



Proposed Admissions Standards
University of Colorado Denver
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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 Denver proposes the following standards for admissibility of new first-time entering student applicants:

High School GPA mid 50% range:

Based on analysis of data for the previous 5 years’ admitted new/first-time class, the following range represents the mid 50% GPA of our admits: **3.1-3.9 GPA.**

Assessment Scores mid 50% range:

Based on analysis of data for the previous 5 years’ admitted new/first-time class, the following test scores in combination with the aforementioned GPA range were a predictor of student success in the first year. The University of Colorado Denver accepts both tests and will consider the written component in decision making:

ACT Composite range = **21-26**

ACT English = 20-26

ACT Math = 20-26

SAT Combined (Critical Reading & Math) range = **1010-1210**

SAT Critical Reading = 490-610

SAT Math = 500-620

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, CU Denver has 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 Denver 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 (HEAR)</u>	<u>CU MAPS</u>
English	4 Units	4 Units	4 Units
Mathematics	3 Units	4 Units	3 or 4 Units
Natural Science	3 Units	3 Units	3 Units
Social Science	3 Units	3 Units	2 Units
Foreign Language	Not Req.	1 Unit	2 Units
<u>Academic Electives</u>	<u>2 Units</u>	<u>2 Units</u>	<u>1 Unit</u>
TOTAL	15 Units	17 Units	15 or 16 Units

Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness (PWR) Endorsed Diploma

Admission Guidelines:

As the University of Colorado Denver is a *selective* institution as listed in the Colorado Admission Standards Policy, incoming freshman students with the PWR Endorsed Diploma will receive priority consideration for admission. 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 and Transfer Academic GPA Mid 50% Range:

Transfer GPA is always considered in conjunction with other academic attributes as part of a comprehensive review when determining admissibility.

The minimum cumulative transfer GPA required for admission is: **2.0 GPA**

Based on analysis of data for the previous 5 years' admitted new transfer students, the following range represents the mid 50% transfer GPA of our admits: **2.7-3.5 GPA.**