

may adversely affect the candidate's reserved space. Persons who are not approved for admission to the University are timely notified in writing.

Prior to registration for each semester, all new freshmen must submit a final official high school transcript that indicates date of graduation, and all transfer students must submit a final official college transcript to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. All new freshman and transfer students must have their physician complete the Medical Health Form and return this form along with a copy of his or her Immunization Record, to the Director of Health Services. The form can be obtained at <http://www.ncat.edu/~health/>. North Carolina law requires the University to suspend students who have not satisfied immunization requirements within 30 days from the beginning of classes for that semester. The University will accept a copy of a candidate's immunization record high school.

## ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

### Freshman Applicant

An applicant for admission is considered individually in accordance with the following criteria:

1. Evidence of academic achievement and promise with considerable facility in the use of the English language and with an understanding of the fundamental mathematical processes;
2. Complete record from an accredited secondary or preparatory school with graduation based on no fewer than 19 units; (See subject matter requirements in next section.)
3. Satisfactory scores on the Scholastic Assessment Test or the American College Test; (Students may be exempt from these tests if the high school graduation date is five (5) or more years at the point of matriculation to the University.)
4. Satisfactory class rank or grade point average.

These criteria, and those which follow, are applied flexibly to assure that people with unusual qualifications are not rejected in the admissions process. However, admission to the University is selective for out-of-state students. The University of North Carolina System has mandated that no more than 18 percent of the freshman class can be from out-of-state. Therefore, academic achievement and SAT/ACT scores must be competitive.

### Minimum Undergraduate Admissions Criteria

For admissions to all undergraduate programs all (1) **in-state** applicants must possess a combined Mathematics and Critical Reading Scholastic Assessment Test Score (SAT) of 750 or higher; composite American College Test Score (ACT) of 16 or higher; final high school grade point average of 2.25 or higher; (2) all **out-of-state** applicants must possess a combined Mathematics and Critical Reading Scholastic Assessment Test Score (SAT) of 950 or higher; composite American Collegiate Test Score (ACT) of 20 or higher; final high school grade point average of 2.85 or higher.

### Minimum Undergraduate Course Requirements

All in-state and out-of-state applicants must possess the following minimum course requirements for admission:

1. English – 4 units
2. Science – 3 units: A biological science, a physical science and a science with a laboratory are required.
3. Social Sciences – 2 units: United States History is required as one of the social sciences.
4. 2 units of the same Foreign Language.
5. Mathematics – 4 units

All applicants must present Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II and one of the following Advanced Mathematics courses.

- ✍ AP Calculus A/B
- ✍ AP Calculus B/C
- ✍ AP Statistics
- ✍ Pre-Calculus (formerly Advanced Math)
- ✍ Discrete Mathematics
- ✍ Integrated Mathematics IV
- ✍ Advanced Functions and Modeling
- ✍ IB Mathematics Level II

The following course can be taken at the community college to fulfill this requirement also, **but only when taken in concert with the associated lab course. Both the classroom and lab courses must be presented together to be accepted.**

- ✍ MAT 155 **and** MAT 155A (Statistical Analysis)
- ✍ MAT 165 **and** MAT 165A (Finite Math)
- ✍ MAT 171, 171A (Pre-Calculus Algebra) **and** MAT 172, 172A (Pre-Calculus Trigonometry)
- ✍ MAT 175 **and** MAT 175A (Pre-Calculus)
- ✍ MAT 252 **and** MAT 252A (Statistics II)
- ✍ MAT 271 **and** MAT 271A (Calculus I)

≈ MAT 272 **and** MAT 272A (Calculus II)

1. For applicants that attend a public high school in North Carolina the fourth unit of math must be one of the courses listed below.
2. For applicants that attend a non-public high school in North Carolina the fourth math must be comparable to one of the courses listed below and must be approved by the Office of Undergraduate Admissions.
3. For out-of-state applicants the fourth math must be comparable to one of the courses listed below and must be approved by the Office of Undergraduate Admissions.

For admission to all undergraduate programs, the applicant must present nineteen (19) units of high school credit in the following academic fields: English – 4 units; Science – 3 units; Mathematics – 4 units; Electives – 4 units; Social Sciences – 2 units; 2 units of the same Foreign Language.

1. All applicants must present Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II and an Advanced Mathematics course.
2. United States History is required.
3. A biological science, a physical science and a science with a laboratory are required.
4. No more than 2 units in vocational subjects and 2 units in the disciplines of Music and Physical Education.

### **Transfer Student Applicant**

The University accepts qualified students by transfer from other accredited colleges. Applications for admission may be considered if the transfer student:

1. is not presently on social or academic probation at the last or current school of attendance;
2. has a cumulative average of at least a "C" from the transferring institution and is eligible to return to that institution; and
3. has not been suspended or dropped from another institution.

Transfer student applicants who have attended another accredited college but have earned less than thirty (30) semester hours of specific acceptable credit must meet all freshman requirements. Transferable course work must include six (6) semester hours in each of the following areas: English, foreign language, history, mathematics, science--in order to be exempt from any high school requirements. Transfer for programs in the College of Engineering requires a 2.5 GPA if transferring from a four year institution with an accredited engineering program or 3.0 GPA if transferring from other types of institutions.

Applications from transfer student applicants cannot be considered until all credentials are received from the high school and all other institutions previously attended. Previous college records must show a cumulative average of "C" or above. No transfer course is accepted in which a grade below "C" was originally earned.

Transfer student applicants may be exempt from sending high school transcripts and/or standardized test scores who fall under the following categories .

