

ADMISSION TUITION, FEES, AND FINANCIAL AID

Admission Policies and Procedures

Fairfield University admits without discrimination students of any sex, race, color, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, national or ethnic origin, or handicap to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students of the University.

Freshman Admission

Successful candidates for admission should have received a high school diploma from a recognized high school or preparatory school and should have acquired no less than 15 units in college-preparatory studies. The unit is commonly understood as a measure of credit assigned for the successful completion of a high school course that meets four or five times each week throughout the year; college-preparatory units are those usually found in the high school curriculum that explicitly prepare students for college. No vocational, commercial, or industrial units are considered to be preparatory to the work of the liberal arts college. Candidates for admission must take units chosen from the areas listed below. Typically, freshman students are admitted in September only.

BASIC REQUIREMENTS

English	4
Mathematics (may include)	3 to 4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Algebra 1 • Algebra 2 • Geometry • Pre-calculus • Calculus 	
Foreign Language	2 to 4
Laboratory Science (may include)	3 to 4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earth Science • Biology • Chemistry • Physics 	
History/Social Science	3 to 4

Candidates interested in mathematics, engineering, business, and the sciences are urged to pursue a fourth unit of lab science and mathematics, preferably pre-calculus or calculus. Candidates for nursing must have one laboratory course in chemistry.

In addition to the basic requirements, applicants must present evidence to indicate interest in and competence for college studies. To that end they must submit a complete record of high school studies, together with other supporting materials as described in the admission application form.

The admission process at Fairfield University is Test Optional. Students may choose whether or not to submit the results of the SAT or ACT. Students should indicate on the Supplement to the Common Application whether or not it is their intention to have their scores considered in the admission process. Students who choose not to submit their test scores are strongly encouraged to schedule a personal interview.

The deadline for regular decision applicants to have all application materials (application, high school transcript, and recommendation) postmarked is Jan. 15. The University also strongly recommends a campus visit including a tour, information session, and/or an optional personal interview.

Students who speak English as a second language should take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) if they have resided in the United States for fewer than five years. The University may, at its discretion, admit students who do not meet the regular published entrance requirements.

Early Action/Early Decision Admission

Students who consider Fairfield University to be among their top choices for their undergraduate education and who would like to have their application reviewed early may submit it under our **Early Action** Program. Applicants for Early Action must submit all application materials, including the Common Application, Fairfield University Supplement, high school transcript, and recommendation by Nov. 1. Students may choose whether to submit the results of their ACT or SAT exams. Early Action candidates who are interested in arranging a campus interview should be sure to make that request before the Nov. 1 deadline. Early Action candidates will be notified of their admission decision before Jan. 1. Early Action admission is non-binding, and students have until May 1 to make their college selection. Fairfield University also offers an **Early Decision** Admission Program. Early Decision is a **BINDING** agreement. If a student is admitted under the Early Decision guidelines, he/she must agree to withdraw any pending college applications and confirm enrollment at Fairfield. The deadline for Early Decision admission is January 1, and students will receive notification of the decision by February 1. Superior students who have completed a four-year high school program at the end of three years may apply for admission to the University.

Academic Scholarships

A number of academic scholarships are available to outstanding students. The Magis Scholarship is a \$22,000 annual award, renewable for four years providing a student maintains a 3.0 grade point average. Additional merit scholarships ranging from \$5,000 to \$22,000 are available. All students who apply for admission are automatically considered for the scholarship. Successful candidates will be students with outstanding academic records, as well as strong records of achievement and engagement outside of the classroom.

Wait List

Freshman applicants to Fairfield will receive one of three decision letters: admit, deny, or a wait list offer. Wait list students who are serious in their intent to remain on the wait list are asked to return a card indicating their interest.

Alumni Relatives

One of the strongest endorsements an educational institution can receive is to have alumni send their children to their alma mater. At Fairfield we believe that such candidates can contribute significantly to enhancing the tradition and the spirit that are an important part of a Fairfield education. In light of this, it is our practice to consider a student's legacy connections to Fairfield when reviewing a candidate's application for admission.

