FIRST-YEAR ADMISSION

The University of Miami offers the following admission plans: Early Decision I; Early Decision II; Early Action; and, Regular Decision.

Early Decision admission plans are designed for qualified applicants who have decided that the University of Miami is their first-choice institution. Two Early Decision admission plans are available: Early Decision I has a deadline of November 1; and, Early Decision II has a deadline of January 1. Early Decision I candidates are notified by mid-December; whereas Early Decision II candidates are notified by late February. Decisions of admit, defer, and deny are rendered in Early Decision. Students admitted in Early Decision I and Early Decision II must submit the required nonrefundable deposit to confirm their enrollment to the University of Miami within three weeks of admission. The Office of Undergraduate Admission reserves the right to withdraw its offer of admission if a nonrefundable deposit is not submitted by this deadline. Deferred candidates will be reconsidered under the Regular Decision admission plan.

The application deadline for Early Action is November 1. Early Action candidates are notified by the end of January. Decisions of admit, defer, and deny are rendered in Early Action. Admitted students must submit a nonrefundable deposit by May 1 to confirm their enrollment to the University of Miami. Deferred candidates will be reconsidered under the Regular Decision admission plan.

The application deadline for Regular Decision is January 1. Regular Decision candidates are notified of their admission decision by April 1. Decisions of admit, spring admit, waitlist, and deny are rendered in Regular Decision. Admitted students must submit a nonrefundable deposit by May 1 to confirm their enrollment to the University of Miami.

First-year fall applicants admitted to the spring term must submit a nonrefundable deposit by May 1 to confirm their enrollment to the University of Miami.

Waitlisted candidates will be considered on a space available basis beginning approximately mid-April. Students who have been admitted from the waitlist will have at least five business days to submit their nonrefundable deposit to confirm their enrollment to the University of Miami.

The Office of Undergraduate Admission recommends that applicants complete 20 units of secondary school coursework in the following five academic areas: English, mathematics, science, social science, and foreign language. Competitive applicants for admission meet the recommended units of secondary school coursework and typically have taken four units in a combination of all five academic areas at the highest levels available in their school settings.

Applicants must have the secondary school send an official transcript, including completed coursework, courses in progress, and the school report form. Applicants who have taken postsecondary coursework must provide an official college transcript directly to the Office of Undergraduate Admission. Applicants must submit two letters of recommendation.

First-year applicants may self-report SAT or ACT scores for consideration. Admitted students who self-report SAT or ACT scores for consideration must submit official test scores no later than mid-July if they have confirmed their enrollment to the University of Miami.

First-year applicants to the Frost School of Music may apply under test optional admission. Even if applicants to the Frost School of Music self-report SAT or ACT scores on the application, they will not be required to submit official test scores unless they indicate on the application that they wish to have their self-reported scores considered in the review process. If a student's self-reported scores are considered in the review process and that student is admitted and subsequently confirms their enrollment to the University of Miami, they must submit official test scores no later than mid-July. Regardless of whether or not a first-year applicant to the Frost School of Music opts to submit test scores for admission consideration or not, all Music applicants complete an audition as part of the evaluation process.

First-year applicants to the School of Architecture may apply under test-optional admission. Even if applicants to the School of Architecture self-report SAT or ACT scores on the application, they will not be required to submit official test scores unless they indicate on the application that they wish to have their self-reported scores considered in the review process. If a student's self-reported scores are considered in the review process and that student is admitted and subsequently confirms their enrollment to the University of Miami, they must submit official test scores no later than mid-July. If a first-year applicant to the School of Architecture applies opts not to submit test scores for admission consideration, they must submit a portfolio as part of the evaluation process.

Students who are admitted to the schools of Music and Architecture under the test-optional policy may not transfer their admission to another undergraduate school or college until the conclusion of their first year of studies at the University of Miami.

With the exception of the schools of Music and Architecture, students who are admitted to the University of Miami may request to transfer their admission to another program. Requests must be sent to and reviewed by the Admission Committee by May 15 of each calendar year. Requests sent after this date will be forwarded to the students’ respective school or college for their review and approval.

Admitted students who wish to alter their senior year courses in the five academic areas (i.e., English, mathematics, science, social science, and foreign language) must request approval from the Admission Committee before making any changes.

An audition, portfolio, or interview is required for the following tracks that lead to the Theatre Arts Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) degree: Acting; Design/Technical Production; Musical Theatre; Stage Management; and, Theatre Management.
International applicants are not required to submit SAT or ACT scores if they will graduate from a high school outside the United States; however, if an international student self-reports SAT or ACT scores on the application and they are admitted, the student must submit official test scores no later than mid-July if they have confirmed their enrollment to the University of Miami.

The Office of Undergraduate Admission super-scores the SAT and ACT. There is not a preference for either test. For those who submit both SAT and ACT scores, the Office of Undergraduate Admission will use whichever test is comparatively strongest.

Applications can be submitted via the Common Application. All forms are accessible online. The nonrefundable application fee must accompany the application for admission.

The University of Miami requires international applicants to submit the International Financial Certification Form. Several special programs may require additional materials to be considered for admission. More information can be found online.

See admission procedures for first-year students (http://www.miami.edu/admission/index.php/undergraduate_admission/apply/freshman/freshman_application_instructions/).