Admission to the University

Prospective Azusa Pacific University students are committed to personal, intellectual, and spiritual growth. Applicants must evidence sympathetic appreciation for the standards and spirit of the university and exhibit moral character in harmony with its purpose. The university encourages applications from students who will contribute to, as well as benefit from, the university experience. In assessing the applicant’s potential for success, academic capabilities and experience relevant to the program of application and disposition are reviewed.

Graduate

While the following minimum requirements are considered for university admission, specific program acceptance requirements (http://www.apu.edu/graduateprofessionalcenter/admissions/requirements/program) and application deadlines should be consulted as well by reviewing the appropriate program on the APU website (http://catalog.apu.edu/graduateprofessional/admission-policies/graduate-program-application-requirements) and its corresponding catalog section.

To be considered for university graduate admission, the applicant must have a bachelor’s degree, master’s degree, or doctoral degree from a regionally accredited college or university. Please refer to individual program requirements for specific admission policies and allowances. An earned baccalaureate or master’s degree from an ATS- or ABHE-accredited institution will be considered for admission only to Azusa Pacific Seminary. The grade-point average (GPA) from the highest earned degree is used for admission consideration. Applicants with an earned master’s degree with a 3.0 cumulative GPA or higher from a regionally accredited college or university may qualify for university graduate admission consideration in lieu of their baccalaureate GPA. Specific program admission requirements may be more stringent.

Proof of the baccalaureate degree is also required.

A minimum cumulative 3.0 (on a 4-point scale) GPA is required on the posted baccalaureate degree for regular admission status. Candidates with a GPA of 2.5-2.99 may be considered for conditional admission status. The conditional admission status requires maintaining a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 with no grade lower than a B- in the first 12 units. Students who do not meet this requirement will be reviewed for dismissal. Specific program admission requirements may be more stringent.

Applications with baccalaureate grade-point averages below 2.5 are subject to university denial.

Applicants denied admission based on GPA may be reconsidered for university admission by departmental exception by meeting one of the following options as determined by the program of application:

• Option 1: A teaching and/or service credential.
• Option 2: CBEST scores and one of the following: CSET, MSAT, or PRAXIS/SSAT scores (all scores must meet California passing standards).
• Option 3: A minimum combined score of 300 for the verbal and quantitative sections of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) (the GRE must be taken within the 12 months prior to application).
• Option 4: Postbaccalaureate evidence of ability for graduate study may be established through the completion of at least 12 semester units of upper-division undergraduate coursework or 6 semester units of graduate coursework from a regionally accredited college or university. The relevance of this coursework to the program to which application is being made must be demonstrated, and a grade of B or better must be achieved in each course.

Anyone admitted based on one of these four options is admitted with conditional GPA status and must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 and no grade lower than a B- in the first 12 units.

Forms and procedures are available from the Graduate and Professional Center (http://www.apu.edu/graduateprofessionalcenter).

Professional

While the following minimum requirements are considered for university admission, specific program acceptance requirements (http://www.apu.edu/graduateprofessionalcenter/admissions/requirements/program) and application deadlines should be consulted as well by reviewing the appropriate program on the APU website (http://catalog.apu.edu/graduateprofessional/admission-policies/graduate-program-application-requirements) and its corresponding catalog section.

The applicant’s scholastic record is considered an important indicator of potential success at the university. Applicants are required to achieve a minimum grade-point average of 3.0 in previous college work. Candidates with a GPA below 3.0 may be considered for conditional admission status. While each applicant is considered for admission on individual merit, certain criteria are used in the selection process. Meeting the minimum requirements, however, does not guarantee admission to the university. These criteria are delineated in this catalog. In some cases, the admissions committee may request a personal interview with the applicant.