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Freshman Students

How do I know if I'm a freshman?

- Are you a high school senior?
- Have you graduated from high school, but not attended a college or university?
- Do you have a GED and have not attended college?
- Have you completed less than one year of college?

If you answered "yes" to any one of these questions you are a freshman.

A transfer applicant is someone who has graduated from high school (or taken the GED) and has earned at least 40 quarter-hour college-level credits.

Quick Reference: Transfer credit information earned through AP exams, CLEP, International Baccalaureate and Running Start can be found on the [Transfer Credit Policy](#) Web page. You may also wish to review [Special Circumstances](#) for deferring your admission, obtaining an application fee waiver, retention of records, late applications and other answers.

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What are the admissions criteria for freshman applicants?

Students entering directly from high school and high school graduates who have accumulated fewer than 40 transferable credits by the [application priority date](#) will be considered for admission upon the following:

- A grade point average (GPA) from high school (minimum 2.0 cumulative for full consideration, 2.8 or above recommended)
- Test scores in the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or American College Testing (ACT)
- Completion of required high school coursework
- Good standing in any college work attempted

The most important factor is academic achievement demonstrated by the nature and distribution of your high school coursework. This work should include classes in English, social sciences, a foreign language, mathematics, science and the arts.

You may submit additional materials you believe will strengthen your application, such as your [personal statement \(PDF\)](#), letters of recommendation and essays. Letters of recommendation and essays should be limited to one page and should clearly address your academic history and educational goals.

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Artwork, videos and audio recordings will not be considered.

The average GPA for a freshman applicant admitted to fall quarter 2007 was 3.06. The average SAT verbal and math composite test score was 1103 and the average ACT composite test score was 24.

What high school courses are required for admission?

Freshman applicants are required to have completed the following college-preparatory program in high school:

English	4 credits
Social Studies	3 credits
Foreign language (single language)	2 credits
Mathematics (Algebra I and above)	3 credits
Science (at least one lab science)	2 credits
Fine, visual or performing arts or college-prep elective from one area above	1 credit

This list of [acceptable college-preparatory coursework \(PDF\)](#) may help you decide which courses meet the subject-area requirements

Is diversity a factor in the admissions process?

Evergreen seeks a diverse student body. Special recognition will be given to applicants who are Vietnam-era veterans, adults 25 or older and students whose parents have not graduated from college. Determination of diversity factors is based on information provided on the [undergraduate application](#).

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Since I'm taking college courses before graduating from high school, how does this affect my admission?

College courses on your official high school transcript are counted toward meeting the college-preparatory courses. These courses may also be counted again as transfer credit after you have been admitted.

A 5 credit (quarter hours) college-level course is equal to a full year of high school instruction. A 3 credit (semester hours) college-level course is also the equivalent of a full year of high school instruction. For example, if you completed 5 credits of English 101, this is equal to a full year of high school instruction. Furthermore, if you completed this course with a C-grade or better, you will have 5 transfer credits.

After you have been admitted, pay the \$50 (US) nonrefundable advance tuition deposit and request an official transcript from the college that you attended. An Admissions Credentials Evaluator will review your college transcript and award you transfer credit. It is your responsibility to provide this college transcript before you start taking classes at Evergreen.

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What will happen if I don't complete the required coursework?

An Admissions Credentials Evaluator reviews your official transcript and test scores. If the evaluator notices that you will not complete the required coursework by the time you graduate from high school, your file will be referred to the Director of Admissions. The director will ask how you plan to take the course(s) you are lacking—for example: you may add the required course to your schedule or you may take the required course during the summer or you may take the required course at a community/junior college. The required course needs to be completed before you start taking classes at Evergreen. Once your written response is received, your application will be considered for admission.

If you have concerns about completing all of the required courses, an [Admissions Counselor](#) will respond to your questions.

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What paperwork do I need to submit to be considered for admission?

1. Complete the online application or paper application. The nonrefundable application fee is \$50 (US). You'll find additional information about the application process on the [Apply Now!](#) Web page.

