



Changes to University of Wyoming Admission Standards

Approved by the Board of Trustees November 18, 2011

We are pleased to announce that on November 18, 2011, the University of Wyoming Board of Trustees approved changes to UW's admission standards, to take effect in Fall 2013. The purpose of these changes is to:

- Set **assured admission** standards that help guide all college-bound students on how to prepare for college-level learning, and
- Provide **admission with support** for those students whose high school transcripts, GPA and ACT scores suggest that they may require additional academic support to succeed in college.

Over the coming months our admissions staff will be providing information to schools, prospective students and their families, and others. With this memo we'd simply like to alert you to the upcoming changes and provide an overview of the new standards.

New UW admission standards:

- **Assured admission.** Completion of the Hathaway Success Curriculum (minimum 4 years of English, Math and Science, 3 years of Social Studies, 2 years of the same foreign language; 1 year math and 1 year foreign language may be completed prior to grades 9-12) plus 2 years of additional coursework chosen from fine and performing arts, social and behavioral studies, humanities, additional foreign language, or career-technical courses; high school GPA of 3.0; and ACT score of 21.
- **Admission with support.** Minimum high school GPA of 2.25 and ACT score of 20; high school curriculum can vary. Students admitted with support may participate in our Synergy program or other academic transition programs.

Under the new standards there is no loss of access--all students who are currently being admitted to UW will continue to be admitted. Moreover, 90% of Wyoming resident first-time students entering UW in Fall 2011 completed the Hathaway Success Curriculum in high school, and thus we anticipate that the vast majority of Wyoming high school applicants will qualify for assured admission. For those students admitted with support we will offer a variety of academic support programs, including our award-winning Synergy program.

In an increasingly knowledge-based, global economy, Wyoming needs more of its residents to succeed at post-secondary education of all types. For students who pursue bachelor's degrees in Wyoming, the new admission standards will help ensure that all of Wyoming's sons and daughters who want it can succeed in earning world-class education right here in Wyoming.