or above the 50th percentile with a satisfactory class rank and high school preparation requirement compliance will be admitted.

HIGH SCHOOL PREPARATION REQUIREMENTS

4 years of English (including composition and literature); 3 years of math (2 years of algebra and 1 year of geometry); 3 years of science (including 1 year each of a biological and a physical science – each with significant lab experience); 3 years of social studies (including 1 year each of U.S. history and geography); 2 years of a single world language and 1 year of world culture or an arts elective.

Applicants who do not meet the above admission requirements will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. The review will include an evaluation of strength of college preparation work, grade point average, probability of success, academic progression as well as class rank and ACT or equivalent test scores. Additional information may be requested prior to making an admission decision.

Applicants who have been out of high school three or more years without attending any college, university or technical school, will generally be admitted upon application and providing evidence of high school graduation or the equivalent (GED). Proof of high school graduation is required before enrollment.

HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATION PROCEDURE

1. Complete the Minnesota State Mankato application form. Forms can be obtained from your high school or the Office of Admissions or via the admissions website.
2. Have the high school send a copy of your high school academic record, including coursework, grades and class rank, to the Office of Admissions.
3. ACT or equivalent test is required and score reports should be sent to the Office of Admissions.
4. A \$20 non-refundable application processing fee is required, but may be waived if proof of financial hardship is provided.

Application Deadlines. Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis, but to expedite processing, it is recommended that applications be received 45 days before a semester begins. Applications for admission will not be considered complete until all required materials and processing fees are received in the Admissions office. Materials submitted to the Office of Admissions become the property of Minnesota State Mankato and will not be returned. Applications must be completed five (5) working days prior to the start of classes to be considered.

POST SECONDARY ENROLLMENT OPTION (PSEO) ADMISSION

Participation Guidelines

1. PSEO students admitted to Minnesota State Mankato have the rights and responsibilities of University students.
2. In accordance with MnSCU policy 3.5, high school juniors ranking in the top 33% of their class or a score at or above the 70th percentile on a nationally standardized norm-referenced test, and seniors ranking in the top 50% of their class or a score at or above the 50th percentile on a nationally standardized, norm-referenced test will be considered for the program. Students from high schools/alternative schools/home schools that do not have class rank are required to take the ACT and score 23+ for juniors and 21+ for seniors or the SAT and score 1030+ for juniors and 990+ for seniors (critical reading and math sections only). However, the university reserves the right to restrict enrollment in any given year to insure resources are available for regularly admitted students. PSEO students are not allowed to receive special "Permission to Register" from faculty or departments. These admission standards shall apply to all Minnesota State Mankato courses. Application deadlines for program participation are Fall Semester: the preceding July 15 and Spring Semester: the preceding December 15.
3. PSEO students must obtain and submit to Minnesota State Mankato a signed Notice of Student Registration form for each semester they intend to enroll. This form is provided by the Minnesota Department of Education (<http://children.state.mn.us>). Forms may also be obtained from most high school counseling offices.
4. The university reserves the right to restrict the number of PSEO students enrolled in individual courses.
5. The university does not allow PSEO enrollment in summer session classes.
6. In situations where a calculated high school rank cannot be provided other factors will be considered in admission. These factors may include standardized test score, recommendations from high school counselors or other information acceptable to the Minnesota State Mankato Admissions Office.
7. Residence Hall rooms are not available to PSEO students at Minnesota State Mankato.
8. PSEO students who require a sign language interpreter and/or textbooks in alternative format may contact the Minnesota State Mankato Director of Disability Services to arrange registration early enough to obtain needed services.

Academic Standards for PSEO Students

1. All students in the PSEO program will be expected to maintain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 ("C") or better and maintain a course completion rate of 67% or higher. All courses must be taken for a letter grade. If a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better and/or completion rate of 67% or higher is not maintained, students will be dropped from the program. They will not be allowed to appeal this or re-enroll in the PSEO program. In such cases, both the student and participating high school contact person will be notified in writing.
2. The PSEO program reimburses a maximum of 18 credit hours per semester.
3. PSEO students may not enroll in courses that have additional course related costs or special fees beyond the regular student fees paid per credit. Examples of this include but are not limited to music lessons, computer rental, flight labs, international/study abroad classes, classes involving out-of-state travel.
4. All textbooks purchased through the PSEO program are the property of Minnesota State Mankato and must be returned to the Barnes and Noble Bookstore at Minnesota State Mankato upon completion of the course or immediately if a course is dropped or the student withdraws from Minnesota State Mankato.
5. University level credits earned to meet high school graduation requirements are accepted as university credits at Minnesota State Mankato, but other institutions may not consider them to qualify as college/university credit. PSEO students interested in attending other colleges or universities should check with other institutions regarding acceptance of PSEO credits.
6. Advising regarding the use of university level credits to meet high school graduation requirements must be done by the high school counselor.
7. All courses taken by PSEO students must be approved for Post Secondary Education Options students at the 100 and 200 levels. PSEO students are not allowed to register for courses numbered below 100, arranged courses and courses offered at the 300 and 400 level.
8. Credit by Exam or College Level Examination Program (CLEP) and arranged courses are not allowed to be taken for credit by PSEO students.

TRANSFER ADMISSION

Transfer applicants with a minimum of 24 semester (36 quarter) transferable college level credit hours, from accredited colleges or universities, having completed at least 67 percent of credits attempted with a cumulative grade-point average of 2.00, will generally be admitted to Minnesota State Mankato with advanced standing.

Transfer applicants who have NOT completed 24 semester (36 quarter) transferable college level credit hours must meet the high school graduate admission requirements described previously and must have achieved a cumulative grade-point average of 2.00 and a 67 percent completion rate in all college-level credit.

