Admission Information
Admissions Office, 146 Knight Hall, Dept. 3435, Laramie, Wyoming 82071; 766-5160
www.uwyo.edu/admissions

All new students wishing to register for courses at the University of Wyoming, regardless of whether or not they intend to pursue a degree, must submit the application for admission, appropriate transcripts and test scores, and the appropriate application fee. Applications are available online at www.uwyo.edu/admissions.

Official academic transcripts must be mailed directly from previously attended institutions to the UW Admissions Office. The University of Wyoming will not accept student copies or hand-carried college transcripts. Official faxed transcripts will be accepted from the Wyoming community colleges.

Undergraduate Admission
A $40 nonrefundable application processing fee is required for first-time UW undergraduate students.

New Freshmen
Undergraduates who have less than 30 transferable college credit hours, must meet the following UW Admission Standards.

A. Assured Admission
To qualify for assured admission to the University of Wyoming, high school graduates who are first-time college students or college transfers with fewer than 30 transferable semester credit hours, must meet the following minimum admission requirements.

1a. High School Graduates: Cumulative high school grade point average of 3.0 or above based on a 4.0 grading scale, and an ACT test score of at least 21 or a SAT test score (verbal and math scores) of at least 980.

1b. Graduates with less than 30 transferable college credit hours: Cumulative transferable college GPA must be at least 2.0; submit your high school transcript, ACT or SAT test score, and meet 1a.

1c. Home Schooled: must meet the same requirements as other high school graduates; submit transcripts and ACT or SAT test scores. Please contact the Admissions Office for a Home School Credit Evaluation Form or access the form at www.uwyo.edu. The home school instructor should complete the form.

2. Completion of at least 19 high school units in the following pre-college curriculum (a unit=1 year):

   English
   Four units of English or their competency-based equivalents are required, of which at least three units must have a substantial writing component. Speech and other communication-based courses which contain “a substantial writing component” may be used to meet this requirement.

   Mathematics
   Four units of mathematics or their competency-based equivalents are required, to include the concepts of a college preparatory Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry sequence. It is strongly recommended that Algebra II, Geometry or a higher level math course be taken during the senior year of high school.

   Science
   Four units of science or their competency-based equivalents are required. At least one of the units must be from the physical sciences--physics, chemistry, or a college preparatory physical science course. The other two units may be from any combination of biological, life, physical or earth/space science.

   Social Studies
   Three years of social studies or their competency-based equivalents are required, to include a combination of the following subject matter: World History, American History, Geography, American Government; or Economic Systems and Institutions.

   Foreign Language
   Two sequenced years of the same foreign language.

   Electives
   Two units of additional coursework chosen from any of the following subjects: fine and performing arts, social and behavioral studies, humanities, additional foreign language, or career-technical course.

B. Admission With Support
Admission with support will be granted to first-time college students or students with fewer than 30 transferable semester credit hours who do not qualify for assured admission, but who satisfy the following requirements.

1. Graduates of state accredited high schools who have a cumulative high school grade point average of 2.5-2.99.

2. Graduates of state accredited high schools who have a cumulative high school grade point average of 2.25-2.49 and an ACT score of at least 20 or an SAT score of at least 960.

3. ACT test or SAT test score required for all applicants.

4. Completion of the pre-college curriculum with no more than two deficiencies. In addition, no more than one deficiency can be in each of the pre-college curriculum categories.

Terms of Admission With Support
Space in the program is limited; applicants admissible under this category are encouraged to apply early.

Students admitted with support will be a part of the Synergy Program and may access information at www.uwyo.edu/synergy. It is strongly recommended that students stay within 12-15 credit hours in their first semester. Students who wish to go above 15 hours should contact the Synergy Coordinator at 307-766-4322 or synergy@uwyo.edu to discuss an exception.

C. GED Applicants
Students who did not graduate from a state accredited high school may qualify for admission with support to the University of Wyoming if they have a GED examination with an average score of at least 550 and no individual score below 500.

1. GED applicants under 21 years of age must supply an ACT composite score of at least 20 or a SAT composite of 960 or higher.

