



**Title:** Academic Program Admissions Policy  
**Effective Date:** December 16, 2024  
**Issuing Authority:** Provost  
**Policy Contact:** Vice Provost for Institutional Effectiveness, 478-301-2070

### **Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to define requirements for Mercer University academic program admissions standards.

### **Scope**

This policy applies to all Mercer University academic programs with admissions standards that exceed those of the institution.

### **Exclusions**

None

### **Definitions**

As used in this policy, the following term(s) have the meaning specified below:

**Academic program:** A set of courses leading to a credential, including degrees with a defined major and stand-alone certificates.

**Academic program admissions standards:** Qualifications required of a student to gain entry to an academic program that exceed achievements necessary to gain entry to the University.

### **Policy Statement**

Academic program admissions standards must be:

- Published, specific, clearly communicated, reasonable, consistently and fairly implemented, and reviewed periodically
- Consistent with Mercer University's mission and principles of religious and intellectual freedom
- Consistent with Mercer University's standard of excellence
- Consistent with applicable accrediting body requirements for accredited programs
- Set at appropriate levels to identify students qualified to complete the program successfully, as validated by student success measures

If admissions standards vary with academic program format (e.g., face-to-face, online, hybrid, location), the differences must be defined, justifiable, published, and clearly communicated.

Communications and publications of academic program admissions standards must be aligned with University-approved requirements, consistent, and reviewed regularly.

Evaluation of applicants must be consistent, fair, thorough, aligned with published standards, made through defined processes, and completed in a timely manner and according to published timelines.

### **Additional Resources**

Mercer University Catalogs: <https://registrar.mercer.edu/>