

Governors State University

Governors State University was founded in 1969, originally as an upper-division institution with a primary focus of serving community college graduates pursuing baccalaureate degrees. During the five intervening decades, GSU has grown to become the only regional, public, comprehensive university in Chicago's south suburban area, serving approximately 4,600 students annually in 85 different bachelor's, master's, doctoral, and certificate programs. The university offers undergraduate programs in the College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Business, the College of Education & Human Development, and the College of Health & Human Services and through the Division of Continuing Education. GSU provides accessible, high value undergraduate and graduate education to culturally and economically diverse students from across the region and around the world.

Set amongst **750 acres of prairie**, GSU is located **40 miles south of Chicago**. The university faculty, administration, and staff are committed to providing a quality education, embracing diversity, and serving students excellently.

Criteria for **Freshman Admission** through **Direct Admission**:

Students who graduate from secondary school prior to enrollment at GSU will be eligible for **direct admission** if they have a GPA of *2.00 on a 4.00 scale*.

If you did not get an offer of Direct Admission to Governors State University, you can request to be considered for **holistic review**:

This review process is an option for students who earned a GED or were home schooled. The holistic review process will consider ACT/SAT scores, letters of recommendation and personal letters of application.

Criteria for **Transfer Admission** through **Direct Admission**:

To be eligible for **Direct Admission** to the institution as a transfer student, a student must have completed 30 credit-hours of post-secondary coursework at a regionally accredited institution of higher education with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.

Note: For applicants who are applying to programs that require a portfolio review, audition, or other limited admissions requirements (which may include a GPA above general admission criteria, an SAT or ACT), they must still meet those requirements for admissions consideration to those programs.

To learn more about Governors State University and admissions visit their Admission website at [We Welcome and Admit Diverse Types of Students.](#)