2. GED applicants must also be at least 18 years old and their high school class must have graduated.

3. GED applicants must have a 2.0 or higher cumulative grade point average for all transferable college courses.

D. Non-Traditional Students
“Non-traditional” students, defined as students age 25 or older, who have not completed a college level course during the past three calendar years (excluding correspondence study courses) and who do not otherwise qualify for assured admission, may qualify for admission with support if they have a cumulative high school grade point average of 2.0 or higher.
1. Neither ACT nor SAT scores are required for students over 21.

2. Students admitted under this policy are undeclared majors and will receive their initial academic advising from the Center for Advising and Career Services in 228 Knight Hall, (307) 766-2398.

E. High School Guest Students
High school seniors and juniors will be considered for admission to UW as high school guests. The following requirements must be met:

1. Complete a UW High School Guest application;
2. Have an official copy of the most recent high school transcript, showing an overall GPA of at least 3.0 sent directly to the Admissions Office;
3. Submit a positive written recommendation from the high school counselor or principal;
4. Submit available ACT or SAT scores.

If high school guest admission is granted, it is for one semester at a time. Subsequent enrollment requires the most recent transcript and new written permission from the high school. High school guests may take up to 6 credit hours per semester. Advising will be provided by the Center for Advising and Career Services in 228 Knight Hall, (307) 766-2398.

F. Undergraduate Non-Degree Student
1. Must complete and submit a Non-Degree Student application.
2. Transcripts and test scores are not required for non-degree status.
3. Non-degree students may enroll in a maximum of 7 credit hours per semester (maximum of two courses). Only 12 credit hours taken in this status may be used towards a UW degree.
4. Admission with non-degree status is not available to international students or students on suspension.
5. Students admitted with non-degree status are assessed tuition and fees at the same tuition rate as degree-seeking students.

Undergraduate Transfer Students
College transfer students with 30 or more transferable semester credit hours must have a 2.0 or higher cumulative grade point average for admission to UW. College students interested in transferring to UW should go online to www.uwyo.edu/transfer.

Applicants who have taken college-level course work and desire to transfer to the University of Wyoming should apply for admission and have one official transcript from each previously attended college or university sent directly to the Admissions Office. Course work from regionally accredited institutions will be accepted as transfer credit if substantially equivalent to courses offered by UW. The University accepts only academic courses in the study of religion similar to those offered by the Religious Studies Program in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Transfer students with less than 30 transferable semester hours must also have an official copy of their high school transcript sent directly to the Admissions Office by their former high school. Transfer students under age 21, who have less than 30 transferable credit hours, must also have their ACT or SAT results sent to the UW Admissions Office. Please refer to the “New Freshmen, A. Assured Admission” section.

Second Bachelors Students
Students working toward a second bachelor’s degree are considered undergraduate students and are subject to all undergraduate policies and regulations.

Deferred Admission
Applicants who do not qualify for assured admission or admission with support will have their admission deferred until they complete 30 or more transferable semester hours at an accredited collegiate institution, with a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or higher.

Admission Exception Process
Students who do not otherwise meet the qualifications for assured admission or admission with support may request an admission exception in order to be admitted with support. To initiate a request for admission by exception, applicants should describe in writing the rationale for their specific exception request and send the request to the Admissions Office.

Graduate Admission
Potential students are encouraged to consult with their respective academic department regarding the admission process before making a formal UW application.

Applicants must submit the UW graduate application and the nonrefundable application processing fee. One set of official transcripts must be sent directly to the UW Admissions Office from each previous collegiate institution.

Domestic applicants must have completed at least a bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited institution. International transcripts will be evaluated for accreditation and U.S. degree equivalency. International applicants must have completed at least a degree equivalent to a U.S. bachelor’s. All applicants should have at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA (scale of 4.0).

Applicants whose department requires the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) must request official scores be sent to the Admissions Office directly from the Educational Testing Service (ETS). The University of Wyoming’s institution code with ETS is 4855. A score of at least 150 on the verbal reasoning section and a score of at least 141 on the quantitative reasoning section is required, (for doctoral programs a score of at least 153 on the verbal reasoning section and a score of at least 144 on the quantitative reasoning section is required). Students can occasionally be admitted provisionally with lower test scores.

Some departments may require scores from the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT), rather than the GRE, with a minimum score of 500.