Transfer Admission

The University welcomes qualified students who wish to transfer to Fairfield from other accredited colleges. Students interested in transferring normally have accumulated at least 15 credits and have maintained at least a 2.5 grade point average (the Charles F. Dolan School of Business and the School of Nursing require at least a 2.8 GPA). Please note that the GPA is simply a guideline, and not a guarantee of admission. To apply, students must submit, in addition to the required application forms, a high school transcript, college records, a recommendation form, and a personal statement explaining current academic and/or work activities and reasons for transferring. Students must also submit a statement from the Dean of Students Office at the college from which they are transferring indicating they are in good standing at their current institution and eligible to return. Students may choose whether or not to send the results of their SAT or ACT exams. Every effort is made to accept transfer credit as a program rather than totaling single course credits so students may be admitted to a specific year at Fairfield, e.g., accepted as a second semester sophomore or first semester junior. The core courses of Fairfield's program should be met, but appropriate adjustments will be made in individual cases. Every transfer student is required to complete at least two years of full-time undergraduate study in order to receive a Fairfield University bachelor's degree. Applications should be directed to the Office of Admission. The application deadline for September admission is May 1; the application deadline for January admission is Nov. 15.

International Students

Matriculating international students must attend Fairfield University on a full-time basis (minimum of 12 credits per semester). Degree-seeking (freshman or transfer) students should contact the Office of Admission for further information. To be eligible to attend Fairfield the student must:

- Provide a complete and certified listing of all academic institutions attended, including dates of entry, grades, termination, and title of the certificate or diploma received. Include rank in class if available. These documents should be prepared in English or with an official English translation.
- Demonstrate proficiency in the English language. A minimum score of 550 (paper-based), 213 (computer-based), or 80 (Internet-based) on the Test of English as a Foreign Language is the preferred documentation. Results from the SAT exam may also be submitted.
- Prove sufficient financial support for the period of the student's stay at Fairfield, including tuition, room and board, and transportation.
- Obtain an F-1 student visa (required for entry into the United States for the purpose of studying full-time at Fairfield) after receiving an I-20/DS-2019 from the University. The visa is issued by the U.S. Embassy or Consulate in one's own country.

Non-matriculated international students may attend Fairfield University for a semester or academic year. All students must be enrolled on a full-time basis (minimum of 12 credits per semester). Such students are accepted into the academic programs at Fairfield and are treated as regular members of the student body. They are usually full-fee-paying students. Visiting international students should contact the Office of International Student Services, (203) 254-4000, ext. 2445.

Part Time Degree Seeking Students

Fairfield University welcomes part time students in the College of Arts and Sciences, the Charles F. Dolan School of Business and the School of Engineering. Classes in a variety of formats offer part time students the opportunity to earn a bachelors degree in many of the departments in each of the three schools. Faculty advisors and assistant and associate deans in each of the schools are available to help guide part time students through the admission process and the selection of courses and programs. Whether you are looking to enhance your career options or to expand your intellectual horizons, the fulfillment of your educational goals are within your reach at Fairfield University. Descriptions of the degree programs available for part time students are listed in the section for each school. Admission as a part time degree seeking student is on a rolling basis through the office of Undergraduate Admission. Degree-seeking applicants for part time studies must meet the same criteria as

applicants for full time study. In evaluating the applications of part time students. Undergraduate Admission will consider the full breadth of what each student could bring to Fairfield beyond a traditional review of transcripts. The customized online application for part time degree seeking students will be accessible through the Admission page of the University website.

Personal and Professional Enrichment

In addition Fairfield University offers a number of programs and educational opportunities for lifelong learners who are not degree seeking but wish to take courses on a part time basis. Non degree seeking lifelong learners interested in educational enrichment may apply online through a dedicated landing page on the University website. This page will include listings of credit and non-credit continuing studies opportunities and programs.

Articulation Agreements

Fairfield University School of Engineering

(for the completion of the bachelor of science degree in engineering)

Gateway Community College
Housatonic Community College
Manchester Community College
Norwalk Community College
Three Rivers Community College
SUNY Westchester Community College

The Connecticut State Articulation Agreement

Fairfield University is in compliance with the Connecticut Articulation Model for Nurse Educational Mobility. This model provides standardized mobility for all nurses who have graduated from a diploma or associate degree nursing program. A minimum of thirty nursing credits from the associate or diploma program will be awarded when the student is able to demonstrate required competency by successfully completing NS 250 Professional Nursing.

Partnership Agreements with the Connecticut College Nursing Program

Capital Community College
Gateway Community College
Naugatuck Valley Community College
Three Rivers Community College

Partnership Agreement with Bridgeport Hospital School of Nursing

College of Arts & Sciences

Housatonic Community College
Norwalk Community College

Charles F. Dolan School of Business

(accepts only Liberal Arts credits)

Housatonic Community College
Norwalk Community College