

Admissions Selectivity Categories

It is the responsibility of each public four-year college or university to decide which of the following selectivity categories it will choose. Students who are admitted as exceptions to the standard admissions requirements of highly selective, selective, and moderately selective institutions are expected to perform at levels comparable to regularly admitted students.

Highly Selective

Highly selective institutions admit first-time, full time degree-seeking students and transfer students who have:

- Completed 23 or fewer credit hours.
- Attained a combined percentile score (from adding their high school percentile rank and the percentile rank attained on the ACT or SAT) that is greater than or equal to 140 points.

Students who achieve a score of 27 or better on the ACT or an equivalent score on the SAT are automatically admitted to highly selective institutions.

No more than ten percent of the first-time, full time degree-seeking freshman class will have a combined percentile score of 139 or less.

Missouri's highly selective institution:

Truman State University

Selective

Selective institutions admit first-time, full time degree-seeking students and transfer students who have:

- Completed 23 or fewer credit hours.
- Attained a combined percentile score (from adding their high school percentile rank and the percentile rank attained on the ACT or SAT) that is greater than or equal to 120 points.

Students who achieve a score of 24 or better on the ACT or an equivalent score on the SAT are automatically admitted to selective institutions.

No more than ten percent of the first-time, full time degree-seeking freshman class will have a combined percentile score of 119 or less.

Missouri's selective institutions:

Missouri State University
Missouri University of Science and Technology
University of Missouri - Columbia
University of Missouri - Kansas City
University of Missouri - St. Louis

Moderately Selective

Moderately selective institutions admit first-time, full time degree-seeking students and transfer students who have:

- Completed 23 or fewer credit hours.
- Attained a combined percentile score (from adding their high school percentile rank and the percentile rank attained on the ACT or SAT) that is greater than or equal to 100 points.

Students who achieve a score of 21 or better on the ACT or an equivalent score on the SAT are automatically admitted to moderately selective institutions.

No more than ten percent of the first-time, full time degree-seeking freshman class will have a combined percentile score of 99 or less.

Missouri's moderately selective institutions:

University of Central Missouri
Missouri Southern State University
Northwest Missouri State University
Southeast Missouri State University

Open Enrollment

Open enrollment institutions may admit any Missouri resident with a high school diploma or its equivalent as a first-time, full time degree-seeking freshman. Open access to a particular institution, however, does not guarantee access to selected programs that may have additional institutionally approved admission criteria. Public two-year colleges must provide open enrollment.

Missouri's open enrollment institutions:

Crowder College
East Central College
Harris-Stowe State University
Jefferson College
Lincoln University
Linn State Technical College
Metropolitan Community Colleges
Mineral Area College
Missouri State University - West Plains
Missouri Western State University
Moberly Area Community College
North Central Missouri College
Ozarks Technical Community College
St. Charles Community College
St. Louis Community Colleges
State Fair Community College
Three Rivers Community College