Transfer applicants from colleges and universities NOT regionally accredited may be considered for admission on an individual basis. Admission if granted, will not necessarily be with advanced standing.

Transfer applicants under academic or disciplinary suspension or dishonorably dismissed from previous institutions or who are unable to obtain official transcripts will not be considered for admission.

All transcripts of courses taken from all post-secondary institutions must be sent to the Office of Admissions. Transcripts from any institutions in the MnSCU system are available electronically to the Admissions Office.

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INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ADMISSION

Applicants who are not permanent residents or citizens of the United States must meet the equivalent of the minimum undergraduate academic requirements for high school graduates and transfer applicants as previously outlined.

International Student Application Procedure

1. Complete an international student application document (which includes the application form, a financial statement, and an international student agreement). International students transferring from another U.S. institution must also complete the "International Student Advisor Form" page of the application document. The international application document is available for download from the Admissions website or by request from the Office of Admissions.
 2. Provide recent bank statements to substantiate the availability of financial resources in the amount listed on the financial statement pages of the application document.
 3. Submit official or attested copies of transcripts or credentials from each U.S. and international secondary and post-secondary institution attended. Official transcripts for any U.S. institutions attended must be forwarded to the Office of Admissions DIRECTLY by those institutions. Also, although not required prior to admission, in order to have any international university credits potentially apply toward a degree program at Minnesota State Mankato, these prior credits must be evaluated by an outside professional credit evaluation agency recognized by NACES. Majors within the College of Science, Engineering and Technology specifically require ECE "subject analysis" evaluations.
 4. English Proficiency: The applicant must demonstrate proof of English proficiency in ONE of the following ways:
 - TOEFL score of 500 or better (paper and pencil exam); or
 - TOEFL score of 173 or better (computer based exam); or
 - TOEFL score of 61 or better (iBT, Internet-Based exam); or
 - A certified institutional TOEFL (meeting the appropriate score benchmark identified above); or
 - A minimum Band Score of 5.5 on the Academic International English Language Test System (IELTS) exam; or
 - Other standardized measures comparable to a 500 (paper-based) TOEFL, such as an SAT Critical Reading score or an Accuplacer score.
- Students transferring from a U.S. college of university may satisfy

the English proficiency requirement by having completed one semester of non-ESL Freshman English Composition I with a "C" or better grade (or non-ESL Freshman Composition I & II with a "C" or better if on the quarter system).

- Citizens of countries whose first language is English will be reviewed for English proficiency on a case-by-case basis.
5. Submit a one-page statement in English summarizing applicant's life, education, and reasons for seeking an education at Minnesota State Mankato.
 6. Submit a \$20 non-refundable, non-waivable application processing fee.

Procedure for visiting students. Students in good academic standing at an accredited institution abroad can study at Minnesota State Mankato for one or two semesters as non-degree seeking students. Applicants for visiting student status do not need to submit official and attested documentation of their prior education as outlined under point 3 above. They do need to submit official and attested documentation of good academic standing at their home institution. Students from partner institutions should contact Ms. Caryn Lindsay at the Kearney International Center to begin admission procedures. All other students are asked to contact Dr. Diane Berge at the Office of Admissions.

Please note that visiting student status cannot under any circumstances be converted to admission as a full (degree-seeking) student. Visiting students who decide to pursue a degree at Minnesota State Mankato will have to return to their home country in order to begin regular admission and visa procedures.

Intensive English Language Institute. Students who want to improve their academic English or who rank below the required minimum TOEFL 500 and equivalent levels, are invited to study English at Minnesota State Mankato through the Intensive English Language Institute (IELI).

The IELI offers semester-long programs in which students combine study in English as a Second language with one or two regular courses for which they receive language support and academic credit. Students need to meet all admissions requirements except the language requirement to participate in this program; after completing it successfully, students can enroll as regular degree-seeking students.

The IELI is operated in collaboration between the Department of English and the College of Extended Learning. For more information about admission, cost and procedures, please contact Amy Mukamuri at the IELI, the International Center, or the College of Extended Learning.

Application Deadlines. Application items listed in the Application Procedure should be received by specific deadlines.

For students not already studying in the U.S. and applying from another country, the priority deadlines are:

- April 1 for the August term
- September 1 for the January term

For students who ARE studying at a U.S. high school, college, university, or a U.S. ELS, the priority deadlines are:

- June 1 for the August term
- November 1 for the January term
- March 1 for the May term

NOTE: Applicants should be in good standing with the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Services. Also, additional information about policies related to and services for international students are found in the Campus Resources section of this bulletin under "International Center".

COLLEGE OF EXTENDED LEARNING ADMISSION INFORMATION

EXTENDED LEARNING STUDENT ADMISSION

In order to meet the educational needs of students whom may be nontraditional and place bound, Minnesota State Mankato has created an alternative process for applicants interested in the University's offerings in the College of Extended Learning. This process applies only to admission to the University. Degree programs have their own admission requirements which are distinct from this policy.

Enrollment Criteria. Students may register for up to 16 credits in Extended Learning courses (Extended Campus—Section 60; Online—Media Code 3;

and/or Friday/Saturday College—Section 81) prior to or simultaneously with submitting material for the regular admission process. Students may not enroll in non-Extended Learning courses unless they have met the regular admission requirements.

Applicants for limited admission as addressed in this policy must have completed their high school diploma or GED at least three years prior to enrolling in Extended Learning Courses. Applicants are required to apply for and be granted regular admission status to exceed the 16 credit limit.

At any time while a student is completing these 16 or fewer credits, the student may be admitted to regular admission status if the student meets all the requirements for regular admission. Information about the regular Admission requirements can be found at <http://www.mnsu.edu/admissions/>

The official version of the entire policy, including procedures, is available on the University's Policy website (<http://www.mnsu.edu/acadaf/policies/>).