

# FIRST-YEAR ADMISSION

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The University of Miami offers the following first-year 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, spring admit, 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 by the deadline stated on their admission letter as well as confirm withdrawal of their admission applications to other postsecondary institutions. 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, spring admit, and deny are rendered in Early Action. Students admitted under Early Action must submit a nonrefundable deposit by May 1 to confirm their enrollment to the University of Miami. In order to be considered under the Regular Decision admission plan, Early Action candidates who have been deferred must opt-in via form submission by mid-February. Early Action candidates who have been deferred may opt-in to be reviewed under Early Decision II. They must opt-in via form submission and submit an Early Decision Agreement Form by the stated deadline.

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. Students admitted under Regular Decision 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. Nonrefundable enrollment deposits received from first-year fall applicants admitted to the spring term will be accepted on a space available basis after the May 1 deadline. The Admission Committee reserves the right to withdraw an offer of admission if a first-year fall applicant admitted to the spring term enrolls as a degree-seeking student at another college or university prior to their enrollment at 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 University of Miami does not require specific secondary school coursework in order to be admitted as an undergraduate applicant; however, 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.

Though not a part of the admission review process, the University of Miami expects enrolling first-year students to meet minimum computer requirements. These requirements may differ by school or college and can be found online.

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 at least one letter of recommendation.

Due to disruptions in testing schedules caused by Covid-19, prospective students may apply to the University of Miami for the Fall 2022 or Spring 2023 entry terms without submitting SAT or ACT scores. Applicants will not be at a disadvantage for admission if they apply without submitting SAT or ACT scores; moreover, all first-year applicants are automatically considered for the University of Miami's broad array of merit scholarship programs regardless of whether or not they submit SAT or ACT scores.

First-year applicants may self-report SAT or ACT scores for consideration. The Office of Undergraduate Admission superscores the SAT and ACT. There is not a preference for either test. For those who submit both SAT and ACT, the Admission Committee will use whichever test is comparatively strongest. The University of Miami neither recommends nor requires the optional writing section for either the SAT or ACT. Admitted students who self-report SAT or ACT scores for consideration must submit official test scores after they confirm their enrollment to the University of Miami.

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. Non-native English speakers are required to submit test scores from the TOEFL and/or IELTS.

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 mid-May for fall enrollees or by mid-October for spring enrollees. Requests received after these dates 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.

#### School-specific Admission Requirements

First-year applicants to the Frost School of Music may apply under test optional admission. Regardless of whether or not a first-year applicant to the Frost School of Music opts to submit test scores for admission consideration, all Frost School of Music applicants must complete an audition as part of the evaluation process.

First-year applicants to the School of Architecture may apply under test optional admission. If a first-year applicant to the School of Architecture 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 test optional admission may not transfer their admission to another undergraduate school or college until the conclusion of their first year of studies at the University.

An audition, portfolio, or interview is required for the following tracks that lead to the Theatre Arts Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.) degree: Design/Technical Production; Musical Theatre; Stage Management; and, Theatre Management.

Several special programs may require additional materials to be considered for admission.

#### Spring Admission

Each year, there are a limited number of spaces available for first-year or transfer applicants seeking admission for the spring semester. Completed applications for spring admission should be submitted by November 1; decisions for those who apply by the November 1 deadline will be posted beginning in December. Spring applications and/or supporting documents submitted after the November 1 priority deadline will be considered on a space available basis. A nonrefundable enrollment deposit is required to hold a space in the incoming spring class.