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The criteria used to assess academic potential are: the scholastic record as reflected by the rigor of courses chosen in high school and the quality of performance; rank in class (where rank is reported); scores earned the SAT and/or the ACT; participation in extracurricular and community service activities; secondary school counselor and teacher recommendation; and essays.

Students are holistically selected on the basis of individual merit. The University does not discriminate against applicants seeking admission because of their race, color, national or ethnic origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, disability, veteran status or family financial status.

Required and Elective Units for Admission. Although individual consideration is given to each applicant, it is expected that all applicants, except in most unusual circumstances, will minimally satisfy the unit requirements listed below the college to which they make application. As used here, a unit represents a year’s work in any subject. Each college requires 16 units.