

Admissions

Introduction

The mission of Orlando Christian University is “to prepare servant leaders who seek the welfare of society, the advancement of the Church, and the proclamation of the gospel to all nations and peoples.” In keeping with this purpose, Orlando Christian University seeks to admit candidates who demonstrate a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, possess academic aptitude for college-level studies, exhibit moral character and integrity, and demonstrate commitment to the local and global Church.

In light of the high calling of the Christian, OCU expects every student to demonstrate a teachable spirit, maintain a positive attitude, and strive for harmony in the community. Detailed guidelines regarding social activities, conduct, and the college family are available in the Student Handbook. Admissions decisions are based on a comprehensive evaluation of each applicant’s academic qualifications, mission-fit, and guidance office recommendation.

Admissions Requirements:

Applicants:

For Phase 1 of Orlando Christian University’s development (including the 2025-2026 Academic Year), applicants are required to be current students of The First Academy (Upper School) located in Orlando, FL. Those students who are enrolled in a qualified class at The First Academy will be eligible to apply to Orlando Christian University. Students must maintain a 2.0 cumulative GPA in order to maintain their enrollment status.

Additionally, degree-seeking applicants will participate in a program of ministry formation through Orlando Christian University ([details of ministry program found here](#)).

Guidance Office Recommendation

The Registrar will cooperate with the TFA Guidance Office to review applicants and verify applicants’ character and academic readiness for enrollment with OCU. If the Guidance Office flags the student in the area of mission fit, the Provost may request a meeting with the student to ensure that both parties are in alignment as to whether or not the student should enroll.

Minimum Age

For the 2025-2026 academic year, only Upper School TFA students, as early as rising freshman, can be enrolled at OCU.

Minimum GPA

Applicants must evidence in their official transcript a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 on a four-point scale.

Christian Faith

Degree-seeking applicants must sign OCU’s statement of faith conveying their agreement the articles.

Moral Character

Applicants must have no major behavior infractions on their high school record. Those students who do, may apply for a waiver of this requirement to be approved only after a personal interview with the Provost or his designee.

Transfer of Credit

Upon receipt of an official transcript, transfer credit may be granted for courses that demonstrate quality, comparability, appropriateness, and applicability to OCU courses. However, courses with grades below a C or a grade-point below 2.0 are not transferable. The maximum number of transfer credits 45 for an associate degree. Please note below the criteria for various types of transfer credits:

Non-Accredited Institutions

For students coming from non-accredited schools, up to 24 credits toward Bible/Theology requirements at OCU may be granted. Transfer decisions will be made on a case-by-case basis after reviewing course descriptions, faculty credentials and syllabi. OCU will only consider courses with letter grades of “C” or higher for transfer credit.

Articulation Agreements

Orlando Christian University has an articulation agreement with The First Academy, where any class that was taken at The First Academy that was administered by an appropriately credentialed professor can be transferred in and recognized on a student’s OCU transcript.

College Level Examination Program (CLEP)

OCU accepts CLEP credit for most comparable General Education courses and Elective Courses. CLEP credit substitution for an OCU class will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Scores should be sent to OCU from The College Board at the student's request.

It is extremely important that students consult with their academic advisor before taking a CLEP exam/depending on a CLEP exam to count towards graduation requirements. All intended CLEP exams should be completed before the Senior year. Graduation applications will be denied if a transcript shows a pending CLEP score for a required course.

Advanced Placement Credits (AP)

Credit for applicable Advanced Placement (AP) is accepted if (1) validated by an AP exam administered by The College Board, and (2) meeting the minimum score (score requirements vary). Scores should be sent from The College Board directly to the Office of the Provost. AP credits typically accepted by OCU can be found below. Any AP tests not listed are subject to approval on a case-by-case basis.

AP Examination	Min. Grade	OCU Course	Hours Awarded
2-D Art and Design	3	2-D Art and Design	3
3-D Art and Design	3	3-D Art and Design	3
Biology	3	Biology	4
Calculus AB	3	Calculus 1	4
Calculus BC	3	Calculus 1	4
		Calculus 2	4
Chemistry	3	Chemistry	4
Chinese Language & Culture	3	Chinese Language & Culture 1	4
Chinese Language & Culture	4	Chinese Language & Culture 1	4
		Chinese Language & Culture 2	4
Computer Science A	3	Advanced Computer Science	4
Computer Science Principles	3	Intro to Computer Science	3
Drawing	3	Drawing	3
English Language & Composition	3	Writing and Research for Leaders	3
English Literature & Composition	3	Literature for Thinking and Teaching	3

Environmental Science	3	Environmental Science	3
Human Geography	3	Human Geography	3
Latin	3	Latin	3
Physics 1	3	Physics I	3
Physics 2	3	Physics II	3
Psychology	3	Intro to Psychology	3
Spanish Language & Culture	3	Spanish I	3
		Spanish II	3
Statistics	3	Statistics	3
United States Government & Politics	3	United States Government & Politics	3
United States History	3	US History I	3
		US History II	3
World History	3	World History I	3
		World History II	3

ACE Transcripts

OCU will accept the American Council on Education's credit recommendations (including military credits) for transfer credits earned through their examinations. Credit may be granted for courses with equivalent OCU courses. Up to 30 credits from providers such as StraighterLine or ALEKS may be transferable depending on applicability. Transfer credit is not typically awarded for vocational-technical training and Military Occupational Specialty courses.