



## Proposed Admissions Standards University of Colorado Boulder November 2014

### **Purpose:**

The “Submission of Institutional Standards to Commission” (4.01.02.04) section of the *Admissions Standards Policy* approved by CCHE in December 2013 with revisions from September 2014, states the following:

*...institutions are required to establish and submit to the Commission for approval admissions standards by December 1, 2014. Institutions will submit admissions standards in a format to be determined by the Department in consultation with the institutions.*

Colorado Revised Statute 23-1-113 explains that the admission standards shall be established at “...all state-supported baccalaureate and graduation institutions of higher education in the state.”

It is important to clarify that admission standards are intended to be a means of determining requirements for admission at four-year colleges. Meeting the admission standards does NOT guarantee admission to students as there is a broad range of factors which institutions consider in making decisions.

The CCHE Admissions policy was updated to reflect three areas from which institutions are to set admissions standards (4.01.02). This includes mid 50% range of Assessment Scores from ACT or SAT (4.01.02.01), mid 50% range of Grade Point Average correlated to a 4.0 scale (4.01.02.02), and Rigor (4.01.02.03).

**The University of Colorado Boulder** proposes the following standards for admissibility of new first-time entering student applicants:

### **High School GPA mid 50% range:**

*High School GPA is considered in conjunction with other standards as a part of a comprehensive and holistic review when determining admissibility. Based on analysis of data for the previous year’s admitted new/first-time freshman class, the following represents the middle 50% range GPA of the University of Colorado Boulder admits: 3.35 – 4.0 GPA*

### **Assessment Scores mid 50% range:**

*Assessment scores are considered in conjunction with other standards as a part of a comprehensive and holistic review when determining admissibility. Based on analysis of data for the previous year’s admitted new/first-time freshman class, the following test scores represent the middle 50% range ACT and SAT scores of University of Colorado Boulder admits:*

*ACT Composite range = 25-30*

*SAT (Critical Reading + Math) = 1110-1310*

**Rigor:**

*Beginning with the entering class of 2008, the CCHE implemented the Higher Education Admission Requirements (HEAR) based on research done by American College Testing (ACT). Additionally, The University of Colorado Boulder has also adopted the University of Colorado system's Minimum Academic Preparation Standards (MAPS) as a benchmark for academic rigor. For the rigor component, The University of Colorado Boulder proposes to maintain the HEAR and MAPS standards and content areas listed below for admission into its baccalaureate programs.*

<u>Academic Area</u>	<u>2008/2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>(CU MAPS)</u>
English	4 Units	4 Units	4 Units
Mathematics	3 Units	4 Units	4 Units
Natural Science	3 Units	3 Units	3 Units
Social Science	3 Units	3 Units	3 Units
Foreign Language	Not Req.	1 Unit	2 or 3 Units (depending on college/school/program)
<u>Academic Electives</u>	<u>2 Units</u>	<u>2 Units</u>	<u>0/1/2 Units</u> (depending on college/school/program)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15 Units</b>	<b>17 Units</b>	<b>17 Units</b>

**Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness (PWR) Endorsed Diploma Admission****Guidelines:**

*The University of Colorado Boulder is a selective institution as listed in the Colorado Admission Standards Policy. When the PWR Endorsed Diploma is adopted, incoming freshman students with the PWR Endorsed Diploma will receive priority consideration throughout the admission review process. Exclusions as listed in the Admission Policy will prevent students from this guarantee (i.e. missing admission application deadline; failure to successfully complete PWR Endorsed Diploma as reflected on the final transcript; and other factors like violations of the institution's campus safety/conduct guidelines).*

**Minimum Transfer GPA:**

*Transfer GPA is always considered in conjunction with other academic attributes such as number of college academic credits earned and strength of curriculum as a part of a comprehensive and holistic review when determining admissibility. Typically applicants should present a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or above for admission consideration. Applicants with AA or AS degrees are guaranteed admission with a 2.7 GPA.*

*Based on analysis of transfer GPA data from the previous year, the following represents the average middle 50% range GPA of University of Colorado Boulder transfer admits: 2.94 – 3.60 Transfer GPA*