Please note that some departments require higher GRE/GMAT scores than what is required by the Admissions Office.

Letters of recommendation may also be required by some departments.

Additionally, international student applicants for whom English is not the native language must furnish scores from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), the International English Language Testing System (IELTS), ELS Language Centers or other approved tests of English proficiency. The minimum paper TOEFL
score acceptable for full admission is 540. This corresponds to the Internet-based TOEFL of 76. The minimum IELTS score for full admission is 6.0. Other approved tests will be acceptable at the level of the TOEFL score. Official scores must be sent directly from the testing agency (i.e. TOEFL scores must be sent from ETS). As with the GRE/GMAT scores, departments may require a higher level of English proficiency than what is required by the Admissions Office.

Graduate applicants should contact the respective academic departments for questions concerning application status, degree program requirements, deadlines, and supplemental application materials they may require.

To obtain graduate, non-degree status, an application, $50 fee, and transcripts must be submitted to the Admissions Office. Only 12 credit hours taken with non-degree status may apply toward a graduate degree pending approval by the student’s graduate committee. This 12-credit-hour rule may be decreased if prior courses were reserved for graduate credit or transfer hours are going to be used on the program of study.

Please note that non-degree students are not eligible for student financial aid. Non-degree graduate students deciding to pursue a degree must apply to and be accepted by their respective graduate program and the Admissions Office.

Students admitted with graduate standing may elect to take any undergraduate or graduate courses for which they are prepared, subject to restrictions as outlined in the University Catalog. However, tuition will be assessed at the graduate level for all courses taken with graduate status. Admission to graduate study does not automatically make a student a candidate for an advanced degree.

Note: Students working toward a second bachelor's degree are not considered graduate students and are subject to all undergraduate regulations.

College of Law Admission

Admission to the professional curriculum of law is granted by the College of Law Admissions Committee. Except in very unusual circumstances, applicants to the College of Law must have a bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university. The College of Law reserves the right to restrict the number of entering students to a class size consistent with its facilities and its educational objectives. Additional information and requirements are provided in the College of Law Bulletin. A UW College of Law application for admission must be submitted to the College of Law by March 15th. All applicants are required to take the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) and register with the Law School Admission Council at www.lsac.org or (215) 968-1001 at Box 2001, Newton, PA 18940-0981.

School of Pharmacy Admission

Admission to the preprofessional pharmacy program is through the university admission process described previously.

Admission to the professional curriculum leading to the entry-level professional Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) degree is granted by the Dean of the School of Pharmacy upon the advice of the School of Pharmacy Student Affairs Committee. The application process requires that students apply to the School of Pharmacy using PharmCAS, for more information about PharmCAS log on to www.Pharmcas.org. The application deadline is February 3rd for admission. Admission to the professional program is limited and competitive. For further information, contact the School of Pharmacy, Dept. 3375, 1000 E. University Ave., Laramie, WY 82071; (307) 766-6132.

International Student Admission

The University of Wyoming will admit international students who meet admission requirements. To apply for admission, go to the UW web site at www.uwyo.edu/international. Application deadlines for international students are June 1 for fall semester, November 1 for spring semester, and April 1 for summer session. The student application fee, all official transcripts, and proof of English proficiency must be received before the application will be processed. Contact the UW Admissions office (307) 766-5160 for more information.

WWAMI Medical Education Program

WWAMI is a contract program between the University of Wyoming and the University of Washington for medical education. Admission is twofold. Applicants must be certified residents of Wyoming. To be eligible for certification, the applicant or parent or guardian must be a legal resident of the State of Wyoming for five continuous years immediately prior to enrolling at the University of Washington. Applications for certification are located at www.uwyo.edu/wwami and are due no later than October 15 of the year preceding the anticipated start date of medical school. Participants must either pay back the money expended on their behalf plus interest or practice medicine in Wyoming for three years. Applicants must apply to the University of Washington School of Medicine through the usual procedures. Admission to the medical school is subject to criteria established by the University of Washington. Information and residency applications may be obtained from the College of Health Sciences, Preprofessional Advising Office, Dept. 3432, 1000 E. University Ave., Laramie, WY 82071; (307) 766-6704 or (307) 766-3499.