

The background of the slide is a black and white photograph of a university campus. On the left, there is a multi-story brick building with large windows. To the right, there are several tall, thin trees, possibly pines, against a light sky. The overall scene is a typical university setting.

Massachusetts State Universities
School Counselor Panel – May 11, 2021

With Representatives from:
Bridgewater State University
Fitchburg State University
Framingham State University
Massachusetts College of Art and Design
Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts
Massachusetts Maritime Academy
Salem State University
Westfield State University
Worcester State University

This Slide Deck

- This slide deck will provide you general information about the admission requirements for the Massachusetts State Universities.
- This slide deck is being shared prior to the event for your convenience because we won't spend an enormous amount of time covering these topics during the panel.
- But please feel free to ask any clarifying questions during the panel or in the "Changes to Admissions Requirements" breakout session

Freshman Applicants (3 Components)

1. Successful completion of required academic courses in specific subjects,
and
2. A minimum average and weighted grade point average (GPA) earned in high school level academic courses;
and
3. The submission of SAT or ACT scores (unless a student selects to be test optional, where available)

SAT/ACT Optional Pilot Institutions

YES:

Bridgewater
Fitchburg
Framingham
MassArt
Salem
Worcester

NO:

MCLA
MMA
Westfield

ADMISSIONS STANDARDS

The minimum admissions standards for the state universities are set by the Department of Higher Education

Each university may set higher standards for admission

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HIGH SCHOOL CORE REQUIREMENTS

Subject	Fall 2017 Entry and Later
English	4 Courses
Mathematics	4 Courses (Alg. I & II and Geometry or Trigonometry, or comparable coursework) including mathematics during the final year of high school
Sciences	3 Courses (from Natural Science and/or Physical Science and/or Technology/Engineering), including 3 courses with laboratory work
Social Sciences	2 Courses (including 1 course in US History)
Foreign Languages	2 Courses (in a single language); Not required of Vocational/Technical HS Students <i>Note: American Sign Language (ASL) is considered a foreign language.</i>
Electives	2 Courses (from the above subjects or from the Arts & Humanities or Computer Sciences)

RECALCULATING GPAs

- **Weighted 4.0 Scale**
- **College Prep Courses**
- **Honors Courses - additional $\frac{1}{2}$ point**
- **AP, IB, and Dual Enrollment – extra full point**

Admissible with 3.0 or higher

SLIDING SCALE

A sliding scale based on a minimum grade point average (based on a 4.0 scale) and a corresponding SAT or ACT score. Each university may set higher standards.

Recalculated GPA	Combined SAT Score (Evidenced Based Reading & Writing and Mathematics)
3.0 and higher	No SAT or ACT Min. Requirement
2.51 – 2.99	990 (19 ACT)
2.41 – 2.50	1030 (20 ACT)
2.31 – 2.40	1070 (21 ACT)
2.21 – 2.30	1110 (22 ACT)
2.11 – 2.20	1140 (23 ACT)
2.00 – 2.10	1180 (24 ACT)

EXEMPTIONS

Applicants who are English language learners

Applicants with learning or other disabilities

Applicants enrolled in career/vocational technical high school programs

Applicants who are graduates of high schools outside of the U.S.

Pre-College summer program applicants

SPECIAL ADMITS

Applicants not eligible for admission based on the standards outlined for freshmen, transfers, and non-traditional students, may be admitted based upon the demonstration of their potential for academic success at a state university or undergraduate UMass campus.

Appropriate indicators of success include steadily improving high school grades and academic achievement, a high class rank, special talents, and/or strong recommendations from appropriate individuals who have direct knowledge of the student's ability to succeed in college (such as teachers, principals, and guidance counselors; employers; and mentors).

Special Admissions students are limited to 10% of new enrollees at the state university or UMass campus.

Keep in mind...

These are BHE minimum academic standards.

Campuses may set higher standards
Limited Access Programs may have different
standards.

***No student may be admitted directly from a high
school with a GPA below a 2.0!***



FITCHBURG

LIMITED ACCESS PROGRAMS

Nursing

YES

Fitchburg
Salem
Westfield
Worcester

NO

Bridgewater
Framingham
MassArt
MCLA
MMA

COMMON APPLICATION SCHOOLS

YES

Bridgewater
Framingham
MassArt
MCLA
MMA

NO

Fitchburg
Salem
Worcester
Westfield

TRANSFER ADMISSIONS STANDARDS

Earned between 12 and 23 transferable college credits and a minimum 2.5 college GPA; or

Earned up to 23 transferable college credits and a minimum 2.0 college GPA and must also submit a high school transcript that meet the admission standards for freshman applicants; or

Earned 24 or more transferable credits and a minimum 2.0 college GPA.

SUMMER BRIDGE PROGRAMS

YES

Worcester
Salem
Fitchburg
Westfield
MMA

NO

Bridgewater
MassArt
MCLA
Framingham

QUESTIONS?

Bring questions on the admissions requirements or any other information in the slide deck to the panel or the “Changes to t Admission Requirements” concurrent sessi

