

Admissions

Orlando Christian University's admissions process is designed to identify and enroll students who demonstrate the academic readiness, character formation, and leadership potential necessary to succeed in its academic programs and contribute to its Christ-centered learning community. Admissions is a direct expression of the University's mission to prepare servant leaders who seek the welfare of society, the advancement of the Church, and the proclamation of the gospel among all nations and peoples.

Admissions decisions are made through a holistic, mission-driven process that evaluates applicants for academic readiness, spiritual formation, and leadership potential, while ensuring fairness, consistency, and alignment with institutional values.

The University is committed to equal opportunity in admissions and complies with applicable laws and regulations. Qualified applicants are considered without unlawful discrimination. Applicants with disabilities may request reasonable accommodations through established institutional procedures.

Admissions Requirements

General Requirements:

For Phase 1 of Orlando Christian University's development (including the 2026-2027 Academic Year), applicants are required to be current students of The First Academy (Upper School) located in Orlando, FL. Those students (rising freshmen or older) who are enrolled in a qualified class at The First Academy are eligible to apply to Orlando Christian University. Applicants must submit a completed application for admission and provide transcripts demonstrating a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.

Minimum GPA

Students must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 to remain in good academic standing and maintain enrollment eligibility.

Parental Acknowledgement

Under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), students enrolled in a postsecondary institution have certain protections for their records (see p. 32). In the OCU application process, students applying for concurrent enrollment are required to provide the name(s) and email(s) of their primary guardian(s) to allow Orlando Christian University to share academic progress, billing information, and other relevant educational records with parent(s) or legal guardian(s) during the student's time in the dual enrollment program.

Christian Faith and Conduct

All applicants must sign the Student Conduct Policy, agreeing to uphold the teaching and lifestyle of the institution's statement of faith. All students will participate in a program of Ministry Formation throughout their time with OCU (see page 14).

Applicants with major behavior infractions on their high school record may be admitted conditionally at the provost's approval. Conditionally admitted students may be promoted to full admission after one year, provided no further infractions are incurred. The Registrar will cooperate with the TFA Guidance Office as needed to verify applicant character and academic readiness for enrollment with OCU. If the Guidance Office flags the student regarding mission fit, the provost may request a meeting with the student to ensure that both parties are in alignment as to whether the student should enroll.

Degree-Seeking Applicants

Degree-seeking applicants must complete the program of ministry formation through Orlando Christian University to be eligible for graduation (see page 14).

All degree-seeking applicants must sign OCU's statement of faith conveying their agreement with the articles.

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 must be completed with a minimum grade of C (2.0 on a 4.0 scale) or higher to be eligible for transfer credit. The maximum number of transfer credits for an associate degree is 45. Please note below the criteria for various types of transfer credits.

Non-Accredited Institutions

Credit earned at unaccredited institutions may be considered for transfer on a case-by-case basis. OCU will evaluate coursework to determine comparability and rigor prior to awarding transfer credit. Validation methods may include review of syllabi, faculty qualifications, and demonstrated academic performance. Courses must be completed with a minimum grade of C (2.0 on a 4.0 scale) or higher to be eligible for transfer credit.

College Level Examination Program (CLEP)

OCU accepts CLEP credit for most comparable General Education courses and Elective Courses. The applicability of CLEP credit toward specific OCU course requirements will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Official CLEP scores must be sent directly to OCU from The College Board at the student's request. Students are strongly encouraged to consult with their academic advisor prior to taking a CLEP examination to confirm its applicability toward graduation requirements. All intended CLEP examinations should be completed prior to the senior year. Graduation applications will be denied if a transcript shows a pending CLEP score for a required course.

ACE Transcripts

OCU accepts transfer credit based on American Council on

Education (ACE) credit recommendations, including those for military training and examinations, subject to institutional evaluation of course equivalency and applicability to the student's degree requirements. Up to 30 credits from providers such as StraighterLine or ALEKS may be accepted in transfer, subject to applicability to the student's degree program.

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 on the following pages. Any AP tests not listed are subject to approval on a case-by-case basis.

Articulation Agreement

Orlando Christian University (OCU) maintains an articulation agreement with The First Academy for the evaluation and transfer of select coursework completed prior to a student's enrollment at OCU. This provision primarily applies to students who enroll at OCU after completing one or more years of secondary education at The First Academy.

Transfer credit is awarded based on a comprehensive review of course content, academic rigor, learning outcomes, and instructor qualifications to ensure alignment with OCU academic standards.

Beginning with the 2023–2024 academic year, courses offered through OCU's Concurrent Enrollment Program at The First Academy are approved by OCU, delivered under OCU academic oversight, and recorded as OCU credit on the official transcript. These courses are not considered transfer credit.

Coursework completed prior to Fall 2023 may be evaluated for transfer credit in accordance with the articulation agreement in effect at the time of completion.

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