2. Contact your high school and request an official transcript. Ask to have this document sent to Evergreen.
3. Take the SAT or ACT test and have the scores sent to Evergreen. Evergreen's SAT school code is 4292; the ACT school code is 4457. If you've taken the SAT or ACT test already, make sure that the scores are part of the high school transcript that is sent to Evergreen.

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Is a personal statement required?

You are invited to submit additional materials you believe will strengthen your application. Your optional [personal statement \(PDF\)](#) might describe your academic interests, goals and why you believe Evergreen is the right college for you. You might also consider submitting letters of recommendation and essays. Submissions should be limited to one page and clearly address your academic history and preparation for rigorous study. Applicants with [index scores \(PDF\)](#) below 25 are encouraged to submit a personal statement.

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Is an interview required?

An interview with an Admissions Counselor is not required. However, many prospective students will [visit Evergreen](#) and speak with an Admissions Counselor. This visit is not considered an interview, but may help you decide if Evergreen is the right college choice for you. Evergreen Admissions Counselors visit many cities across the nation and offer interviews to prospective applicants. [Go Green](#) lists the states and cities we visit. [Meet the Counselors](#) will help you put a face-to-a-name prior to your interview.

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I am a Home School student. How will my application be reviewed?

Admission applications for Home School students are evaluated on an individual basis. You are required to submit the following:

- Home school education documents and
- SAT or ACT test scores and
- [Your personal statement \(PDF\)](#)
- All official high school transcripts (if applicable)
- All official college transcripts (if applicable)

Recommendations from school district educators or college professors, who can address your academic preparation, are welcome.

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I have my GED. How will my application be reviewed?

Freshman applicants who have taken the [General Education Development \(GED\) test](#) must submit an official set of test scores and official test scores from the SAT or ACT. Your GED scores for each exam should be in the 60th percentile range for admission consideration.

I am an adult with less than a year of transfer credit. How will my application be reviewed?

Applications from adult students with less than one year of transfer credit will be reviewed based upon high school coursework and grade point average, test scores from either the SAT or ACT tests and the college coursework completed by the time you apply. If you did not graduate from high school, please submit a set of [GED test scores](#). You are required to complete the same [coursework](#) outlined for freshmen.

Are you 25 years of age or older? You may submit a personal résumé and [personal statement \(PDF\)](#) in lieu of SAT or ACT test scores. Your personal résumé may include work and volunteer experiences.

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What happens after Evergreen receives my application?

The Office of Admissions creates a file when your application is received. Your transcripts and test scores are placed in this file. You may receive a letter from a Credentials Evaluator, who works in Admissions, requesting additional information. When all the required documents have been received, your file is complete and you're ready to be considered for admission. This process could take as few as 10 working days, or it could take several weeks.

For example, if you submit an application on September 1 and plan to take the SAT on December 20, your application file will not be complete until your test scores have been received. More information about the admission process can be found on the [Apply](#)

[Now!](#) page.

Help me get organized!

Maybe one of these checklists will help you get organized:

[Checklist for Fall Quarter \(PDF\)](#)

[Checklist for Winter Quarter \(PDF\)](#)

[Checklist for Spring Quarter \(PDF\)](#)

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I have more questions. How can I contact Evergreen for answers?

Send [email](#), call or write us with your questions. The address below is also where you should send your official transcripts and test scores.

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An afterword from Admissions

Evergreen may not be able to offer admission to all qualified applicants if the number of applicants exceeds the number of enrollment spaces available in the entering class.

The college reserves the right to deny the applicant admission if his or her enrollment could present a physical danger to the campus community.

Once the college notifies you of your eligibility, you will be asked to send a nonrefundable advance tuition deposit of \$50 (US) by a stated deadline to assure your place at the college for the quarter of admission. This deposit is an admissions processing fee that will be credited toward the first quarter's tuition. Admission and deposit do not guarantee your enrollment in a particular program or course.

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- [Residential & Dining Services](#) (campus housing and food services)
- [Scholarships](#)