1. Applicants who were awarded the high school diploma prior to 1988 and/or at least twenty-four years old prior to the beginning of classes and have completed thirty (30) semester hours of degree creditable work.
2. Applicants who have the associate of arts, the associate of science, or the associate of fine arts, the baccalaureate or any higher level degree.
3. Applicants who have completed a degree under an articulation agreement.
4. Applicants who have completed six (6) semester hours of degree creditable work in each of the following areas: English, Mathematics, the Natural Sciences, the Social and Behavioral Sciences, and Foreign Languages.

Accepted courses are recorded to the student's credit, but grade points are not calculated on the transferred courses. The university does not accept transfer credit from challenge examinations or for course work where grades of P/F have been given. The maximum number of transferable credits is eighty (80) semester hours from a four year college and sixty-four (64) semester hours from a two year college.

The University of North Carolina System and the North Carolina Community College System have designed a comprehensive articulation agreement to facilitate the transfer of courses to most four-year colleges and universities in North Carolina. The Comprehensive Articulation Agreement defines a forty-four (44) semester credit hours general education core and twenty (20) additional semester hours of transfer elective credit. North Carolina community college students who are in the Associate in Arts (A.A.) degree program or the Associate in Science degree program will be treated as juniors providing they are admitted. To obtain additional information please visit the University of North Carolina System at:

[www.northcarolina.edu/content.php/assessment/reports/student\\_info/caa.htm](http://www.northcarolina.edu/content.php/assessment/reports/student_info/caa.htm).

Transfer student applicants who do not meet the above stated policy should refer to the next section on Special Students.

For specific requirements freshmen and transfer student applicants should refer to the respective schools/colleges section and to departmental listings. However, the University reserves the right to change admission standards prior to the semester the student plans to enroll.

### **Special Students**

Special students are those who are not candidates for degree at the present time. This category includes (1) visiting students and (2) persons who have not enrolled for one academic year and are ineligible for admission as a transfer student. The University welcomes into this admission status enrollment of persons who are pursuing degrees elsewhere, who possess a baccalaureate degree, or who desire to earn prerequisites for graduate work. Such students may register upon the presentation of a signed statement from the appropriate official of his/her institution, or certifying agency, specifically listing and approving the courses to be taken. Such enrollment does not constitute regular admission to the University. To apply for this category of admission, the applicant must submit the application form for admissions with fee and provide supporting documentation as appropriate. Transcripts from all colleges and universities attended are required if the applicant plans to enter degree-seeking status at a later date. Visiting students must submit a transient course study form from the home institution that has been approved by the department chairperson, school or college dean and the University registrar. All others must provide evidence of readiness to pursue the courses desired and a statement of objective and purpose related to the request for special student admission. Such persons may register for no more than 12 semester hours per academic term and may remain in this category until they have attempted a total of 24 semester hours.

After completing one semester of full-time study or its equivalent, the unclassified student may petition the Office of Undergraduate Admissions to be admitted to the University as a regular degree seeking candidate on the basis of his/her academic accomplishments. All communications must be submitted to the Director of Undergraduate Admissions.

#### **International Students**

North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University welcomes and accepts applications from qualified students who are not United States citizens. Such students must meet each of the following criteria:

- 1) Satisfy all requirements governing admissions for the School to which the application is made.
- 2) Show proficiency in written and oral English usage. If English is not the first language of communication, the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) is required and a satisfactory level of English proficiency on both the total and part scores are required. A minimum score of 550 (paper based) or 213 (computer based) is required. An applicant may submit SAT/ACT scores in place of TOEFL scores.
- 3) Can conform to all contract regulations of the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service and be eligible for F-1 Student status as a freshman or transfer student from another school.

The I-20 Certificate of Eligibility will be prepared for all new international students who are admitted to the University and who have official documentation on file attesting to their ability to meet their school fees. The University has no financial aid for international students and permission to work is not usually granted by the Immigration and Naturalization Service. For additional information regarding International Students visit: [www.ncat.edu/%7eisso/](http://www.ncat.edu/%7eisso/).

### **OTHER POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

#### **Submittal of Credentials**

Applicants must take appropriate action steps to submit their official credentials to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions as early as possible, preferably not less than thirty (30) days before the beginning of the semester in which they plan to enroll.

#### **Interviews and Campus Visits**

Interviews are not required for admission; however, applicants with unusual circumstances are welcome to schedule an appointment with an Admissions Counselor or Director of Undergraduate Admissions to discuss their matter. We encourage applicants to visit the campus and engage in a campus tour. To make a reservation for a campus tour visit: [www.ncat.edu/~admit/direct.html](http://www.ncat.edu/~admit/direct.html).

#### **New Student Orientation**

All newly admitted students (freshmen, transfer, special, international) are required to attend an orientation session. For information regarding New Student Orientation visit: [www.ncat.edu/~freshman/](http://www.ncat.edu/~freshman/). All freshman students who plan to live on campus must arrive the day prior to their orientation session. All freshmen are required to take a Placement test in Mathematics and English. These placement tests are designed to assist with comprehensive academic advising, appropriate course selection to ensure degree completion and to accommodate scheduling of classes. Students who do not show proficiency in the Mathematics and English will be assigned remedial course work to ensure aptitude in these areas. Transfer student applicants in Engineering, Mathematics, Computer Science, Animal and Plant Science, Chemistry, Physics, Biology, and Electronics Technology programs are required to take a special mathematics placement test.

#### **Permission to Take Courses Elsewhere**

North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University degree-seeking students who desire to take courses elsewhere are required to obtain approval from their school/college dean before registering at another institution. Course descriptions are needed in order for accurate evaluations to be done. Only the credit hours will transfer to North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University and a minimum grade of "C" is required